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SUMMARY

As a supplement to the analytical review of programme execution (159 EX/4, Part I), this report contains a list of the main activities (meetings, publications, etc.) carried out from 1 July to 31 December 1999.
Programme I.1 - Basic education for all

Conferences and meetings

Round table on early childhood care and education at the EFA 2000 African Regional Meeting (Johannesburg, 6-10 December 1999).

Pan-African Conference on Reading for All (6-9 August 1999, South Africa) - UNESCO/DANIDA.

First Youth Forum for the Orphans (Botswana, 29 November-3 December 1999).


International seminar looking to the twenty-first century (10-14 December 1999, Bangkok, Thailand).

Pan-African NGO meeting on EFA 2000 (Johannesburg, South Africa, 2-4 December 1999).

Twelfth Steering Committee meeting for the EFA Forum (4-6 October 1999).

Human Capacity-Building in Support of Inclusive Education (Mali, November-December 1999).

Publications

Literacy for Empowerment and Poverty Alleviation (French and English), September 1999.

Salamanca - Five Years On, which was prepared for the 30th session of the General Conference (English, French, Spanish and Arabic).

Training Manual: Early Childhood Education.

Programme I.2 - Reform of education in the perspective of education throughout life

Conferences and meetings

International colloquium on the Right to Education: new educational contents for the twenty-first century, organized in cooperation with the French National Commission (Centre international d’études pédagogiques, Sèvres, 1-3 July 1999).

Round table on Bridges between Learning and Life on the occasion of the 30th session of the General Conference (UNESCO Headquarters, November 1999).


Colloquium on Learning Never Ends: Education in the 50 + years, organized by the National Retired Teachers Association-AARP and UNESCO (New York, United States, 3-11 September 1999).


Seminar on school health and HIV/AIDS prevention in southern Africa organized by Education International with the support of WHO and UNAIDS in collaboration with UNESCO and the Education Development Centre (Harare, Zimbabwe, 6-9 September 1999).
Training workshops

Workshop on Transforming Community Schools into Open Learning Communities, organized in collaboration with Nuffield Commonwealth Programme and ACTIONAID (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 12-16 July 1999).


Training workshop for health educators in basic communication skills organized by UNESCO/Almaty (Ashgabad, 7-9 December 1999).

Regional experts meeting to develop a model for technical and vocational education and training for the Asia/Pacific region (Islamabad, 14-17 December 1999).

Publications

An Inter-Agency paper Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health: Considering a Gender Perspective.

Students’ Manuals and Teachers’ Guides on HIV/AIDS Prevention to Secondary Schools (Cambodia, 1999), UNESCO, UNFPA.


UNESCO Resource Kit on Science and Technology.

Connect (Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 1999; No. 1, 2000), focusing respectively on Science Education in UNESCO; Food and Nutrition Education and Technology Education.

English, French and Spanish versions of the recommendations of the Second International Congress on Technical and Vocational Education.

Quarterly review Higher Education in Europe, Volume XXIV, Nos. 3 and 4, 1999, devoted to, respectively, “Access and Admission to Higher Education in Europe” and “Higher Education and Civil Society” (UNESCO-CEPES, Bucharest, 1999; English).

Main activities undertaken by the UNESCO education institutes

UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)

Conferences and meetings

Forum on teaching of history and geography for living together (September 1999).

Publications

Quarterly review Prospects, Educational research (September 1999).

Quarterly newsletter Educational innovation and information. “Curriculum for peace education” (September 1999) and “Curricular change in secondary education in Latin America” (December 1999).

Study Abroad. The thirty-first edition of the guide (September 1999), and CD-ROM (abridged version) on the Internet.

UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)

Conferences and meetings

Technical workshop on improving teacher supervision and support services (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 28 September-1 October 1999).

Regional seminar on education and training strategies for disadvantaged groups (San José, Costa Rica, 22-26 November 1999).

Pan-African seminar on private and community schools in sub-Saharan Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa, 5 December 1999).

Subregional seminar on non-formal education for out-of-school young people (Bamako, Mali, October 1999).

Training workshops


National course on the Management of Resources of Higher Education Institutions in Colombia (Bogotá, Colombia, 11-15 October 1999).

Publications

The Shadow Education System: Private Tutoring and its Implications for Planners.

UNESCO Institute for Education (UIE)

Publications

Learning, Knowledge and Cultural Context.

UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)

Survey

International survey on state-of-the-art needs and perspectives of development of information technologies in education (in progress).

Publications

IITE Newsletter (December 1999, English/Russian).

Multimedia kit for primary school teachers (under development).

ICT-based curriculum for primary school teachers (in progress).

UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)

Conferences and meetings

Symposium on virtual learning systems, organized by the International Centre for Education and Development, the Ibero-American Regional Information Network for Educational Software and IESALC/UNESCO (Caracas, Venezuela, November 1999).

Training workshops

Seminar-workshop on the evaluation of higher education establishments in Panama (Panama, September 1999), organized by the Board of Rectors of the Universities of Panama and IESALC/UNESCO.
Seminar-workshop on distance education and the new technologies (Lima, Peru, October 1999), organized by the Association of Universities of Peru, the Telephone and Southern Companies of Peru, the UNESCO Lima Office and IESALC/UNESCO.

Third course on “Management and university leadership” (Havana, Cuba, July 1999), organized by the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education, the UNESCO Chair of the European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES) of the University of Havana (Cuba) and IESALC/UNESCO.

Seminar-training workshop for the regional accreditation of first cycle programmes in higher education establishments in the MERCOSUR countries and associated countries (Chile and Bolivia) (Montevideo, Uruguay, November 1999).

Publications


UNESCO International Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA)

Conferences and meetings


Training workshops

Joint Workshop with BREDA on Improving Teaching Methodologies in Universities (Addis Ababa).

Publications

Two IICBA newsletters (English and in French).

Extrabudgetary projects: Multigrade pilot programme (funded by Norwegian Government) launched in Ethiopia and planned to be extended to seven sub-Saharan countries.

Networks: IICBA Teacher Education Network (being developed).

MAJOR PROGRAMME II
THE SCIENCES IN THE SERVICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Programme II.1 - Advance, transfer and sharing of knowledge in the exact and natural sciences

Conferences and meetings

Two working meetings of the Technical and Scientific Committee of the project on the establishment of a Middle East Synchrotron Radiation Facility (Berlin, 19-22 August 1999). This project has been renamed “Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East” (SESAME).

Annual meeting of the International Council of Chemistry (Berlin, August 1999).
International meeting of European Women in Mathematics (Loccum, Germany, 30 August-5 September 1999).

Annual meeting of the Trace Element Institute for UNESCO with all the satellite centres (Lyon, September 1999).

Working Group Meeting of ICEE (International Committee on Engineering Education) held at the Technical University of Denmark (Copenhagen, 27-28 September 1999).

Conférence internationale sur le SIDA en Afrique (Lusaka, Septembre 1999).

Auger Collaboration Board Meeting (Malargüe, Argentina, September 1999).

International Conference on Technology Transfer in Biotechnologies as a Catalyst for National Development (Beirut, Lebanon, 4-6 October 1999) in collaboration with COSTED-Arab Biosciences Network.


