

Trans-national co-operation among NCPs for International Cooperation

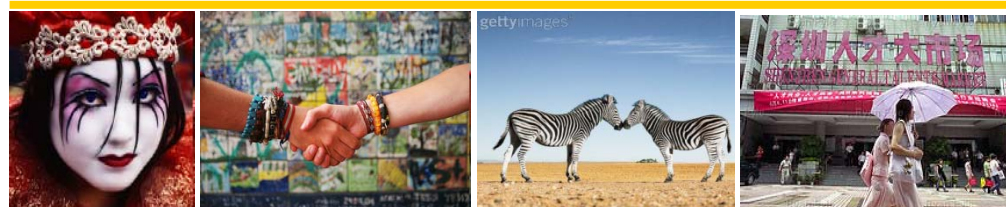
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INCONTACT

INCONTACT aims at the development of a platform for:

- Stimulating **closer cooperation** among all INCO national NCPs;
- **Improving** the overall NCP **network's capacity**;
- **Raising regional awareness** on FP7



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INCONTACT (*phase 1*) Characteristics

Project Duration: **24 months**,
Start Date: **1st January 2008** ,

Total Budget: **369,822 €**
End Date: **31st December 2009**

INCONTACT is structured in such a way to cover the 2 main objectives of the project, namely:

- **Reinforcing the network** of INCO NCPs through INCO NCP trainings
- **Raising regional awareness** on FP7 and training of ICPC NCPs
Identification and promotion of best practice

*51% of the total budget corresponds to the personnel costs for the implementation of the tasks, while a substantial **fraction (40% of budget)** is dedicated to tasks (travelling, seminars, regional workshops) open to all the NCP network.*



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Regional Workshops



**Russia, Moscow, 15-17 Oct '08
Workshop and Infoday**

31 participants from Russia and
the NIS:

*Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan,
Belarus, Georgia, Moldova,
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine,
Uzbekistan*

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Regional Workshops



Puebla Workshop/Infoday
Mexico City , Mexico, 17-20
Nov '08

33 participants from:

Central America	15
Latin America	5
EU NCPs	9
Other	4

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Regional Workshops

including FP7 infodays and regional tailor-made trainings



Pretoria Workshop, South Africa, 1-2 Dec '08

62 participants from:

Africa	56
EU NCPs	5
Other	1

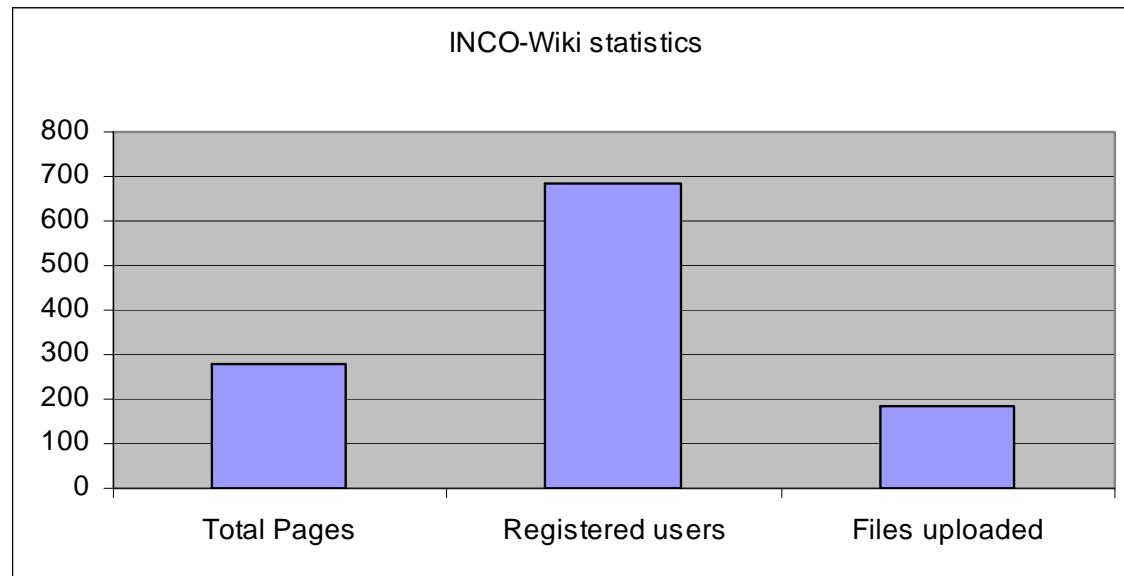
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INCO WIKI: www.ncp-incontact.eu

