

The 3rd Core Group Meeting on OIC University Ranking

The 3rd Core Group Meeting on OIC University Ranking was held on 21-22 February 2008 in Tehran, The Islamic Republic of Iran. Mr. H. Hakan Eryetli and Mr. Esat Bakimli represented the Centre at the meeting.

The objective of the meeting was to review and discuss the progress of OIC University Ranking and finalize the process prior to the 11th OIC Summit Conference to be held in Dakar, Senegal on 13 – 14 March 2008. The meeting started with opening remarks by Dr. Hossein Mohammadi Doostdar, President of Centre for International Scientific Studies & Collaboration, CISSC, Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, welcoming remarks by Prof Dr. Mansour Kabganian, Deputy Minister of Science, Research and Technology, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the message of the OIC General Secretariat by Amb. Ali Akbar Salehi.

Moderated by Amb. Ali Akbar Salehi, the meeting adopted the proposed agenda and continued with presentations by Mr. E. Bakimli, Researcher at SESRTCIC, and Prof. A. Memariani, Director of the Institute for Research and Planning in Higher Education (IRPHE), Tehran, The Islamic Republic of Iran. Mr. Bakimli summarized the progress achieved so far in OIC University Ranking at SESRTCIC, shared their experience throughout the process with special focus on the problems related to the practice of data collection and the procedure of ranking, and concluded with proposal of some fine tunings and adjustments to overcome those problems. Following the report of SESRTCIC, Prof. Memariani shared their experience on ranking of the universities in the Islamic Republic of Iran by help of software they developed in accordance with the adopted criteria, procedures and mechanisms for the purpose of OIC university ranking.

On the other hand, Dr. Hassanuddeen Aziz gave a presentation on Quality Assurance in Higher Education for information of the Core Group. The meeting requested Dr. Hassanuddeen to present the information within the framework of the S & T activities of the 11th OIC Summit and later to prepare a comprehensive document on Quality Assurance Mechanisms for higher education for information of the member states.

The meeting also reviewed and discussed the Terms of Reference for the Coordination Bureau for OIC University Ranking, established under the auspices of IRPHE as the secretariat to the Core Group.

The 11th OIC Summit Conference will be provided with progress report on the implementation of the OIC University Ranking.