

Incheon Resolution 2009 for the 5th Joint Research Committee of the Global U8 Consortium

Pursuant to the directives represented in the 2008 Melbourne Declaration of the Global U8 (GU8) Consortium Council of Presidents (COP), the Joint Research Committee (JRC) met in Incheon on March 31 – April 1, 2009 to continue efforts to establish collaborative research programs among the GU8 participating universities in the areas of Global Logistics, Marine Affairs, Business Administration, and Advanced Technologies.

Specifically, the Council of Presidents 2007 Le Havre Declaration, as reconfirmed in the 2008 COP Melbourne Declaration, directed the JRC to: 1) place greater emphasis on enhancing long-term and sustainable collaborative research programs that have commercialization potential, particularly in the areas of Global Logistics and Marine Affairs as broadly defined, 2) develop the GU8 Intellectual Property Policy, and 3) to propose a framework for the establishment of the GU8 Research Foundation.

Inha University President Bon-Su Lee opened the meeting by welcoming the JRC membership and stating his support for the GU8 Consortium and its research initiatives. He is highly impressed with the amazing level of growth and development the GU8 Consortium has achieved in a relatively short period of time. "This accomplishment was possible by concerted effort and contributions given by all the individuals' involved. I must acknowledge, with sincere respect, the great leadership former President of Inha University Seoung-Yong Hong has been a major contribution to the success of the Consortium's goals for the last five years. On top of his achievements, I will work together with you for the continuity and further development of the Consortium."

University of Le Havre President Camille Galap expressed his full support of the work being carried out by the GU8 Consortium as well as the tremendous potential for research in the consortium. "It is a chance for all of us to benefit from the expertise of our respective institutions."

Professor Judy Beckman, the GU8 Secretary-General, provided a summary of GU8 ongoing Research Committee and Education Committee activities and future plans. Regarding research initiatives, she informed committee members of an upcoming international conference entitled "The Impact of the Recent Financial Crisis on Foreign Direct Investment and Logistics: East Asian and European Experience" to be held at the University of Le Havre on October 15-16, 2009. She further reviewed outcomes from two workshops held in 2008, including development of task forces in the logistics area and publication of case studies from the Marine Affairs workshop. She commented that the GU8 brochure has been completed and is available in high-quality electronic form on the GU8 web site.

The JRC reviewed the 2008 Roadmap. The JRC adopted the 2009 Roadmap which adds item (7h) to read: "Promote interaction among our member universities' research funding offices to encourage submission of collaborative grant proposals."

Professor Peter Alfonso conveyed the support of the 2008 COP for the JRC Task Force Initiative. The GU8 COP agreed to commit USD\$10,000 per institution for support of the Task Force Initiative. The funds will be used for the Future Supply Chain Management Task Force to hold a meeting and the remainder of those funds will be used for seed funding of a competitive request for proposals which will be submitted to the JRC. Dr. Alfonso will remain as Facilitator of this task force.

Professor Peter Alfonso conveyed general support of the 2008 COP for the GU8 Intellectual Property Policy. Feedback from the membership indicates that the policy needs an appendix of definition of terms. Professor Barry Winn of the University of Hull has agreed to revise items 1-7 of the policy to address other feedback. Professor Peter Alfonso has agreed to revise items 8-10 of the policy, which directly discusses the GU8 Research Foundation Policy to include members

of the Council of Presidents to the Board of the GU8 Research Foundation. The next draft will be submitted to the JRC by May 15, 2009 for final review and consultation. [This version will be translated as requested by President Galap.] The final English draft will be presented to the next COP.

The JRC members will submit the names of their nominees for the Intellectual Property Subcommittee, pursuant to the Intellectual Property Policy, to the Secretariat.

Professor Cristian Nichita of the University of Le Havre presented an overview of his research in the area of renewable energy. The presentation stressed the possibilities of additional joint research collaborations within the Marine Affairs area of expertise. Professor Chul H. Jo of Inha University and Professor Cristian Nichita will send a proposal to the JRC to be circulated to all other member universities.

Professor Dae Ho Kim presented a proposal to the JRC entitled Media and Globalization. He will send this proposal to the JRC to be circulated to all other member universities.

Professor M.A. Aziz-Alaoui presented an overview of the University of Le Havre research 1) Conceptual Approaches, General objectives 2) Modelling and Implementation Methodologies 3) Applications 4) References Scientific networks and projects.

Professor Peter Alfonso agreed that the University of Rhode Island will host the first workshop for the Future Supply Chain Management Task Force leaders in June 2009.

Professor Barry Winn proposes that the University of Hull will host the workshop "Adaptation to Global Climate Change"; the date will be determined.

In order to expedite planning for workshops and conferences the JRC proposes an annual budget of \$25,000 from the COP for these meetings and to develop a system within the GU8 for committee Chairs working with the Secretariat to plan for workshops and conferences in between the COP annual meeting.

The JRC welcomed Professor Barry Winn, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) University of Hull to serve as Chair of the JRC for a three year term.

The JRC voted unanimously to accept the nomination of Professor Daine Alcorn, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation of RMIT University for a three year term.

The JRC agreed to host meetings collaboratively with the Education Committee (EC).

President Camille Galap of the University of Le Havre agreed that they will host the next JRC and EC annual meeting in February 2010.

The JRC adopted the Incheon Resolution on April 1, 2009. The Incheon Resolution will be presented to the next COP for approval and distribution to the member institutions.