

Present Members:

- Panzini: Maria Caroli, Susana Angeletti
- Sedu: Juha Rippi
- Nagasaki Junior College: Luc Roberge
- Nagasaki International University: Brendan Van Deusen
- Xabec: Antonio Mir
- ROC West Brabant: Frank Kerstens
- ECC Kokusai Gakkuen: Aki Nagaoka, Bryan Dyck

Discussion Items

1. GCN promotional Video

- a. It was decided that we should aim to develop a short GCN Promotional Video
- b. The GCN Video could be used by institutions to promote the GCN at both our own institutions as well as a video that concisely captures what the GCN is. This will help us try and attract other institutions to the group.
- c. First, a deeper discussion needs to take place as to “what is the GCN?”
- d. Also, it was discussed that individual institutions may want to think about way of advertising the GCN to their own students and faculty. We need to increase awareness within our own institutions.

2. Future of Ambassador Conference (AC)

- a. All members agreed that the AC was a very large success and a component of the GCN that we should try and incorporate on a yearly basis.
- b. It was discussed that it may be worthwhile to work towards making the AC larger, in regards to the number of participants, in the coming years.
- c. It was also noted that before planning, it was important to get feedback from the participants that participated in the 2017 Panzini AC.
- d. Institutions may want to explore finding funding, either through Erasmus funding, individual schools or other, and use the AC as an opportunity to provide students, whom may not otherwise be able to go abroad.
- e. For the immediate future, we will try keep the ambassador conference in Europe to make the AC as accessible to the most number of GCN institutions. We can review the feasibility of holding it outside Europe at a later date. Perhaps, aiming for a 2020 CA and GCN conference in Nagasaki, Japan.
 - i. European institutions can consider how to get Erasmus funding
 - ii. Minimum 2 weeks
 - iii. Connect with a local company(ies).
- f) Panzini had some recommendations for future CA hosts . It was decided that they should prepare some general advice that could be passed to future organizers.

3. Next Conferences - Location and dates

- a. 2018 : ROCWB would like to have the opportunity to organize. ROC should be able to confirm with GCN members by early April if they can or cannot host. If ROC is unable, Xabec has offered to host, or possibly in Chichester.

- b. 2019: Possibly in Spain or the UK
- c. 2020: Possibly in Nagasaki, Japan (dual host, Nagasaki Junior College, Nagasaki International University)
- d. Through discussion, the best timing for the 2018 conference will be October or November. Please plan for this time period. Please think about students for the CA.
- e. We would like to continue with the overlap of the CA conference and the General GCN Conference
- f. Future conference should have more time for GCN discussion. We will stay the individual institutions presentations, in favor of more guided discussions about GCN matters and projects. We will try and include time for member to member “speed dating” and other networking opportunities
- g. Hosting institutions should receive a plaque to be displayed at their schools

4. Multi-Destination Program

This was discussed at the 2016 Sedu conference. Some progress was made, and a general framework and options have been published on our website. The following were discussed:

- a. We can modify the explanation. Currently the multi-destination and short-term pages on the website are almost identical. Combine these.
- b. Attempt to coordinate multi-destination programs with the half-term break of Chichester (late-October; mid-February).

5. Improved Communication between conferences

- a. Luc Roberge (Nagasaki Junior College) was nominated (volunteered) as GCN Coordinator.

2017 Action Points

- Luc will send email about what we expect from and can provide to the GCN.
 - Sarah has agreed to compile them pass back to members. **Done (but some members have not yet contributed their feedback)**
- Ambassador conference participant feedback - Luc will make a survey. Each member institution will pass to participating students and translate if necessary .
- Panzini will make report of the Ambassador Conference. Advice document for future ambassador conferences
- Brendan will collect information to create a blog about collaboration among member schools on a small or large scale
- Bryan will make Conference Hosting Plaques
- Bryan will coordinate Promotional Video for the GCN
- Luc and Bryan will make ambassador video **Done**.
- Frank will email Teacher exchange documents and information to members. Teachers Mobility Project **Done**.
- We need to make a document about organizing conferences. Past organizers can give feedback to future organizers to make the process of planning and delivering the conference more structured.
- Luc will make a contact list. Name of participants **Done (see website)**
- Luc will get information from past Conference hosts about advice, challenges of organizing the event. **In Progress**
- Luc will contact MIA GCN member institutions. **Done**
- Luc will make past conference pages for website. Get programs, photos from past hosts **In Progress**
- Luc will update the website ambassador program itineraries on the gcn website. **Done**
- Bryan and Brendan will coordinate plaques for the host institutions from 2012 (Kyoto)

