

IAU: Building a Worldwide Community of Higher Education

Activities and Financial Report
2004-2008

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Report Outline

- 1. 7 General Goals set out in 2004**
- 2. Major accomplishments**
- 3. Highlight a few activities – themes, communications, research, conferences**
- 4. Membership and partnerships**
- 5. Finance and management**

7 General Goals

- ❑ To Strengthen and Improve the Contribution of Higher Education to Society
- ❑ To Engage Higher Education Leaders in Debate on Issues of Global Impact
- ❑ To Respond to Membership Needs in Policy and Practice
- ❑ To Consolidate and Expand IAU Membership
- ❑ To Foster and Broaden Partnerships and Networks beyond IAU Membership
- ❑ To Provide Research, Analysis and Information to the Higher Education Community
- ❑ To Secure Sound and Perennial Financial Resources for the Association and its Activities

Major Accomplishments of past 4 years (I)

- ❑ An engaged President, Executive Committee and Administrative Board
- ❑ A new, more differentiated membership fee structure
- ❑ Revised membership criteria and a streamlined admission process
- ❑ New, more inclusive motto:

**IAU: For a Worldwide Higher Education
Community**

Major Accomplishments of past 4 years (II)

- Launch of the LEADHER programme
- Adoption of a new thematic focus:
**Equitable Access and Success in Higher
Education**
- 2nd Global Survey on
Internationalization of Higher
Education
- Consolidated Scholarly Publications

Major Accomplishments of past 4 years (III)

- ❑ Initiating biennial Global Meetings of University Associations (2005, 2007)
- ❑ Modernizing World Higher Education Database (WHED) and products
- ❑ Increased frequency and variety of international IAU events and communications
- ❑ Stable membership
- ❑ **Balanced budget and growing reserve**

A few Activities Highlighted – Thematic priorities

- Focus on a few important themes
 - Follow-up to Statement on Cross Border Education – **A Checklist for Good Practice**
 - Access Task Force and draft Statement on Access, Quality and Success
 - Developing a special project linking Higher Education and Research to **'Education for All'** goals and efforts

A few Activities Highlighted - Communications

- Increased, improved and introduced new communications tools
 - *IAU Horizons*: a quarterly newsletter
 - *IAU E-Bulletin*: a monthly update on what's important and online in Higher Education and Research around the world
 - A regularly updated Website – an international resource for all

A few Activities Highlighted– Research and Analysis

- *Higher Education Policy* – new editor in mid-term, but quality and strong themes maintained
- *Issues in Higher Education* monographs – last 4 volumes on topics of high interest
- *Internationalization of Higher Education: New Directions, New Challenges* (2005 Survey Report)

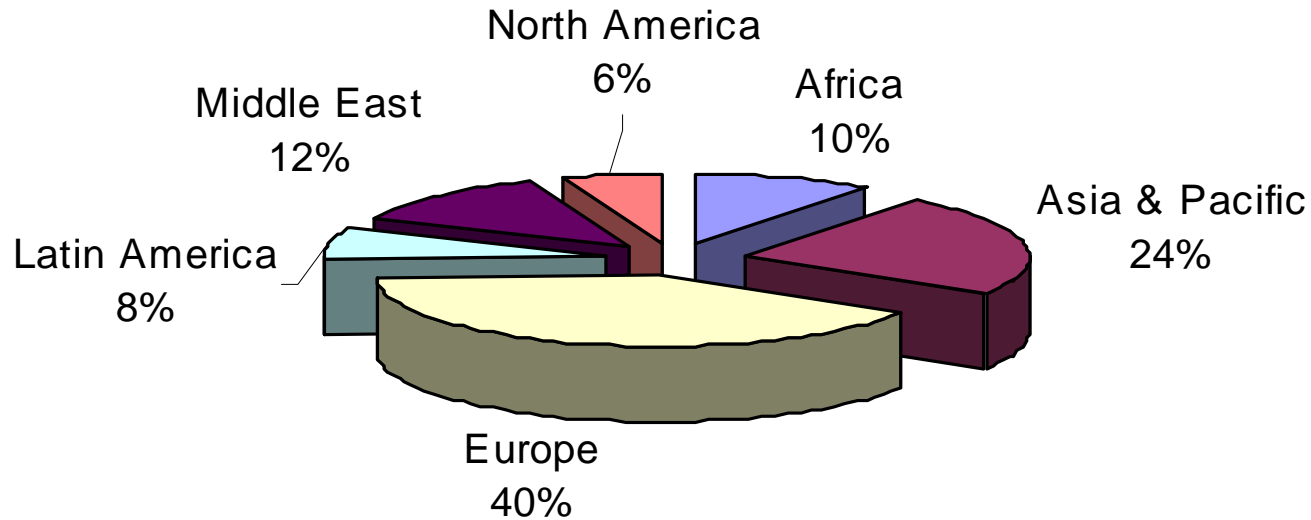
A few Activities Highlighted – Conferences & Meetings

- ❑ **Intercultural Learning and Dialogue –**
Budapest, Hungary (2004)
- ❑ **Sharing Quality Higher Education Across
Borders –** Alexandria, Egypt (2005)
- ❑ **Internationalization of Higher Education,**
Beijing, China (2006)
- ❑ **Autonomy: National Dimensions, Cross-
Regional Experiences –** Chiang Mai, Thailand
(2006), with IAUP
- ❑ **Higher Education and Education for All –**
Maputo, Mozambique (2007)

A few Activities Highlighted – Conferences (II)

- **Role of University Associations in Enhancing Quality** – Paris, France (2007), with CPU
- **Higher Education in 21st Century** – Dublin, Ireland, (2007), with IMHE and DIT
- **Knowledge and Relevant Human Resource Development** – GHEF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2007

Member Institutions (as 20 June 2008)



Membership

- Institutional: +600
- Organisational (Associations): 31
 - sub-regional, national, regional and international
- Affiliates (networks and groups, non-voting): 12
- Associates (individuals, non-voting): 9

Present in 124 countries

Partnerships

- Growing number of actors in HE
- IAU committed to collaboration, offering a unique global perspective
- Expanding activities, membership services, impact and outreach by working with members and partners:

UNESCO, OECD-IMHE, EU Commission, ASEF, UNEP, UNU, AAU, AUF, etc.

Finance and Management

- Stability, improvement, reserve
- A more diversified revenue base for increased activity
 - Sida/SAREC, ASEF, others
- Continued in-kind support from UNESCO
- Careful management of expenditures
- Small but committed Secretariat

Conclusion

Thanks to all Members, Partners and to the

- President, Executive Committee, Treasurer and the whole Administrative Board
- Task Force on Access and Success
- Task Force on Fundraising
- The personnel of IAU, present and past, for hard work and dedication

The future is challenging but bright for HE –
see the proposed IAU Plan of Action
2008-2012 and be ready to get involved!