

Summer School in Ecology '96: Sustainable Development and Its Implications

Date: 14-27 July, 1996 (2 weeks)

Place: Kosice, region of Eastern Slovakia

Organizers:

Centre for Continuing Education, Technical University of Kosice

Association of Carpathian Region Universities

Association for Landscape and Human Ecology, Kosice

Funding: HESP Open Society Fund, CEEPUS Bratislava, TU Kosice

Number of participants:

Students: 25 (Austria, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia)

Presenters: Austria, Hungary, Slovakia

Tuition language: English

Themes

- Sustainability as a function of humane qualities, auto-ecology
- Sustainability and its ramifications
- Selected questions in sustainable earth resource- and waste management, cleaner technologies
- Questions of sustainability in relation to human interaction with the landscape
- Information and sustainability, GIS systems

Program consisted of:

- Lectures
- Practicals
- Project
- Discussions
- Excursions and field trips - Incineration and water purification plants Koksov-Baksa, Vojany Thermal Power Plant, Slovak Magnesite Plants in Jelsava, Cement factory in Turna, Lubenik Magnesite Plant, Permaculture Association Site in Revuca, Tichy potok area (planned water reservoir dam site) and culturally oriented excursions to geologically, geographically and culturally interesting sites (Spis Castle, the Drevenik, reservation, the Zehra early gothic church, Levoca city, Spisska Kapitula romanesque church and fortification, the Siva brada mineral springs, the Lacnov valley)
- Cultural events - special concert of the "Fountains" musical ensemble from Prague (Czech Republic), etc.

Distance Education in the Carpathian Region, International Workshop

Date: October 1995

Place: Kosice

Organizers: TU, Local Center of Distance Education in Kosice

Funding: Phare, FDCE, HESP OSF

Number of participants: 40 (Universities from the Carpathian Region, France, UK, USA)

Main topics:

- Mission of Distance Education (DE) in international cooperation

- DE and open education to the public, the role of DE in the process of democratization, DE as a tool for serving educational needs of minorities in the region
- Methodology and educational technology of DE
- Application of new telecommunication technologies in DE

European Heritage Campus - Kosice 1995: Preservation and Enhancement Programme for the Religious Heritage in the East of Slovakia

Date: August, 20 - September 9, 1995 (3 weeks)

Place: Kosice, region of Eastern Slovakia (Spis, Gemer)

Funding: EU, Jan Hus Foundation (Bratislava)

Organizers: TU, ACRU, Institute for Monuments, Archaeological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

Number of participants: 16 (Italy, France, Spain, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia)

Focus:

- to become acquainted with historical, cultural and archaeological heritage of the region, problems of religious cultural heritage preservation
- practical contribution to the preservation of historical monuments
- raising awareness of the public in the field of historical monuments preservation
- to promote European spirit of cooperation promotion of Eastern Slovakia and its cultural heritage abroad
- creation of local network of cooperating institutions and individuals in the field of cultural heritage
- promotion of the idea of European Heritage Campuses in Slovakia

The campus consisted of:

- Theoretical part - lectures and discussions (2 days)
- Excursions to the region of Gemer and Spis and the field trip to Tichy potok area (2 days)
- Practical works on two working places: 1) the Church of St. John from Nepomuk in the village Byster, 2) the Chapel at the Cemetery Rozalia, Kosice.
- Social/sport/cultural activities

Summer School in Ecology '95: Humans, Water and Technology

Organizers: Technical University of Kosice, ACRU

Date: August, 20 - September 9, 1995 (3 weeks)

Place: Kosice, region of Eastern Slovakia (Tichy Potok)

Funding: Action "Austria - Slovak Republic", UNEP

Number of participants (students): 25 (Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Croatia)

Topics:

- Environmental Monitoring and Computer Data Processing
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Geostatistics in Environmental Studies
- Ecotechnologies

- Revitalization
- Waste Management
- Clean Technologies
- Sustainable Development
- Ecology of Human Interior
- Practical Environmental Policy

Program consisted of:

- Advanced technologies for monitoring, restoration, protection, design of the environment
- Ecology of human interior - aims and possibilities
- Practical excursions to nature (one week in the area of Tichy Potok, region becoming famous with contradictory projects for water resources management)
- Social/sport/cultural activities

Writing Grant Proposals

Training workshop, Kosice, June 1995

Organizers: ACRU and Technical University of Kosice

Funding: Foundation for Development of the Carpathian Euroregion

Lecturer: Dr. David Daniel, Slovak Academic Information Agency, Bratislava

Topics: Writing projects grant proposals for academic institutions, definition of mission, goals, needs, objectives, budget.

University Extension Services

International workshop, Kosice, June 1994

Organizers: Technical University of Kosice, the Institute of EastWest Studies.

Participation of experts from the Carpathian region and from universities in Georgia, USA.