Wiki-Statistics (27.05.10):

- **278 total pages** in the database.
- **182 files** have been uploaded.
- **73,040 page views**, and 1,462 page edits
(5.26 average edits per page)
- **683 registered users**



Intercultural Research

In this project task the objective was to produce several presentation modules on **cultural differences** and **their effect on research and technological collaborations**

The presentations provide useful information on aspects of intercultural communication for the European researcher 's community as well as for third country participants and should help researchers from different parts of the work to effectively collaborate by knowing potential cultural peculiarities of the partner country or a region.



The presentations are published on the INCO-WIKI and available for use by the INCO NCPs

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Other

Dissemination Activities

- 4 INCONTACT newsletters
- 3 news alerts on specific issues
- Participation in events/workshops
- several publications

Participation in Committees

- Cordis Partner Search Working Group (participation in 3 meetings)

Other Initiatives

- Expanding the network – supporting the creation of new INCO NCPs (e.g. Tanzania, Taiwan)
- Specifying and working on specific INCO problems (e.g. Mexico)
- Cooperation with other initiatives (e.g. Biocircle, Transport NCPs, INCONET EECA)



Main accomplishments

Moving beyond the deliverables, the main accomplishments of INCONTACT are:

- **Strengthening the links** and enhancing cooperation of INCO NCPs
- **Understanding the needs** and specific problems of Third country INCO NCPs
- **Substantial Improvement of NCP capacities** mainly through the regional trainings
- Extension of NCP **cooperation beyond the typical NCP mandate.**



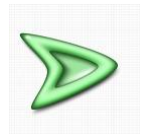
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INCONTACT – one world

In this direction INCONTACT-one world is suggesting **practical tools** to achieve its objectives:

- **4 Annual INCO NCP conferences** giving the opportunity for personal interaction, NCP professional training, discussion of global science policy issues, and presentation of research capacities from ICPC countries.
- **INCO-Wiki**, the Online Encyclopaedia on International Cooperation will move to a step further offering more complete practical information to the INCO NCPs/NIPs. It will also act as a tool for publishing project information and as a discussion platform.
- **Special trainings** for the professional development of the NCPs will be offered.
- A two-way **communication** channel **with all the thematic NCPs** will be set for facilitating the information flow on specific aspects of International Cooperation.



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first years main activities - accomplishments

- **1st INCO Conference “Supporting Research Integration”**, Athens 9-10 June 2010
- **2nd INCO Conference “Supporting Research Integration”**, Pretoria 26-28 September 2011
- **Local FP7 infodays** in Third countries: Quito (Ecuador), Shanghai (China), Moscow (Russia), Bangkok (Thailand), Johannesburg (South Africa), Mexico City (Mexico)
- **Mentoring & Twinning scheme** for newly established INCO NCPs: Special training workshop in Quito for the NCPs in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.