International meeting on Organization of the International Centre for Dense Magnetized Plasmas (ICDMP) and its financing scheme (18-19 November 1999); and International Scientific Committee for DMP (19 November 1999).

Auger Finance Board Meeting (Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 1999).

Meeting of the Coordinating Board of the UNESCO Regional Network for Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology in Southeast Asia (Auckland, New Zealand, 29 November-1 December 1999).


Training workshops

Seven UNESCO/ICRO advanced training courses, organized in Chile, Romania, Uganda, Japan, Argentina and Senegal to enable about 100 young scientists to upgrade their theoretical and methodological knowledge in cell and molecular biology.

Financial support to nine workshops inclusive of five conferences held in Cyprus, France, Greece, India, Japan and Zimbabwe concerning biomedical research and peace; cell signalling and its clinical applications, and Rickettsial diseases of African importance.

Technical workshop on Emerging Diseases (UNESCO Headquarters, 6-9 September 1999), in collaboration with WHO, FAO and the European Academy of Arts, Sciences and the Humanities.

CERN Schools on Computing (12-25 September 1999, Stare Jablonki, Poland) on High Energy Physics (22 August-4 September 1999, Casta-Papiernicka, Slovakia) and Accelerators (30 August-10 September 1999, Benodet, France).

Six symposia, research workshops and seminars (27 September-6 October 1999, Moscow and Dubna), including the International Bogolyubov Conference on Problems of Theoretical and Mathematical Physics, organized in cooperation with the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russian Federation.

Three advanced courses and schools on different aspects of theoretical physics, organized in cooperation with the European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN in Poland, France and Slovenia).

IITAP schools and workshops in the area of applied science, material science, fundamental science and environmental/earth science.

USEE women workshop on How to develop and teach science and engineering courses on the World Wide Web (Ismailia, Egypt, 14-17 November 1999), attended by 22 women from 12 Arab countries.
Two training workshops on strategies for the transfer of research results Lomé (Togo) and Accra (Ghana), jointly sponsored by UNESCO and IDRC, with participants from nine African countries.

The sixth Ibero-American Workshop on S&T Indicators (Mexico City, 12-14 July 1999).

Seven advanced courses, summer schools and seminars, organized in cooperation with Italian universities and research institutions, in favour of talented young mathematicians from Central and Eastern European countries.

An advanced school and workshop on Modern Mathematical Methods and their Application (Tbilisi, Georgia, 5-16 October 1999). In cooperation with the Georgian Academy of Sciences, an international school on mathematics and physics was established.

International workshop on Computer Algebra with Application to Coding Theory and Cryptography (Bulgaria, 25 September-1 October 1999), in cooperation with the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Euro-Mediterranean Postgraduate Advanced School on New Materials and Technologies for the Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage consisting of Natural Fibrous Polymers (Naples and Venice, Italy, 3-17 October 1999), attended by some 40 young specialists from 12 Euro-Mediterranean countries.

Workshop on Science for Peace and Regional Scientific Cooperation in Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Biotechnology (Jerusalem, Israel, 29-30 November 1999), in cooperation with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Palestinian Authority within the framework of the UNESCO-Hebrew University of Jerusalem International School on Molecular Biology and Microbiology.

International symposium on Application of Molecular Biology in Microbiology, Medicine and Agriculture (Smolenice, Bratislava, Slovakia, 13-18 November 1999), in cooperation with the Slovak Academy of Sciences (Institute of Virology) and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

International Conference on Solar and Food Processing (Varese, Italy, 3-6 October 1999), in cooperation with the World Solar Academy.

Pan-European Forum on Business and Investment for Renewable Energy (Sofia, Bulgaria, 1-3 December 1999), in cooperation with the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; elaboration of four learning modules on engineering (coal technologies, electrochemistry, cryogenics and hydrology), in cooperation with the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The Euro-UNISPAR meeting, in cooperation with the Polish UNISPAR Working Group (Lodz, Poland, 8-10 September 1999).

**UNESCO Chairs**

Two UNESCO Chairs on post-harvest food technology were established in Gambia and Namibia, in collaboration with the UNESCO Offices in Dakar and Windhoek respectively.

**Other activities**

Provision of: 30 short-term UNESCO/BAC and UNESCO/MIRCEN fellowships in the aquatic, plant, microbial and industrial biotechnologies to young members for advanced training at specialized institutes of research; small-scale equipment and laboratory research reagents to research institute in Brazzaville (Congo) and of reference texts to National Library, Mahe (Seychelles), within the framework of the special project on “Biotechnology for Development in Africa”.

The UNESCO Nairobi Office provided grants to two African universities (Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya, and University of Cape Coast, Ghana) to help them equip their biotechnology laboratories.

Under the UNESCO/American Chemical Society (ACS)/IOCD Cooperation, the young chemists from the Czech Republic received the two-months’ fellowships at the American universities; and the Charles University in Prague received three fellowships on analytical chemistry from the Baltic countries and Ukraine.
Four short-term research grants were provided to young researchers from Albania, Bulgaria, Slovenia and the Russian Federation, in cooperation with the Biotechnology Action Council of UNESCO.

Within the framework of the Regional Network for Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology in Southeast Asia, travel grants were awarded to scientists and researchers with funds-in-trust from the Government of Japan to enable them to present papers in international conferences and attend seminars and training courses.

**Publications**

Information Brochure on the Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME).

Under the Islamic Call Society’s contribution to UNESCO, the French version of the manual “*Expériences de microchimie*” was published, in close cooperation with CTC/IUPAC for Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali and Niger.


Definitive versions of the World Conference on Science Declaration and Framework for Action have been printed in booklet form in the six official languages, and are being distributed widely. A Conference Proceedings volume has been edited and will be published in mid-2000. The Conference website is being continually updated, and is to contain the full texts of the keynote lectures delivered in Budapest, accounts of all thematic meetings, and the texts of all plenary statements provided by the Member States in electronic form.

**Programme II.2 - Advancement, transfer and sharing of knowledge in the social and human sciences**

**Conferences and meetings**

International Conference on Culture and Environment (Zvolen, Slovakia, 21-23 October 1999).

First seminar of the South-East Asian Network of Scientific Cooperation in Development Economics (Hanoi, Viet Nam, 1-5 December 1999), coorganized by the Institut des Sciences mathématiques et économiques appliquées, Paris, France.


Third meeting of the Network in Prospective Studies (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 September 1999); and workshop for Information Managers in Latin America (Recife, Brazil, 22-26 November 1999).

**Publications**


*International Social Science Journal*: Health Policies and Social Values (September 1999); Policy Options for Social Development (December 1999).

Best Practices on Indigenous Knowledge. Joint publication of the Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST) and the Centre for International Research and Advisory Networks (CIRAN).

Dare Databank, in UNESCO Databases CD-ROM, 1999.

Programme II.3 - Philosophy and ethics

Conferences and meetings

Meeting on Universal Ethics and Asian Values (Seoul, Republic of Korea, 4-6 October 1999).

Meeting of experts on Different Models of Philosophical Encounters (UNESCO Headquarters, 9-11 September 1999).

