

**Work Report German Node of The Millennium Project,  
Z\_punkt GmbH Foresight Company  
Period: April 2005 – July 2005**

**General Node Work**

- **Efforts to acquire a project for MP** for a major co-operation, now postponed, but hopefully to be realized with other Nodes as partners and then continued with the MP as a whole
  - In this context: **Formation of International Foresight Group**, which is meant to cooperate in practical foresight projects, and to which mostly Nodes of the MP belong: Z\_punkt GmbH The Foresight Company as coordinator, Finland Futures Research Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Nucleo de Estudos de Futuro (NEF), Center for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), The Arlington Institute
- **Efforts to acquire project on SOFI in Egypt**, Centre for Future Studies in Cairo – hopefully a workshop will be booked as a start
- **Contributions to updating the Global Challenges**, especially the demographics challenge, and with input on the general characteristics of challenges
- **Contribution of missing data to SOFI for Germany**, as conducted by José Cordeiro, Venezuelan Node
- **European Millennium Project Nodes Initiative (EuMPI)**
  - **Contributions to the conference "The Futures of Europeans in the Global Knowledge Society"**, moderation of the session "Managing the Future – New Organizations and Management" and coordinating speaker's inputs
  - **Promoting the conference and its results** (newsletter, weblogs, press in Germany etc.)
- **Continuation of on-going project "SPIDER-increasing regional competitiveness through futures research methods"** together with Finnish and Brussels-Area Node, see <http://www.spider-project.net>
- **PR for and networking the German Node** and the project as a whole, informing German Node members, widening the German Network, informing media about MP news,
- **Several presentations on MP, for example:**
  - At the "Wiesbadener Zukunftsdialog" a regional futures initiative of the city of Wiesbaden (context of SPIDER-project)
  - In Cairo, at the conference "The Future of Egypt", to about 500 decision-makers, including all ministers
- **New publication with an article by Jerry Glenn** on the MP and the S&T scenarios: "**In the long run.**" on Corporate Foresight and Long-Term Thinking, in a bilingual version (German and English), more information and order form on <http://www.inthelongrun.de> ; these are the proceedings of last year's conference

## Plans + Objectives for the Next Months

- promote SOF + MP, use new publication "In the long run" as well for PR purposes
- realize MP section on Z\_punkt Website
- continue work in SPIDER project
- continue work in EuMPI
- contribute to fundraising activities for MP, especially with new efforts to acquire a project

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