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1st years main activities - accomplishments

- **INCO-wiki** update and transformation to be the **online INCONTACT platform**.
Publication of a Manual.
- Setting the basis of a **global dialogue on FP7**
- Other: **communication tools / Thematic NCPs / Dissemination**



- **New nominations** of NCPs in the view of the INCO conference
- **Improved INCO NCPs capacities**
- **Enhanced INCO NCP cooperation** mainly due to personal contact
- Support **INCO visibility** within an outside EU



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1st INCO Conference “Supporting Research Integration”
Athens, 9-10/6/2010

- Unique and questioned experiment in the NCP community
- A large scale project
- Difficult to define objectives and conference’s concept in order to become a **meaningful event.**

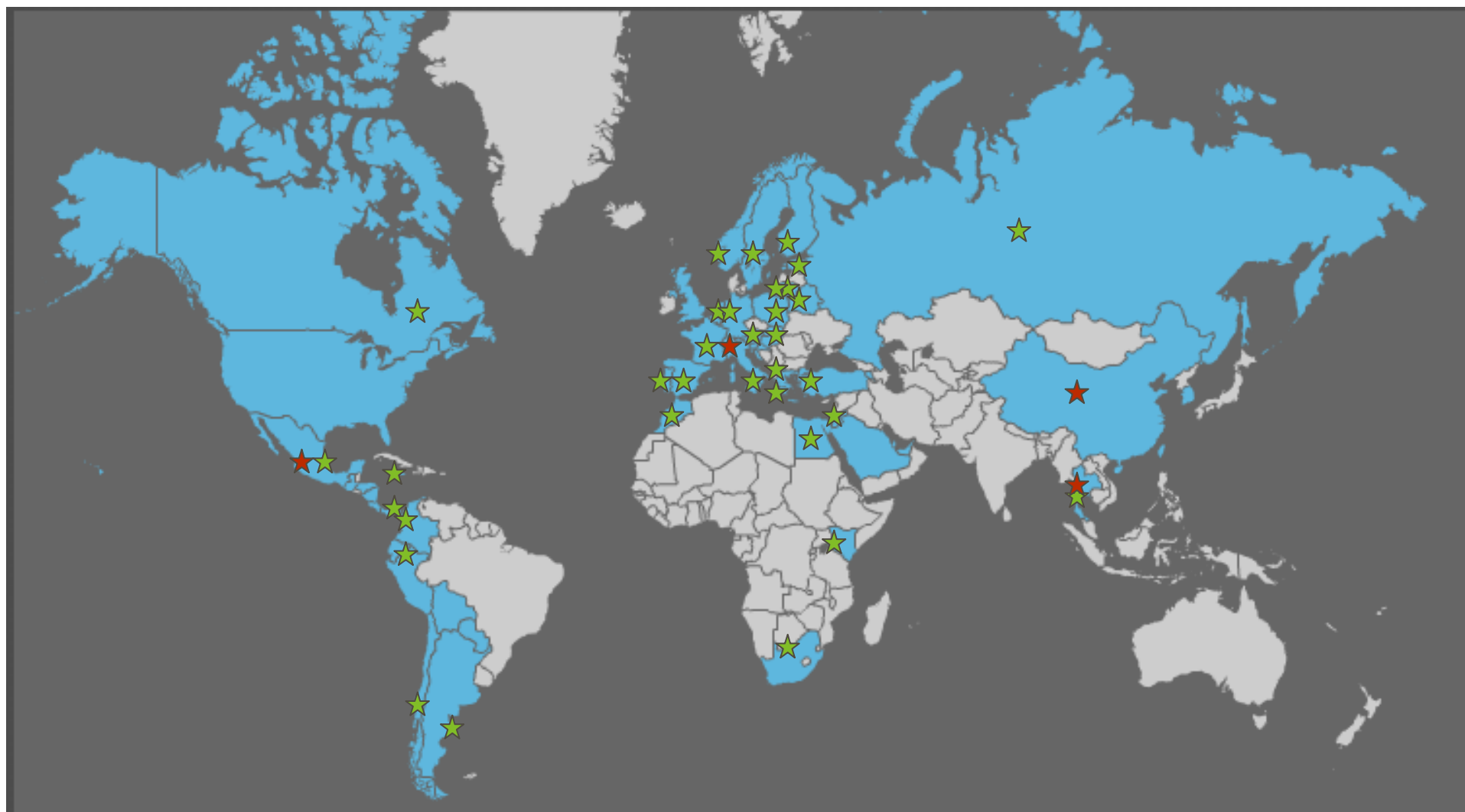
But

- Massive NCP participation – attraction for many satellite events
- Point of reference for EU International Cooperation Activities but also for International Scientific Cooperation in general
- Focus on the Arabic Peninsula