Meeting of the COMEST working group on the ethics of freshwater utilization (Almería, Spain, 31 July-1 August 1999).

International seminar on the ethics of outer space, in cooperation with the European Space Agency (Paris, France, 10-11 September 1999).

Sixth session of the International Bioethics Committee (BIO) (Rabat, Morocco, 7-9 October 1999); first session of International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) (Rabat, Morocco, 11-12 October 1999); first joint BIO-ICOLD session (Rabat, Morocco, 13 October 1999).

International seminar on biotechnologies and society, held under the auspices of the UNESCO Chair of Bioethics of the University of Buenos Aires Law School and the Department of Biotechnology of the National University of Quilmes (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 15-20 November 1999).

First meeting of the COMEST subcommission on the ethics of freshwater utilization (Aswan, Egypt, 27-28 November 1999).

Consultation on “Ethical Issues in Genetics, Cloning and Biotechnology: Possible Future Directions for WHO” (Geneva, Switzerland, 15-17 December 1999).

Publications


Programme II.4 - Environmental sciences and sustainable development

II.4.1: Coordination and promotion of interdisciplinary and inter-agency cooperation

Conferences and meetings

Fourth joint meeting of the Chairpersons of IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST (UNESCO Headquarters, 4-5 November 1999).

Forum for Parliamentarians on the Role of Education, Science and Culture in Combating Desertification (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999), organized jointly by the UNCCD-Secretariat and UNESCO on the occasion of the third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification.

II.4.2: Earth sciences, earth system management and natural hazards

Conferences and symposia

UNISPACE III (Vienna, Austria, 19-30 July 1999).

International Conference on Regional Aquifers (Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, 22-26 November 1999).
Regional UNESCO, CCOP, United Nations ESCAP, IUGS and CIFEG SANGIS Workshop (5-10 July 1999, Bangkok, Thailand).

International Symposium on: Engineering Geology, Hydrogeology and Natural Disasters with emphasis on Asia (Kathmandu, Nepal, 28-30 September 1999); and Impact of Volcano to Health and Social Prosperity (Bandung, 27-28 August 1999), with co-sponsorship and financial assistance of UNESCO Jakarta Office.

Symposia: GARS (Vienna, 26 July 1999); IGOS (Vienna, 17 July 1999); EURISY (Vienna, 19-22 July 1999).

International IDNDR Programme Forum and UNESCO-WMO Subforum on Natural Disaster Reduction (Geneva, Switzerland, 5-9 July 1999).

General Assembly of the International Union of Geophysics and Geodesy (Birmingham, United Kingdom, 17-30 July 1999).

Forum of European Geological Surveys (Vienna, 29 August-3 September 1999).

**Training workshops**

**IGCP:**
- Raw Materials of Neolithic Artefacts (Veszprem, Hungary, 11-13 October 1999); Coastal Environmental Change During Sea-Level Highstands (Hawaii, 9-12 November 1999); Contourites, Bottom Currents and Palaeocirculation, short course on deep water sediments (Jammu, India, 24-25 October 1999); Organics in Major Environmental Issues (Prague and Dolni Rozinka, Czech Republic, 7-20 September); Borehole and Climate (Birmingham, United Kingdom, 18-30 July); Ore-Forming Processes in Dynamic Magmatic Systems (Rouyn-Noranda, Canada, July 1999); Landslides Hazard Assessment and Cultural Heritage (Paris, France, 20-21 September 1999); North Gondwanan Mid-Palaeozoic Biodynamics (Peshawar, Pakistan, 8-27 September 1999); Kibaran events in southwestern Africa (Kitwe, Zambia, 12-26 July 1999); Glaciation and Reorganization of Asia’s Drainage During the INQА meeting (Durban, South Africa, 3-12 August 1999, Denver, USA, 25-28 November 1999, and Bishop, USA, 29-31 October 1999); Rocks and minerals at Great Depth and on the Surface Zapoloyrny, Kola Peninsula (Russian Federation, 1-7 September 1999); Circum-Arctic Palaeozoic Vertebrates (Jurmala, Latvia, 27 September-2 October 1999); Geodynamics of Continental Rifting (22-30 August 1999, Irkutsk and Lake Baikal, Russian Federation); Nericite Middle-Upper Eocene working meeting (Havana, Cuba, 4-8 July 1999); South Atlantic Mesozoic Correlation (Serra Negra, São Paulo, Brazil, 29 August-2 September 1999); regional meeting on Cretaceous continental ecosystems (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 26 September-1 October 1999, Crato, Ceará, Brazil, 1-7 August 1999, Rio de Janeiro, 10 December 1999); Biosedimentology of Microbial Buildups (24 October-1 November 1999); Karst Process and the Carbon Cycle (Durban, South Africa, 3 August 1999 and Bratislava, Slovakia, 6-10 September 1999); Correlation, anatomy and magmatic-hydrothermal evolution of ore bearing felsic igneous systems in Eurasia (London, United Kingdom, 22-25 August 1999; Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 27-28 August 1999; Moscow, Russian Federation, 13-25 September 1999; Clermont Ferrand, France, 20-25 September 1999); Economic Superaccumulations of Metals in Lithosphere (London, United Kingdom, 22-25 August 1999); Proterozoic Granites of South-Central Finland- Traverse Across a Palaeoproterozoic Terrane Boundary (Finland, 13-18 September 1999); Granites Petrogenesis and Geodynamic Settings at the fourth Hutton Symposium on the Origin of Granites and Related Rocks (Clermont Ferrand, France, 20-25 September 1999); scientific meetings in the framework of: the eighth International Symposium of Antarctic Earth Sciences (Wellington, New Zealand, 5-9 July 1999); the XIV Congreso Geológico Argentino (Salta, Argentina, 19-24 September 1999); and of the fourth International Symposium on Andean Geodynamics (Goettingen, Germany, 3-6 October 1999); Mineral Exploration and Evaluation (Delft, Netherlands, August 1998-July 1999); Exploration and Environment Geochemistry, Czech Geological Survey (Prague and Dolni Rozinka, 7-20 September 1999); Seismology and Seismic Hazard Assessment and Risk Mitigation (Beijing, China, 26 September-30 October 1999); Seismic Instrumentation for Indonesian Volcano Observers, co-sponsored by UNESCO Jakarta Office (5 July-3 August 1999); Genesis and Evolution of Geothermal Systems with Special Reference to the Mechanics of Magma Generation (New Delhi, India, 26 November-3 December 1999); Commission for the Geological Map of the World, Editorial Board Meeting of the Tectonic Map of Asia (Novosibirsk, Russian Federation, 25-30 October 1999); Seismic Analysis on the Asia and Pacific Region and the Operation of CTBT Auxiliary Seismic Stations (Manila, Philippines, 4-8 December 1999); Earthquake and Megacities (Manila, Philippines, 1-3 December 1999); Capacity-Building on Natural Disaster Reduction in Central America, CEPREDENAC and UNESCO (2-3 September 1999); Mineral Deposit Modelling of the Base- and Precious-Metal Deposits in the Arabian Shield (Saudi Arabia, 12-19 November 1999); Geoenvironmental methods and techniques for environmental planning and assessment (San Luis, Argentina, 17-27 October 1999); Vulcanology and Volcano Geophysics (Canary Islands, Spain, 13 October-3 November 1999); Geological Parameters of Environmental Protection (Guayaquil, Ecuador, 28-30 November 1999).
6-10 December 1999); Vulcanology of the Central Andes (Salta, Argentina, 25 September-4 October 1999); Anti-seismic Engineering UNESCO-RELACIS (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 5-16 July 1999); Volcanic Surveillance Methodologies (Volcano Arenal, Costa Rica, 7-16 November 1999).

