

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Employability of Erasmus Mundus alumni and new approaches of Erasmus +

21st and 22nd September 2015

Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS), Czech Republic

ASK Asia is **promotional and research project** facilitated in 6 **Asian countries** (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Thailand and Vietnam) that aimed to **evaluate the competitiveness of Erasmus Mundus alumni in the field of agriculture and related life sciences** through the experience of alumni and the expectations of their employers.

ASK Asia team is sincerely inviting you for interactive workshop that creates platform for discussion and experience share among the participants. You will be encouraged to contribute with your recommendations and ideas to document on future handling of the Erasmus+ programme that will be handed over to EACEA¹. You will learn from past experience and build network for future cooperation.

The main objectives of the workshop are:

- ☺ To share lessons learnt and recommendations from ASK Asia research that was done in 6 selected countries in Asia (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Thailand and Vietnam);
- ☺ To discuss the results and feedback for EACEA, NAEP, EU and Asian universities;
- ☺ To prepare official letter with recommendations for EACEA with your participation;
- ☺ To plan future activities for all participants and potential projects.

¹ Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, European Commission

Invited guests:

- EACEA
- EU and Asian universities
- Coordinators of Erasmus Mundus Action 1, 2 and 3 projects
- Representatives of Alumni
- International organizations: AGRINATURA, SEARCA, EMA, SEAMOLEC, DAAD
- Czech National Agency for European Educational Programmes (NAEP)
- Representatives of Embassies (6 selected countries from Asia)
- Companies cooperating with Asian agricultural sector

Please, register online by 26th June 2015:

<http://dotaznik.czu.cz/index.php/89218/lang-en>

or via ASK Asia websites:

<http://askasia.culs-prague.eu/events.html>

Tentative Programme

Monday 21st September

8:30 - 9:30 *Registration of participants*

9:30 - 9:40 **Welcome by CULS rector** (prof. J. Balik, rector of CULS)

9:40 - 10:20 **Lessons learnt and recommendations** of the research done within ASK Asia project with EM alumni and their employers (P.Chaloupkova, Ask Asia project coordinator)

10:20 - 10:50 **Feedback from EACEA to provided experiences from** EM alumni and their employers (representative of EACEA – to be confirmed)

10:50 - 11:10 **SEARCA² experience with EM alumni in Asia** (M. C. Cuaresma, SEARCA)

11:10 - 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 - 13:00 **Experiences of other agricultural EM projects** (I. Mangelschots, LOTUS coordinator)

13:00 - 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 - 16:00 **Focus groups discussions** on recommendations for Erasmus+ with respect to alumni & employability: **Active involvement of participants**

16:00 - 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 - 18:00 **Conclusions and recommendations** based on focus group discussions: **presentations provided by teams**

18:30 *Official dinner*

Tuesday 22nd September

9:00 - 9:30 **How to work efficiently with Alumni networks?** Experience from the DAAD³ network (Representative of DAAD – to be confirmed)

9:30 - 10.30 **How to promote yourself to Asian universities?** Experience from representatives of Asian universities (M. Seng – Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia; H. Huong – Hue University, Vietnam)

What tools are effective in promotion of higher education?

(M. Ma - Nanjing Agricultural University, China; Aiyen – Tadulako University, Indonesia; Chutima – Prince of Songla University, Thailand)

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 - 12.30 **Resume of recommendations** and providing signature on official letter with recommendation to EACEA: **created by participants**

² Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) is a non-profit organization established by the [Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization \(SEAMEO\)](#) in 1966.

³ German Academic Exchange Service

12:30 - 13:00 **Future orientation of Erasmus+ programmes on national level** (I. Krausova - NAEP⁴)

13:00 - 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 - 15:00 **Participants “speed dating”** – meeting point for networking

15:00 - 16:00 Free space for multi-bilateral meetings among project coordinators

16:00 - 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 - 17:00 **Closure and summary of the workshop**

18:30 *Dinner*

Wednesday 23rd: Side event

9:00 - 14:00 Excursion to the University Eland farm (*free of charge*)

15:00 - 19:00 Prague city tour (optional)

19:00 - 22:00 Boat trip in Prague city center (*10 EUR per person*)

⁴ National Agency for European Programmes CR