EUROPE REGIONAL STRATEGY GROUP REPORT

YEAR 2

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Related Local Organizations
European American Chamber of Commerce

Activities of Focus for the Next Few Years
- Collaborate with German partner on conference to be held in Cincinnati in conjunction with 2015 Munich Sister City visit
- Identify potential partner institution(s) in Eastern Europe
- Investigate NSF funding opportunities in Europe and apply with partner institutions as appropriate
- Explore dual degree programs such as Engineering/Spanish for the Professions
- Work with partner institutions to identify short-term program opportunities both at UC and at European partner location
- Explore faculty research opportunities with partners, as well as summer programs for faculty
2013-14 Europe Strategy Group Summary

The Europe Regional Strategy Group has made considerable progress this year in identify the first countries of focus and optimal university partners. The countries and institutions of focus are below.

France
The committee has focused on identifying French comprehensive institutions that will allow UC multiple opportunities to engage across disciplines.

Toulouse 1 Capitole University
Introductions and connections have been made with Toulouse. A video conference with representatives from Toulouse and UC was held. Toulouse has invited UC representatives to visit the week of May 12 to further identify areas of common interest and scholarship.

University of Bordeaux 1
A video conference with the University of Bordeaux was held April 10th. The outcome and it was determined that when UC representatives are in France visiting the University of Toulouse, they will also visit the University Bordeaux to further pursue their areas of common interest and scholarship as well.

Germany
After careful deliberation about the many opportunities in Germany, the committee has decided to focus our partner institution identification in and around the city of Munich. This is in part based on institutional relationships we already have and our sister city relationship with Munich.

Ludwig Maximilian University – Munich
UC has enjoyed a collaborative relationship with the LMU for close to 20 years. UC will send a small UC contingent in late June/early July to coincide with the 25th anniversary Cincinnati/Munich Sister City celebration. We will visit LMU to renew our collaboration and identify additional opportunities for research and student mobility.

Technical University of Munich
While in Munich, members of our group will visit TUM. They offer programs in natural sciences, engineering, medicine, life sciences, business and economics, teaching and educational research many of which are not available at LMU. Together they provide, in one location, comprehensiveness similar to that of UC.

Spain
This is the final country of choice for the committee. We have tentatively identified three institutions to further investigate through personal correspondence, video conferencing and visits much of which will occur over Summer 2014.

Universidad Carlos III Madrid
UC3M is a relatively young institution established in 1989. It is a relatively small, innovative, public university. We currently exchange a small number of students with them annually.

University of Salamanca
Salamanca is an attractive, historic location with programs ranging from baccalaureate through doctoral. It is a comprehensive institution of about 30,000 students with significant experience in international relations, collaborations, and programming.

University of Granada
Granada is a large, public university of 80,000 students and the most popular destination for students from other European countries. It is comprehensive and has a long tradition in coordinating international academic collaborations.