Publications

Earthquake education materials (1998-1999) were developed and distributed in the form of brochures and posters addressed to school children.

II.4.3: Ecological sciences and the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme

Conferences and meetings

Sixth meeting of the Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves (UNESCO, 31 August-2 September 1999).

Technical workshop for AfriMAB for French-speaking countries (Dakar, Senegal, 25 September-3 October 1999).

Workshop on Combating Desertification (Tamale, Ghana, 12-16 July 1999).

Subregional workshop on Selection and Management of Biosphere Reserves (Sana’a, Yemen, 22-24 August 1999).

Second regional meeting of the Council of ArabMAB Network and regional workshop on Biosphere Reserves and Sustainable Development (Agadir, Morocco, 5-9 September 1999).

First Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting on Ecological Sciences (Cairo, Egypt, 20-21 December 1999).

International Conference on Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (Peshawar, Pakistan, 1-6 December 1999).

Sixth EABRN meeting on Ecotourism and Conservation Policy in Biosphere Reserves and other similar Conservation Areas (Jiuzhaigou Biosphere Reserve, China 16-20 September 1999).

Consulting meeting on Policy Issues on Sustainable Development of China’s Biosphere Reserves (Fanjinshan Biosphere Reserve) (China, 5-6 November 1999).

National workshop on Conservation and Sustainable Development in the Siberut Biosphere Reserve (Padang, West Sumatra, 1-2 December 1999).

CIET: International Meeting on Multifunctionality of Biosphere Reserves in Conciliation with the Ecological Integrity of Fragile Ecosystems and Socio-economic Processes (Caracas, Venezuela, 7-9 July 1999).

CYTED: Ibero-American Coordination meeting and Ibero-American Course on Management of Environmental Projects (San José, Costa Rica, 4-10 July 1999); and meeting of Biosphere Reserves of Central America and Panama (San José, Costa Rica, 9-12 November 1999).

Training activities

Ten MAB Young Scientists Awards granted to young specialists from Azerbaijan, Chile, China, Ecuador, Ghana, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Thailand, Uganda.

Review workshop on UNESCO regional plant taxonomy training (Bogor, Indonesia, 21-22 September 1999).

Other activities

The Sultan Qaboos Prize for Environmental Preservation was awarded to the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands during the General Conference.

Completion of study of oral history of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, Uganda, completion of inventory and literature review for Biosphere Reserves in Kenya, and support provided for data and information collection for Biosphere Reserve nominations in Malawi.

**Publications**

Publication on MABnet of a selection of reports from 1998 recipients of MAB Young Scientists Awards.

Proceedings of Regional Seminar for East and South-East Asian Countries: ECOTONE VIII Ranong and Phuket Provinces, southern Thailand: “Enhancing Coastal Ecosystem Restoration for the Twenty-first Century”, edited by the Royal Forest Department of Thailand and UNESCO.

EABRN-6 report on Ecotourism and Conservation Policy in Biosphere Reserves and other similar Conservation Areas; a research report on the Evaluation of the East Asian Biosphere Reserve Network (EABRN) by Professor Kim K-G, National University of Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Seventh issue of Programme “South-South Perspectives” (December 1999).

**II.4.4: Hydrology and water resources development in a vulnerable environment**

**Conferences and meetings**


UNESCO in collaboration with several international partners and the United Kingdom Institute of Hydrology sponsored the Task Force meeting on HELP, hosted by the University of Arizona (Tucson, United States, 23-27 November 1999).

UVO-ROSTE supported the organization of the Steering Committee Meeting on Ecohydrology - A New Paradigm for the Sustainable Use of Aquatic Resources (Venice, Italy, 22-24 September 1999).

Fifth Steering Committee Meeting of SPPD Project (25 August 1999, Cairo, Egypt).


Eighth Regional Meeting of the Arab National Committees of the International Hydrological Programme (28 September-1 October 1999).

Second Consultative Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Network on Groundwater Protection (24-28 August 1999, Cairo, Egypt).


The fifth Steering Committee meeting of FRIEND Southern Africa (Windhoek, Namibia, 9 September 1999).


Steering Committee meeting of FRIEND/AOC (Yaoundé, Cameroon, 30 November-3 December 1999).

International Symposium on Floods and Droughts (Nanjing, China, 18-20 October 1999).

International Conference on Tropical Aquatic Ecosystems (Naintal, India, 25-30 October 1999).

Second Regional Conference on Climate Change (Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran, 4-5 November 1999).

Regional Seminar on Conflict Management of International River Basins (Dhaka, Bangladesh, 7-9 December 1999).
Training activities

First International Advanced Study Course in Ecohydrology organized by the Centre of Ecohydrological Studies University of Lodz, in cooperation with the University of Vienna, Kis - Balaton Laboratory in Keszthely, Croatian Waters - National Agency of Water Resources Management. The course was held from 8 to 22 September 1999 in four countries (Poland, Austria, Hungary and Croatia, with a closing session in Venice, Italy) and was sponsored by UVO-ROSTE and IHP, with the co-sponsorship of the UNEP-International Technology Centre (UNEP-IETC, Japan) and the University of Vienna.

Second Regional Short Course on Hydraulic Engineering for Water Harvesting in Arid and Semi-Arid Environments (7-19 August 1999, Cairo, Egypt).

Third Annual Training Course on Groundwater Protection (28 August-6 September 1999, Cairo, Egypt).

Three-month International Course on Hydraulic Engineering and River Basins (19 September-14 December 1999, Cairo, Egypt).

Regional workshop on Iullemeden Aquifer System (Niamey, Niger, 5-7 July 1999) attended by 20 participants from Nigeria, Mali, Niger.

Eleventh International Hydrology Technicians Training Course (Islamabad, Pakistan, 28 November-8 December 1999).

Project on Environment and development in coastal regions and in small islands (CSI)

Conferences and meetings

Intersectoral Coordinating Meeting for the Alexandria pilot project planning and follow-up (Alexandria, 19-20 July 1999).

UVO-ROSTE gave support to the Croatian National Commission for UNESCO in the organization of an international workshop on Integrated Water Management of Small Islands and Coastal Cities, 6-9 October 1999, Omišalj, Croatia.

Training workshops

Research workshop on Growing up in Cities, in partnership with MOST (Papua New Guinea, December).

Training on the application of data monitoring for community-based fish-farming sustainability and impact (Philippines, July).

