

1. Teachers' Training Program in Thailand

September 16-20, 2019 (12:00 – 13:00)

Invitation posted publicly:

It is our pleasure in inviting you to participate in a teacher's training program organized as a part of "Curriculum Development for Sustainable Seafood and Nutrition Security (SSNS)" to be held at AITCC (Room B202) on September 16, 2019. For this program, 10 lecturers from Maejo University, Chiang Mai and Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen will participate. In this process seven expert lecturers from European partners i.e. Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), University of Stirling, Scotland, UK; University of Thessaly, Greece, and Euro Training, Greece will be assisting the group. The programme includes giving a lecture or seminar to "Post-graduate students" on a topic from a new course developed for SSNS program by the lecturer who developed it, followed by discussion and feedback from EU experts and others. The program at AIT is the first of its kind which will be continued in Khon Kaen University and end in Maejo University, Chiang Mai.

Report:

September 16, 2019 at AITCC (Room B202)

Teacher's training program as a part of EU Erasmus+ project in Thailand kicks off at AIT. EU partners presented about teachers guide-book being written and participants discussed about how to be a good teacher. Dr Ram Bhujel and Dr Salin Krishna taught their students new course developed as part of SSNS project and offered during the August semester. All teachers from Europe and Thailand observed and gave feedback how they performed. The two teachers were asked to go out of the room, and European partners asked our students to speak without any fear about our weaknesses and strengths which were discussed and passed to them. This is the way teachers trying to improve teaching learning. They planned to do the same in Khon Kaen University tomorrow and Maejo University later to do the same thing. Hope this has improved teaching and learning tremendously. Thanks to everyone including students who made the program very exciting and successful!





September 17, 2019

Participants visited a catfish hatchery farm which has been used for training and planned to use for internship program. A government station of the Department of Fisheries in Nong Suea district of Pathum Thani province was also visited to see the activities and assess the suitability of place for internship.



September 18, 2019

In Khon Kaen University, similar program of observation of teaching by Dr Patama and Dr Somsamorn were done who have developed two new courses i.e. Fish Diseases and Water Quality Control, and Fish and Meat Processing. Students were asked to comment on their teaching for improvement.



Field visit:

A tilapia cage culture farm was visited. The owner has 350 cages and 25 ponds for nursing of tilapia fingerlings before stocking into the pond. The farmer sells 1.5-2-ton fish either live fish or fresh in the market indicating he has a very good income.



Another farm called Tapra farm was visited was a hatchery of different fish species including red and black tilapia, gourami, silver barb, black carp, Mekong giant catfish, pangasius and also hybrid of Mekong giant catfish and pangasius.



September 20, 2019

Teacher's training program for Thailand concluded in Maejo University, Chiang Mai observing teaching, discussing with students, and doing exercise to improve course outline and overall teaching methods. We also had a very fruitful project meeting to discuss about lessons learned which will be used to plan for the similar training programs in Vietnam and Indonesia in November and February respectively. Thanks to all teachers and students of all the partners from Thailand, and also partners from Europe, who worked hard to make this event exciting and fruitful.





Date: 20-09-2019

Venue: Maejo University – Conference Hall

Presence: Ram, Amaya, Mags, Jorgen, Anita, Ioannis K, Ioannis B., Balafoutis, Chanagun, Sudaporn, Daracha, Karn, Watinee, Somsamorn, Parichard, Pornthep, Wassana. Anawat and Nong.

Lessons learned: from Teachers' Training Program in Thailand and plan for Vietnam and Indonesia, September 20, 2019 (12:00 – 13:00).

A meeting of project partners from EU and Thailand organized at the end of the Teacher's program at the Conference Hall of Maejo University, concluded the followings:

1. Progress of the SSNS project to be presented with matrix to let all the partners/teachers know about the status (**Action** – Project Coordinator or person delegate).
2. In Thailand, teacher's training program was organized at all the three project partners. However, in Vietnam and Indonesia, it may not be possible due to distance. The partners attending the meeting agreed that it should be done at least at two partner universities such as for Vietnam, program starts from Can Tho University then move to Nong Lam University. Similarly, in Indonesia, it was agreed to have programs at IPB first then to move to IPB as they are within a short distance. Six teachers from each of the three partners should attend in all the two places. The actual program should be five days, 2 days in each partner with one day travel/visit in between. (**Action:** UTH, as the coordinator of Teacher's program to develop a draft plan for Vietnam accordingly).
3. New techniques/methods of teaching should be presented/demonstrated by EU partners – one in each University (**Action:** UTH, as the coordinator of Teacher's program to assign).
4. Similarly, new teaching techniques learned from Europe trip to demonstrate by each Asian partner (**Action:** All Asian country coordinators to select the teachers for presentation).
5. VLE Webinar need to be organized as soon as possible – Doodle schedule will be set up and forwarded all project partners to find a common time. (**Action:** EuroTraining to arrange it along with a tutor).
6. Impacts to assess – EuroTraining (system/method) – in terms of capturing information and methodologies used so far by the Asian partners, carrying out some survey (planned). For this, a questionnaire to be developed in consultation

with other partners before the program starts. **Action:** Katerina/EuroTraining to send a draft questionnaire by 4th Oct.

7. For the Teacher's Training Program in Vietnam (in Nov time to be fixed), EuroTraining to send the VLE tutor to show the system/project which is working already and demonstrate the teachers how to use it. At the same time, parallel session to run for Thailand and Indonesia via Skype or other means. In order to practice VLE at least 2 course outlines and teaching materials should be made ready to use e.g. course outlines, assignments, case studies, field visits, lab sessions, videos, etc. (**Action:** Asian coordinators to select course and the teachers)
8. Visit of the facilities and also observing how they are used for practicals and teaching but need to avoid long and time-consuming field visits (**Action:** Asian Coordinators to suggest UTH).
9. If partners could record short videos of their teaching, lab sessions, etc. to show for discussion (**Action:** Asian Coordinators)
10. During the Teacher's training in Indonesia (February) – same face-to-face VLE session should be organized at one of the partner's place and parallel sessions in Thailand and Vietnam via Skype to ensure the participation of all teachers. (**Action:** EuroTraining and Asian Coordinators)
11. An exercise of streamlining / improving of a course outline should be done as was done in Maejo University (**Action:** Project Coordinator and local coordinators to arrange).
12. New courses developed to present by the local partners, and also structure of the programs to see the relation between gap analysis/needs assessment and new courses developed (**Action:** Project Coordinator and the local partners to arrange).
13. Partners also agreed to create thematic groups to be led by EU partners for the review of course outlines to ensure the appropriateness and the quality. (**Action:** Project Coordinator to write an email to each partner).
14. An appropriate plan/questionnaire (**Action:** EuroTraining) needs to be developed to gather student's feedback (fearless and real) in each partner university in Asia – during the teachers training program and also afterwards via email/online system.

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2. Teachers' program in Vietnam

Date: November 25-29, 2019

Venue 1 – Can Tho University, Can Tho City

Venue 2 – Nong Lam University, Ho Chi Min City

Program – coming soon

3. Teachers' program in Indonesia

Date: February 3-8, 2019 (tentative)

Venue 1 – Bogor Agriculture University, Bogor, Indonesia

Venue 2 – Jakarta Fisheries University, Jakarta, Indonesia

Program – coming soon