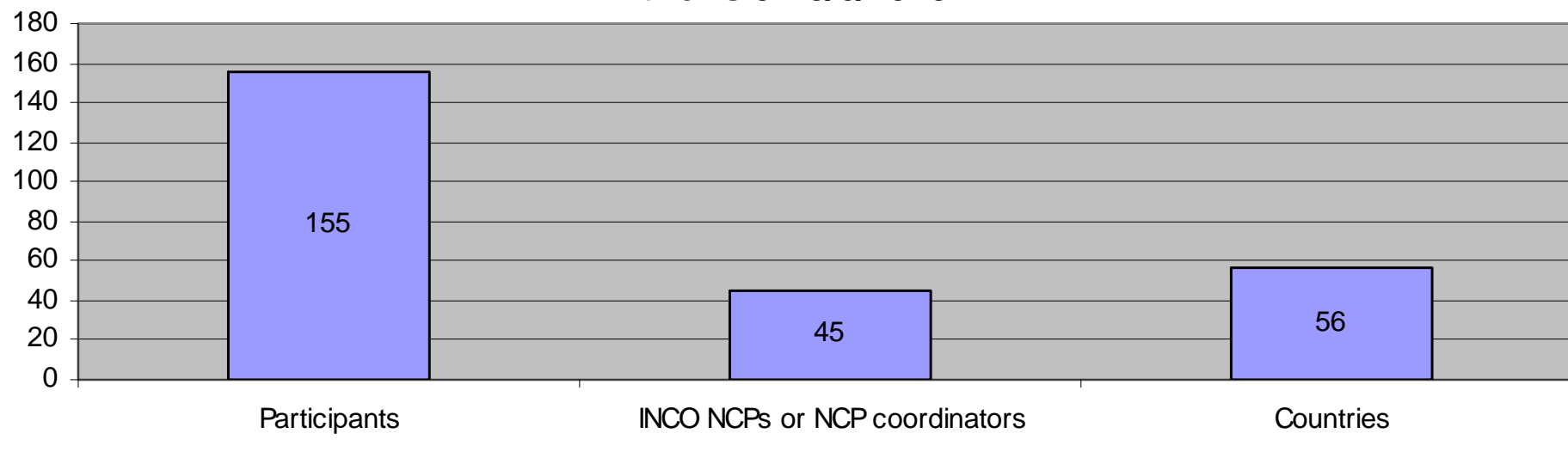
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Some highlights

- ERA update but also opening to other regions/countries/initiatives :
 - NSF (USA), OECD, Arabic Peninsula (area of focus)
- Initiation of a global discussion towards FP7 especially as a tool for addressing global challenges
- Review of BILAT activities, identification of common issues
- Massive NCP meeting,*but little participation from Eastern Europe and Central Asia*
- A "different" NCP training
- 8 parallel events



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2nd INCO Conference “Supporting Research Integration”

Pretoria, South Africa, 26-28/09/2011

- Area of focus : Sub-Saharan Africa
- Expected participants > 150
- INCO NCPs will be financially supported to participate
- 2 parallel trainings (for new and experienced INCO NCPs)



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Some general Conclusions

- **Global & Regional events:** A unique opportunity for personal interaction and strengthen the links with EU and EU NCPs
- Serious **training needs** even in regions/countries covered by INCONET/BILAT activities due to limited training activities or misimplemented
- In most of the cases, there is only a vague picture of the **actual NCP operations** in third country – Benchmarking/evaluation?
- **FP7 is difficult message** to be communicated in a Third country – **Best practice:** DST – South Africa.
- **Limited interaction** with the Thematics – Cooperation with other INCO activities is on a reasonable level.



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