Two coastal environment study tours programmes for high-school students (Jakarta, Indonesia, July and November); four training courses in coastal community-based waste management focusing on paper recycling, composting and planting medicinal plants using locally produced compost (July 1999-January 2000); five youth coastal ecology camps for 125 students (August 1999); six training courses on coastal zone management and community-based sustainable tourism (August 1999).

Workshop on the status of the pilot project for the Sustainable Development of Submarine Archaeological sites at Qayet Bay Citadel and Eastern Harbour (Alexandria, Egypt, November 1999).

Regional media seminar “What Future for our Coasts?” for 25 participants from Mauritius and the Seychelles (Mauritius, November).

Other activities

Field campaign in the Moripi Cultural Area (Papua New Guinea, July).

Second volunteer summer campaign for the archaeological exploration of Adriatic coastal sites, for researchers from Croatia and Italy (Omisalj, Croatia, August 1999).
Field assessments for Coastal Resources Monitoring and Biodiversity Data Collection, with training of local researchers (Palawan, Philippines, July-December 1999).

Second field campaign within the Lagos Flooding project (Nigeria, July-November 1999).

34 volunteers from Croatia, Italy and Poland combined their efforts to carry out the second archaeological campaign in the Roman site of Fulfinium and participated in the recovery of the early Christian Basilica in Mirine, both sites belonging to Omišalj's territory on the Island of Krk, Croatia (15-30 August 1999).

Publications

*CSI Info 7* - Proceedings of PACSICOM technical workshop on Communication and Education for Sustainable Coastal Development on the CSI platform with Sectors for Communication, Information and Informatics, and for Education.

Coastal Management Sourcebooks 2 - Underwater Archaeology and Coastal Management - focus on Alexandria (for sale series).


II.4.5: UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

Conferences and meetings

International Seminar on Red Tides (Puerto Varas, Chile, 3-5 August); twenty-ninth session GESAMP/MEA (London, United Kingdom, 23-26 August); Scientific Steering Group for the WOCE (La Jolla, United States, 4-8 October); IOC-SCOR Scientific Steering Committee for GEOHAB (Brest, France, 3-6 November); fifth session IOC Intergovernmental Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms (UNESCO Headquarters, 22-24 November); GOOS Commitments Meeting (Paris, France, 5-6 July); JCOMM First Transition Meeting (St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 19-23 July); IOC-WMO-CPPS Joint Working Group on the Investigations on “El Niño” (Concepcion, Chile, 9-13 August); East Indian and West Pacific Observation Systems (Perth, Australia, 16-17 September); fourth session of the Coordinating Committee for NEAR-GOOS (Tokyo, Japan, 28 September-1 October); eighth Annual PICES Meeting (Vladivostok, Russian Federation, 6-14 October); First Black Sea GOOS Meeting (Varna, Bulgaria, 11-14 October); Ocean Climate Observations Conference (St Raphael, France, 18-22 October); nineteenth ARGOS Joint Tariff Agreement Meeting (Wellington, New Zealand, 1-3 November); fourth session of the Coastal GOOS Panel (Tianjin, China, 2-5 November); EuroGOOS Annual Meeting (Madrid, Spain, 3 December); United Nations Atlas of the Oceans Partners Meeting (London, United Kingdom, 16 August); eighth session IOC Editorial Board for IBCM (Kaliningrad, Russian Federation, 1-4 September); seventeenth session ICG/International Tsunami Warning System (Seoul, Republic of Korea, 4-7 October); IAMSLIC Conference (Woods Hole, United States, 16-22 October); WMO-UNESCO/IOC Regional Meeting on the Storm Surges Disaster Reduction (New Delhi, India, 22-26 October); IOCE Conference on Western Pacific (Langkawi, Malaysia, 1-4 November); IOC Editorial Board for the International Bathymetric Chart of the Arctic Ocean (Monaco, 2-4 November); third Regional Workshop on Ocean Data Management for the IOCINCWIO Region (Cape Town, South Africa, 29 November-10 December); International Conference on Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundary Delineation and Delimitation (Monaco, 8-10 September); fifth Conference of Parties [Framework Convention on Climate Change] (Bonn, Germany, 25 October-5 November); Conference on Ocean Governance (Wilton Park, United Kingdom, 3-5 December).

Training courses and workshops

Ocean science: Coastal resources management (Xalapa, Mexico, 7-23 July); Taxonomy and biology of harmful marine micro-plankton (Copenhagen, Denmark, 26 July-7 August); Modelling and monitoring coastal marine processes (Delhi, India, 15-26 November); Coastal megacities (Hangzhou, China, 27-30 September); Marine and coastal environment conservation (Ansan, Republic of Korea, 28 September-1 October); Sediment quality guidelines (London, United Kingdom, 11-15 October); Methodologies for marine biotoxins (Santiago, Chile, 8-12 November); Indicators of ocean and human health (Bermuda, 16-19 November); IOC/WESTPAC training course (Hong Kong, 6-10 December); Data and information for integrated coastal area management (Cape Town, South Africa, 13-15 December).
Ocean services: Tsunami warning beyond 2000 (Seoul, Republic of Korea, 30 September-2 October); Data and information management for Spanish-speaking countries of South and Central America (Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, 20-29 October); Ocean data and information management for the Gulf of Thailand (Bangkok, Thailand, 4-15 October); IODE/WESTPAC workshop (Langkawi, Malaysia, 3-4 November); MEDAR/MEDATLAS Data and Metadata Quality Control Procedures for Eastern Mediterranean Countries (Athens, Greece, 29 November-10 December); Ocean Data Management for the IOCINCWIO Region (Cape Town, South Africa, 29 November-10 December).

TEMA: Training-through-Research Cruise/Floating University (St Petersburg, Russia to Valencia, Spain, 3 June-27 July; Mediterranean Sea, 28 July-1 September; and Baltic Sea, 28 July-20 August); Advanced Topics in Coastal Sedimentology (Concepcion, Chile, August-December); Synoptic Oceanography of the Gulf of Thailand (Gulf of Thailand, 8-18 August); Palaeogeographic Mapping (Qingdao, China, 14-17 October); Gulf of Thailand second Data Management (Bangkok, Thailand, 17-22 October); Capacity-building for the Caspian Sea Region (Astrakhan, Russian Federation, 22-24 November).

Programme II.5 - Social and human sciences and social development

Conferences and meetings

International seminar on the “Cities, the environment and social relations between men and women” project (São Paulo, September 1999).

International Conference of the Asia-Pacific Migration Research Network and Japanese Migration Researchers, Japan Foundation Weseda University (Tokyo, 24-28 September 1999).

Latin American seminar, “City words” network, with the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre, September 1999).

Round table on Democratic Principles and Global Governance in the Twenty-first Century (UNESCO Headquarters, 8 November 1999).

Regional workshop to evaluate the Asia-Pacific Information Network in Social Sciences (APINESS) organized by RUSHSAP (Bangkok, 30 August-1 September 1999).

Third International Conference of UNESCO/MOST Project on Economic and Social Transformations connected with the International Drug Problem (New Delhi, 1-5 November 1999).


Publications


Northern India. Working Paper No. 4 of City Words MOST Network (December 1999).

Repenser le développement: En finir avec la pauvreté by Professor Bartoli, November 1999.

