



Helsinki Node Report July 2004 - March 2005

Millennium Project

2005 Mid-Year Planning Committee Meeting

April 15-16, 2005

Louvain -la -Neuve, Belgium

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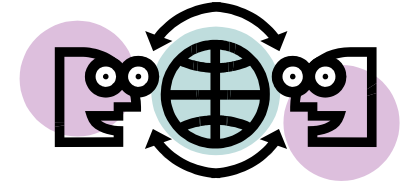
- *Helsinki Node 2004*
 - Chair: Dr. Mika Aaltonen (Finland Futures Research Centre, FFRC)
 - Dr. Sirkka Heinonen (VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland)
 - Dr. Osmo Kuusi (Government Institute for Economic Research (VATT))
 - M. Sc. Sari Söderlund, Coordinator of Finland Futures Academy, FFA
 - General Secretary : Dr. Juha Kaskinen (FFA and FFRC)
- *Helsinki Node 2005*
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Meetings

- During the period there were three Helsinki Node meetings: September 23 2004, December 2 2004 and March 2 2005
- Mika Aaltonen and Juha Kaskinen participated MP meeting in Washington D.C. July 2004
- Juha Kaskinen participated the first Prague workshop of future studies methodologies in September 2004
- Jerome C. Glenn, Mika Aaltonen and Juha Kaskinen visited Prof. Vappu Taipale in Helsinki on October 11. (The head of UNU Council.)





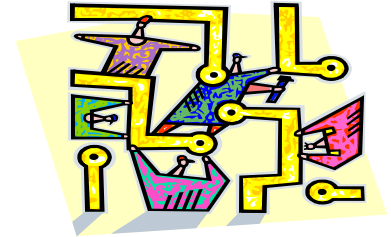
MP Questionnaires

- Futures of Global Ethics Delphi
 - Questionnaire was delivered to approximately 100 recipients on September 22 2004
- Nanotechnology interviews
 - Dr. Osmo Kuusi interviewed Finnish experts on nanotechnology in December 2004
- Global Ethics Round 2
 - Questionnaire was delivered to approximately 200 recipients in February 2005



New project proposals

- European Futures Academy (EFA) - A network of European futures studies scientists and experts
 - Coordinative action funding application to European Science Foundation (November 1 2004). The network is based on the EUMPI-network
- Under preparation: Regions of Knowledge 2
 - EU's FP 6 call
 - Coordinative action
 - Interested partners so far: FFA, Z_punkt, The Destree Institute, Olomoc Region (Pavel Novacek), Russian Institute for Economy, Policy and Law (Nadezhda Gaponenko)
 - Deadline May 19 2005
 - Possibility to continue SPIDER-project's mission



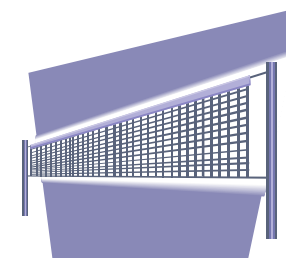
Activities of the FFA in relation to MP

The Finnish Ministry of Education granted a master program on futures studies to the FFRC and FFA in May 2004. The master program will start in September 2005.

(More information on <http://www.tukkk.fi/tutu/tva>)

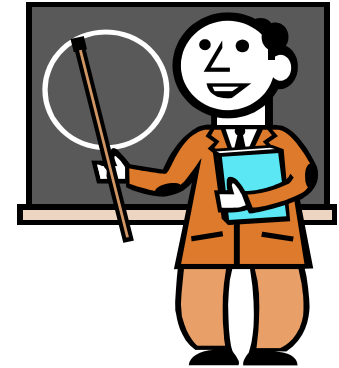
FFA is part of ALFA-project which is an academic cooperation project between European Union and Latin America (funded by EU Commission) which will start in May 2005. It deals with foresight training in Latin America.

FFA is a partner in European Master's Programme Proposal together Malta University and Teeside University (UK). EU's Socrates Programme proposal was delivered at the end of February 2005.



Identity of the Network

From Latinamerica:	Name	Web	i. Country
* Coordinator			
** Co-coordinator			
1	UNEFA** - Universidad Nacional Experimental Politécnica de la Fuerza Armada	www.unefa.edu.ve	Venezuela
2	UNEFM*- Universidad Nacional Experimental Francisco de Miranda	www.unefm.edu.ve	Venezuela
3	UL – Universidad de Lima	http://www.ulima.edu.pe	Peru
4	UNI – Universidad Nacional de Ingenieria	http://www.univalle.edu	Peru
5	UNALM – Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina	http://www.lamolina.edu	Peru
6	PUCP – Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú	http://www.pucp.edu.pe/	Peru
7	UFRJ - Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro	http://www.eq.ufrj.br/	Brazil
8	Univalle - Universidad del Valle	http://www.univalle.edu	Colombia
From the European Union:	Name	Web	i. Country
1	PREST institute of The University of Manchester	http://les.man.ac.uk/PREST/	United Kingdom
2	UA – Universidad de Alicante	http://www.ua.es/	Spain
3	Turku School of Economics and Business Administration	http://www.tukkk.fi/tutu/tva/	Finland
4	DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology	http://www.dit.ie/DIT/Homepage/index.html	Ireland



Activities

- FFA's International Advisory Board meeting was in Helsinki October 10 2004 in the context of Club of Rome conference
 - Among participants were Eleanora Masini, Erzebet Novaky, Jerome G. Glenn, Karlheinz Steinmueller (new chair), Pentti Malaska, Sari Söderlund and Juha Kaskinen
- Theodore J. Gordon will visit Finland between April 16 to 20 2005
 - Meeting with Futures Sparring Forum (Discussion forum for directors of large Finnish companies)
 - Guest lecture in Turku School of Economics and Business Administration

Node plans for 2005-2006



- More increased co-operation with other EUMPI-nodes
 - New funding applications under preparation
- More cooperation with nodes in Latin-America, Asia and South-Africa
 - FFA's ALFA-project in Latin America
 - FFRC's cooperation in South-Africa supported by Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Mapping the possibilities of joint projects with partners in South-East Asia
- Active information exchange with the Committee of the Future of Finnish Parliament
- Promoting the Millennium Project in overall



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Millennium Project's functional idea

- MP is an umbrella organization for various research, development and education projects
- MP acts both with public and private sectors organizations
- MP increases international cooperation between nodes

