

**THE FIRST UNIADRION  
GRADUATE SUMMER SCHOOL**

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF  
AGRICULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND RURAL SYSTEMS**

**CERVIA, 2-13 September 2002**

**INFORMATIVE REPORT**

**BACKGROUND OF THE COURSE:**

The Summer School dealt with the main topics connected to international cooperation and sustainable development of the countries involved in the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Greece, Italy, Slovenia) with particular reference to the agricultural, rural and environmental systems. The course offered a deep analysis of the theoretical, legal and operational aspects related to planning and management of agro-environmental systems, and, on this basis, provided sound methodologies for an active policy of sustainable development in the rural and coastal areas of the Adriatic-Ionian Basin.

The Summer School aimed to approach the main topics concerning sustainable agriculture and rural development on the regional and international level to favour an interdisciplinary perspective, linking the scientific community of the different countries involved in the Ionian-Adriatic Initiative, which is one of the main objective of UniAdrion.

The course took place in Cervia at Hotel Genzianella, to coincide with the Summer School about "Post Communist Transition and European Integration Processes", for an amount of 150 hours of lectures. The programme consisted basically in "face to face" lectures such as: frontal lectures, seminars, workshop, round tables, working groups, guided tours and presentation of documentary materials in films. At the end of the lectures, students were invited to chose, together with the scientific coordinator and the didactic tutor, a topic for a paper to be written during the following five weeks.

At the end of the Summer School students obtained a certificate of attendance, while the procedure for the recognition of 6 transferable university credits (ECTS) has been already initiated at the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Bologna (and will be awarded upon the presentation of the final paper).

**PROFESSORS AND TEACHING APPROACH:**

The lecturers of the Summer School were professors coming from the University members of UniAdrion and from the International Organizations (United Nations and European Commission). All lecturers were high qualified experts within the sustainable development, the agricultural and rural policies, the international cooperation and the regional integration. Such a wide presence of professors (see below the academic board) offered to students different methodologies and professional approaches towards the discussed topics, and stimulated their "intellectual flexibility" able to appreciate the differences.

The lectures were organized in a different way in comparison with the traditional approach: round tables, presentation of documentaries, seminars and workshops with wide debates and involvement of students, as well as a number of interdisciplinary meetings with the students of the other Summer School. The interdisciplinary approach was considered very important to facilitate the identification of possible solutions, which favour the European integration process. Finally, the students were involved in tutorship both with lecturers and tutors to deepen the topics faced during the "class room" in a critic way and to work out a paper for the conclusion of the works started with the Summer School.

**THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL:**

The Scientific Committee is composed by the following professors: Prof. George Leontaris (Dean, Natural Resources and Enterprise Management School, University of Ioannina, Greece), Prof. Velesin Peçuli

(Rector, Agricultural University of Tirana), Prof. Sophia Pekic (Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrade) and Prof. Mario Prestamburgo (President, Italian Society of Agricultural Economics)

#### **THE ACADEMIC BOARD OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL:**

The Members of the Academic Board and Professors in the First Summer School are: Dr. Paolo Berizzi (European Commission, DG Enlargement), Prof. Luigi Bruzzi (Interdepartmental Centre for Research on Environmental Sciences, University of Bologna), Dr. Massimo Canali (University of Bologna, Forlì Campus), Prof. Francesco Danuso (Faculty of Agriculture, University of Udine), Dr. Suzana Djordjevic-Milosevic (G 17 plus Agriculture & Rural Development Task Force, Belgrade), Prof. Christos Fotopoulos (Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ioannina), Prof. Romano Giovanardi (Faculty of Agriculture, University of Udine), Dr. Sergio Gomez y Paloma (European Commission, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Sevilla), Dr. Roberto Purini (National Council for Research, Rome-Trieste), Dr. Gianluca Sambucini (United Nations, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva), Prof. Andrea Segrè (Faculty of Agriculture, University of Bologna).

Other interventions, jointly with the Summer School on “Post Communist Transition and European Integration Processes”, included: Prof. Pier Ugo Calzolari (Rector of the University of Bologna), Prof. Roberto Grandi (Pro-Rector for International Relations of the University of Bologna), Prof. Vera Negri Zamagni (Faculty of Economics, University of Bologna and Vice-President of the Region Emilia-Romagna), Dr. Renzo Imbeni (Vice-President of the European Parliament).

#### **THE STUDENTS:**

The students admitted to the First UniAdrion Graduate Summer School were 22 (out of 27 applications presented). They were graduates with at least a three-year degree, as well as officials already working in local, national or international agencies belonging to the countries of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative. It should be noted that all the countries belonging to the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative and to UniAdrion were represented (including Macedonia that will enter soon).

The selection of students followed two different procedures according to their origin country. The selection of students coming from countries which receive funds from UniAdrion (Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) was done by a Commission composed by the Academic Board of the Summer School and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the basis of the application forms sent by the Italian Embassies in the relevant countries. A grant was guaranteed to these students, covering the travel costs, board and lodging and health insurance.

The students coming from Greece, Italy and Slovenia were selected directly by the Academic Board of the Summer School on the basis of their curriculum vitae and two reference letters. These students supported by themselves the travel costs and the board and lodging.

#### **FINANCEMENT:**

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