MAJOR PROGRAMME III
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: THE HERITAGE AND CREATIVITY

Programme III.1 - Preservation and enhancement of the cultural and natural heritage

III.1.1: Safeguard and revitalization of the tangible and intangible heritage

Conferences and meetings

Conference on Illicit Traffic of Cultural Property stolen in Latin America (Mexico, 1-4 December 1999).

International symposium on The Role of Women in the Transmission of Intangible Cultural Heritage (Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran, 27-30 September 1999).


Regional seminar on the application of the UNESCO 1989 Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore in the Countries in Transition of Eastern Europe and Asia, organized by the UNESCO Moscow Office (Novgorod, Russian Federation, 28-30 September 1999).

International congress on the gastronomic heritage and cultural tourism in Latin America and the Caribbean (Puebla, Mexico, 7-12 October 1999), in collaboration with the Tourism Board, the High Council on Culture and Arts of Mexico and WTO.

International symposium on cultural tourism and development in Paraguay, organized in cooperation with ICOM (Asunción, 13-18 December 1999).

Fourth international symposium on the Temple of Bayon (13-14 December 1999).

Meeting of the Technical Committee for the safeguarding and development of the historic site of Angkor (17-18 December 1999).

Second International Summer School for Conservators of Cultural Heritage (Zamosc, Poland), organized by the Polish National Commission for UNESCO in cooperation with the City of Zamosc and the UNESCO Venice Office, allowed students from Central and Eastern Europe to participate in lectures, site works and study trips.

Second International Youth Gathering for the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage (Cairo, 1-11 September 1999), in cooperation with the Arab Regional Scout Organization, the UNESCO Cairo Office and the Cairo University.

Training workshops

National Workshop on the Fight against Illicit Traffic (Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 12-15 October 1999).

Technical support for the APSARA five-month on-site training course in architectural conservation and archaeological excavations, organized in cooperation with ICCROM and SPAFA in Ankgor (November 1999-March 2000).

UNESCO Chairs

Two Chairs were established for conservation of earthen architectural heritage with Aachen University, Germany; and for cultural heritage and landslide mitigation, with Kyoto University Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Japan.

Other activities

Assistance to the Festival on Traditional Spiritual Music of All Religions (Yerevan, Armenia, 10-15 October 1999) and to the Festival “Sharq Taronalari” (Eastern Melodies) (Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 27-29 August 1999).
Elaboration of a training programme with the Istituto per l’Arte e il Restauro in Florence, Italy. Five Palestinian students have been following a two-year course since October 1999, to be supplemented by an internship in Jerusalem in the summer of 2000 and a third year in the new laboratory for manuscript restoration.

In the framework of a joint intersectoral regional project with SHS for the “historic centre of Quito”, a training course was organized from August to December 1999 on “The cultural development and management of historic centres” for future decision-makers, namely 20 architects and archaeologists working in Quito.

As a follow-up of the plan of Action adopted at the Preparatory Meeting of the Network of Tourism Management in Heritage Cities (Venice, December 1998), four case studies on tourism management carried out in cooperation with the WTO in Bruges (Belgium), Nazareth (Israel), Sotchi (Russian Federation) and Tenby (United Kingdom), to produce scientific data for a decision support system contributing to the formulation of tourism policies.

The UNESCO Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes, UNESCO-Greece, was awarded for the first time by the Director-General on 2 November 1999 during a ceremony at UNESCO Headquarters.

Two international youth work camps were established, one on the site of the Pyramids in cooperation with the Scouts in Egypt and the other, for the restoration of ancient houses with the assistance of CCIVS in Lebanon.

Publications

*Museum International* magazine (E, F, S, R, A) - publication of two issues in each language.

Handbook for the preparation of school manuals for teaching of African traditional music in primary school.

In the framework of the Bayt al-Hikma project, publication of the French version of the work *Al-Kayyam, mathématicien*, by R. Rashed and B. Vahabzadeh.

**III.1.2: Promotion of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage**

Conferences and meetings

First Arab States World Heritage Youth Forum took place at Al Alkhwayn University (Ifrane, Morocco, 23-28 November 1999).

Programme III.2 - Promotion of living cultures

*Cultural policies for development*

Conferences and meetings

Cooperation with the World Bank and the Government of Italy in the organization of the international conference Culture Counts (Florence, Italy, 4-7 October 1999). Within the conference, organization of two seminars (Measuring Culture and Development: Prospects and Limits of Constructing Cultural Indicators; and Investing in the Tangibles in Intercultural Dialogue) and approval of a paper “Towards New Strategies for Culture in Sustainable Development” prepared jointly by UNESCO and the Government of Italy.

Training workshop

International workshop on Cultural Policies for Development, organized in cooperation with the Swedish National Commission for UNESCO and with its financial support (Gällöfstä, Sweden, 11-13 September 1999).

Other activities

Support to and participation in a meeting of cultural policy researchers from Latin America and Europe, on Identity and Pluralism, the first North-South Expert Conference on Cultural Policy Research and Development (7-10 September 1999, Santiago de Chile).
**Publications**

*Changement et continuité: principes et instruments pour l’approche culturelle du développement.*


**III.2.1: Creativity and copyright**

**Training workshops**

Assistance for a dance and music workshop, organized by the International Music Council in Brazil.

Creative workshops/training courses: in the field of drama (Côte d’Ivoire) and in the field of music (Cape Verde) for children living in deprived areas; and on the acting of the Opera of Beijing (organized in China by the International Theatre Institute funded by UNESCO).

Two workshops for female craftworkers in rural areas for the South African subregion (October 1999, Windhoek, Namibia); for Central Asia (November 1999, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan).

**UNESCO Prizes**

Award of the IMC/UNESCO Music Prize (Aachen, September 1999).

The UNESCO Prize for the promotion of the arts (section performing arts) was awarded at the International Sacred Rhythms Festival (Bali, December 1999).

**UNESCO Chairs**

Establishment of UNESCO Chair in Culture Resource Management Southeast University (Nanjing, China) emphasizing the teaching of new information technologies for culture resource management.

**Other activities**

Creation of a website on good practices in the field of fine arts education.

Display at the “Maison et Objet” Exhibition (September 1999) of works by winners of the UNESCO Crafts Prize for Africa 1998.

Promotion of young designers during the exhibition “Chic Chinois” at the Nationalities Museum in Beijing (2-26 December 1999), works by 110 designers and creators from 32 countries.

Promotion of Regional Standards of Excellence in Craftwork - Support to ASEAN handicraft promotion and development association to develop a strategy and for the creation of regional standards of craftwork (Bangkok Office).

**Publications**

*Art and Science* by Eliane Strosberg.

UNESCO’s *Copyright Bulletin* (quarterly, in English, French and Spanish at Headquarters and co-publication in Russian and Chinese in Moscow and Beijing, respectively).

**III.2.2: Books and cultural industries**

**Other activities**

As part of the “Books for All” programme launched in 1999 and financed by extrabudgetary funds, 350,000 books were distributed, training workshops to promote reading were organized (Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Peru) and a mobile library programme was launched in the Dominican Republic.
UNESCO Cyber-reader’s Club Website (the introductory website of the global UNESCO Cyber-reader’s Club was created and uploaded on the WWW from Bangkok).

