1st International Conference

Recognition and Accreditation of Short-Cycle Higher Education Programs in Europe and the U.S: Aligning Educational Systems

Golden Sands, Bulgaria
June 15-17, 2009

Post-Conference Site Visit
June 18, 2009
Includes a tour of International University College, a visit to key companies in North-Eastern Bulgaria, and sessions on partnerships between business and institutions of higher education

International University College
Dobrich, Bulgaria

2nd International Conference

Strategic Partnerships between 2-year and 4-year Institutions of Higher Education in Addressing Social and Economic Needs

Toledo, Ohio, USA
October 15-16, 2009

Post-Conference Site Visit
October 17, 2009
Includes arranged visits of UT, OCC, and local industries.

University of Toledo
Owens Community College
Toledo, Ohio, USA

3rd International Conference

The Contribution of SCHE to Life-Long and Life-Wide Learning Systems: Best Practices from Europe and the U.S.

Amsterdam, The Netherlands
June, 2010

Post-Conference Site Visit
June, 2010
Includes arranged visits

National Innovation & Expertise Center for Lifelong Learning
The EU-US ATLANTIS Program
The ATLANTIS Program is a joint project of the US Department of Education and the European Commission that supports transatlantic cooperation between institutions of higher education in the United States and Europe. The objectives of Atlantis include the facilitation of student and faculty exchange programs, the development of joint/dual degree programs, and an exchange of best practices in higher education administration.

Our Team Project
The University of Toledo and Owens Community College team project focuses on the study of short-cycle higher education degree programs (SCHE) in Europe and the United States, and on the role of short cycle education in addressing social and economic needs. Our European partners are the International University College, in Bulgaria, and LEIDO in the Netherlands.

Short-Cycle Higher Education encompasses the level of studies beyond secondary education which can lead to a qualification recognized on the labor market (OECD) such as the associate degrees or certificate programs.

Our Partnership
All project partners will organize three international conferences designed to build bridges and strategic alliances between 2-year and 4-year institutions of higher education in the US and Europe. The first conference in Golden Sands, Bulgaria, will focus on the recognition and accreditation of SCHE programs and the alignment of educational systems to facilitate student exchange and meet global workforce needs. The second conference in Toledo, Ohio, highlights the role of SCHE in regional economic development. The third conference in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, focuses on the contribution of SCHE to life-long learning systems and the education, training, and development of knowledge workers in a global economy.

For more information regarding the program or the conferences, please go to

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