MAJOR PROGRAMME IV
COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION AND INFORMATICS

Programme IV.1 - Free flow of information

IV.1.1: Media and freedom of expression

Advisory services to Member States

Expert missions to provide technical assistance to national authorities of Jordan in adapting media legislation (July 1999); and to international and national authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in adapting public service broadcasting legislation (September 1999).


Conferences and meetings

Seminar on Strengthening Democracy and Promoting Good Governance through the Development of the Media (Abuja, Nigeria, August 1999).

A meeting of UNESCO/UNTAET (United Nations Transitional Administration for East Timor) and other partners to establish a plan of action on rebuilding the media in East Timor (Bangkok, Thailand, December 1999).

Seminar on the Presence and Visibility of Women in the Media in Egypt (Cairo, Egypt, 11-19 September 1999); and a workshop on Communication, Women and the Media in the Mediterranean (Tunis, 22-26 November 1999).


Support for the Inter Press Service Conference on Media, Freedom of Expression and Development (Copenhagen, September 1999).

National experts’ meeting on Innocence in Danger (IBE, Geneva, Switzerland, 22 September 1999).

Support for the International Seminar on Child Pornography and Paedophilia: the Media and the Internet (Athens, Greece, 2-3 December 1999); the conference on “Children’s rights in the new millennium” (Montreal, Canada, 23-24 November 1999); the tenth celebration of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Workshop on Child Abuse (Oslo, Norway, 18-20 November 1999); a Press Conference on Innocence in Danger, organized by ADN Kronos (Rome, Italy, 16 November 1999); a round table on measures to protect children on-line (Paris, France, 15 November 1999); an international conference on “Combating Child Pornography on the Internet” (Vienna, Austria, 29 September-1 October 1999); a meeting of the NGOs concerning the Plan of Action of the 1996 Stockholm Conference on Sexual and Commercial Exploitation of Children (Geneva, Switzerland, 22-25 September 1999); the African Conference on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (Nairobi, Kenya, 21-25 September 1999); the Internet Content Summit (Munich, Germany, 8-10 September 1999).

UNESCO Chairs

Inauguration of UNESCO Chair in freedom of expression at the Palestinian Al-Quds University (Jerusalem, 25 November 1999).

Publications


Publication by the UNESCO International Clearing House on Children and Violence on the Screen of a third newsletter and special directory of experts and institutions.

**IV.1.2: Access to information and new technologies and the intersectoral project on Ethical and sociocultural challenges of the new information society**

**Advisory services to Member States**

Expert mission to Uganda to assess the feasibility of the TeleInViVo project and advise on the improvement of the project work plan (24-28 August 1999).

Staff missions to Nigeria to provide technical advice on National Information and Communication Infrastructure (4-8 July 1999); and Cameroon on National Information and Communication Infrastructure, Multimedia Community Telecentres and digital library project (9-13 July 1999).

**Conferences and meetings**

First Latin America and Caribbean Regional Expert Meeting under the Memory of the World Programme (Caracas, Venezuela, 2-3 December 1999).


Second Uruguayan Congress of Informatics (Montevideo, Uruguay, 9-10 August 1999).

Support for the Third Regional meeting of perspective studies on the Latin America and the Caribbean scenarios in the perspective of Year 2020 (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 September 1999).

Expert meeting on the dissemination of electronic theses and dissertations (UNESCO Headquarters, 27-28 September 1999).


**Other activities**

Preparation of a study and recommendations on development applications of the Internet for the ITU Focus Group on Promotion of infrastructure and use of the Internet in developing countries.

Creation of the INFOYOUTH Database and an electronic INFOYOUTH Bulletin for Latin America.

Completion of a global survey of accomplishments and priorities in on-line governance.

Preparation and uploading of website for Asia-Pacific Memory of the World; website update of INFOLAC.

**Publications**


Publication of ASTINFO, INFOLAC, UNISIST and UNAL Newsletters.

Production of the SAHEL point DOC electronic anthology of development information for basic readers in the Sahel (CD-ROM); the Internet au Sud electronic anthology of software, training materials and guidelines for using the Internet in developing countries (CD-ROM); and the “Internet Atlas on Youth” CD-ROM.
Programme IV.2 - Capacity-building in communication, information and informatics

IV.2.1: Development of communication

Conferences and meetings

Seminar on communication, women and the media (Tunis, 22-26 November 1999).

Meeting of UNESCO Chairs in communication (Lima, Peru, 7-8 December 1999).

Support for a technical meeting to design a postgraduate course in journalism (Panama, 23-24 July 1999); a seminar on communication, governance, democracy and state policies (Panama, 25-26 November 1999); the second International Conference and the Europe-Asia-Pacific Dialogue on Public Service Broadcasting (Manila, Philippines, 29 November-1 December 1999); a training workshop for the media as part of the fifth International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, October 1999); a seminar for journalist organizations (Jogjakarta, Indonesia, 3-6 October); and an exchange programme of young television producers between Jordanian and Mauritania National Television Organizations (November-December 1999).

Training activities

Training in the use of radio for women journalists (Guatemala City, December 1999).

Publications

Support for the publication of the first issue of Directory of Female Media Workers in the Caribbean; a research report on the status of women in the media in Korea, Japan, China and Australia (November 1999); a book Investigating HIV/AIDS, as a training resource for journalists in Asia.

IV.2.2: Development of libraries, archives and information services

Conferences and meetings


International expert group meeting for the LAC Digital Library Pilot Project (Colima University, Mexico, 28 June-3 July 1999).

Training workshops


IV.2.3: Development of informatics and telematics applications

Training workshops

Subregional training workshop for telematics and networking specialists in East Africa (Nairobi, Kenya, 9-20 August 1999).


Support for an international workshop on Virtual Education - WISE’99 (Ceará, Brazil, 9-11 December 1999); an international workshop on Virtual Health Library (Maputo, Mozambique, 15-16 December 1999); the Second USEE Regional Faculty Training Workshop on How to Develop and Teach a Biology Course on the World Wide Web (Ismailia, Egypt, 20-23 November 1999); and the USEE National Workshop on the Use of Modern ICT in Teaching Biology and Mathematics Courses on the World Wide Web (Aden, Yemen, 28 November-1 December 1999).
**UNESCO Chairs**

Establishment of two UNESCO Chairs: one at the Kemerovo State University, Russian Federation; the other, in information science, at UPILS, Philippines.

**Other activities**

Inauguration of the first Community INFO-Centre in Caracas, Venezuela.

Completion of a pilot project on Learning Networks for African Teachers in Zimbabwe, and initiation of a similar project in Senegal.

Completion of a feasibility study on a virtual laboratory tool kit for use by researchers in developing countries.

Development of a course on Telecommunication Based Value Added Services; six informatics training modules; and training material on digital publishing.

**Publications**

Guide to Advanced Data Analysis Using IDAMS Software.

Interactive Database on International Directories of IT Institutions and Experts.


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**TRANSDISCIPLINARY PROJECT EDUCATING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE (EPD)**

**Training workshops**


Preparation and organization, with the Académie de Paris and NGOs, of the event “Children propose their own parliament for the Mediterranean” (UNESCO, 14 October 1999).

**Publications**

*Educating for a Sustainable Future in the Americas*, by the Organization of American States (English/Spanish).

*Pachamama*, joint publication by UNEP and Peace Child International, in partnership with UNESCO and UNICEF (English/French/Spanish).

*The Greening of Brazilian Business* (in collaboration with UNESCO Caracas Office).

*Teaching and Learning for a Sustainable Future*, a multimedia professional development programme of 25 modules.

*Seven complex lessons in education for the future*, by Edgar Morin, produced for the General Conference and reproduced in all UNESCO official languages as well as Portuguese.


TRANS DISCIPLINARY PROJECT
TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE

Unit 1 - Culture of peace: raising awareness and building partnerships

Conferences and meetings

Subregional seminar (Central Africa) on electoral processes and the freedom to vote (Bangui, 20-22 July 1999).

Lecture-discussion on human rights and civil society: an American and international perspective (UNESCO Headquarters, 29 September 1999).

Second Meeting on the Latin American and the Caribbean Cities for Peace (Mexico, 16-17 July 1999).

Organization, in cooperation with the University of Yaoundé, of a workshop on “Democracy, decentralization and good governance” (Yaoundé, Cameroon, 28 November-1 December 1999).

Organization with UNDP of an international symposium on peace, social stability and sustainable human development in the Portuguese-speaking African countries (Praia, 7-10 December 1999).

Conference on Women in Democracy at the Dawn of the New Millennium organized by the Governments of Iceland, the United States and the Nordic Council of Ministers (Reykjavik, Iceland, 8-10 October 1999).

Meeting on Women’s Participation in Democratic Processes in Latin America and the Caribbean (Dominican Republic, December 1999).

Participation in the twenty-fourth Round Table on Current Problems of International Humanitarian Law (San Remo, Italy, 2-4 September 1999); first meeting of the Technical Working Group Designed to Prepare the European Contribution towards the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 21-22 September 1999); Nuremberg International Human Rights Award Ceremony (Nuremberg, 25-26 September 1999); Inter-Agency Consultations on the Follow-up of the United Nations Technical Assistance Activities in Human Rights Related Areas (Geneva, 30 September 1999); Forum organized by the Repsol Foundation on “The Mediterranean at the crossroads of the new millennium” (Palma de Majorca, 22-23 October 1999); International Conference on Entering the New Millennium: Children's Rights and Religion at a Crossroads (Nazareth, Israel, 21-24 November 1999); Forum “For an ethical use of force in a post-bipolar world” (Rome, 1-2 October 1999); Seminar on the American System of Human Rights Protection at the Dawn of the Twenty-First Century (San José, Costa Rica, 23-24 November 1999).

Other activities

Organization of the international festival of films against exclusion and for tolerance (UNESCO Headquarters, 20-30 November 1999); and of the Festival of Human Rights Films by the Action of Christians for the Abolition of Torture (Paris, December 1999).

Exhibition of photographs “Faces and gazes”, in collaboration with the Cité universitaire of Paris (UNESCO Headquarters, 26 October-17 November 1999).

Publications

The book *Conflict resolution: new approaches and methods* was finalized for printing.


*Penser la non-violence* by Ramin Jahanbegloo (this work presents the history of and thinking about non-violence as a dynamic principle of contemporary democracy. It marks the launching of the collection “*Les classiques de la tolérance*”).

*Towards a Women’s Agenda for a Culture of Peace*, November 1999.

**Unit 2 - Educating for a culture of peace**

**Conferences and meetings**

Conference on Education for Democratic Citizenship: Methods, Practice and Strategies (4-8 December 1999), in collaboration with the Council of Europe and the EC.

A European meeting to improve ASP European Networking (Tbilisi, Georgia, 7-14 July 1999).

Second meeting of the International Task Force on the ASPnet “Breaking the Silence”, the Transatlantic Slave Trade Education Project (Gorée Island, Senegal, 18-23 August 1999).

World Heritage and Breaking the Silence Youth Forum (Senegal, 23-26 August 1999).


World Conference on Education and Sport for a Culture of Peace (UNESCO Headquarters, 5-7 July 1999).


MINEPS III (Punta del Este, Uruguay, 30 November-3 December 1999).

First meeting of the Advisory Committee for Linguistic Pluralism and Multilingual Education (UNESCO Headquarters, 14 September 1999).

**Training workshops**


**Publications**


First issue of the *Breaking the Silence Newsletter*.


**Unit 3 - Culture of peace in action**

**Conferences and meetings**

Tenth Annual Meeting of Directors of Human Rights Institutes (UNESCO Headquarters, 20-21 September 1999).
UNESCO Prize for Peace Education (UNESCO Headquarters, 13 December 1999): awarded to the Asociación de Las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo (Argentina), the Prize received a particularly broad coverage in the media (the award ceremony, broadcast on CNN World Report on 23 December 1999, was seen in nearly 85 million homes in Europe).

Signature of a Memorandum of Cooperation with the University of Padua (Italy) on behalf of the European Master’s Programme in Human Rights and Democratization (November 1999).

The International Forum on Culture and Religion in Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan, 12-18 September 1999), comprised three activities: symposium on Culture and Religion in Central Asia; inauguration of a network of UNESCO Chairs on religions and spiritual traditions (Centre for the Studies on Muslim Christian Relations (Birmingham) and the Kyrgyz-Russian-Slavic University (Bishkek)); and the fourth session of the Academic Council of IICAS (International Institute for Central Asian Studies).


The following activities concerning the International Institute for the Study of Nomadic Civilizations (Ulan Bator, Mongolia) were carried out: symposium on “Nomads and the use of pastures today”, December 1999; second session of the Academic Council of the General Assembly of the Institute, December 1999.

First international Bantu conference (Santiago de Cuba, July 1999), organized in collaboration with the University of Alcalá (Spain), the Caribbean House and the Fernando Ortiz African Cultural Centre.

Other activities

Support to television programme banks in Belgrade and Sarajevo providing high-quality television programmes free of charge to television stations in both countries.

Support to extend the distribution of independent print media to Montenegro by APM Trans Press, the independent distribution network in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Support to Press Houses in Kigali and Bujumbura and professional media organizations in both countries.

UNESCO Chairs

Five UNESCO Chairs were created on: Education for Peace and Peaceful Conflict Resolution, Bujumbura, Burundi; Promotion of the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India; Human Rights, Democracy and Peace, University of Padua, Italy; Women and Their Rights, University Mohammed V, Rabat and University Ibn Toufail, Kenitra, Morocco; Culture of Peace, Human Rights and Democracy, Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Publications


*Human Rights: Major International Instruments - Status as at 31 May 1999.*

Elaboration of the second volume of the manual on human rights education for universities entitled *Human Rights: Concept and Standards* (already with the publisher).

Websites

Installation of a virtual forum on human security.

Development of the UNESCO Website on “Peace, Human Rights, Democracy, Tolerance and Non-Violence”; and on “Women and a Culture of Peace”.