

Bilateral Seminar of
HRK and CRUCH
Munich on 5 October 2006.

Joint declaration

A delegation of the Consejo de Rectores de Universidades Chilenas (CRUCH) and representatives of the Hochschulrektorenkonferenz (HRK) met within their regular contacts for a joint seminar on higher education issues in Munich (Germany) on 5 October 2006.

Central to the discussions were the recent developments in the higher education systems of the respective countries, giving particular attention to

- recent European developments such as the Bologna Process and the 7th Framework Program,
- quality assurance in higher education,
- further development of academic and scientific cooperation between Germany and Chile.

As a result of their discussions, HRK and CRUCH declared their intention to

- Support a review of the existing academic mobility programs
- Share and collaborate to establish in Chile a transferable credit system that is compatible with the Bologna System
- Strengthen the Latin American TUNING Project, either with the current disciplines under process or introducing new disciplines
- Endorse the integration of both public university systems in the ongoing governmental process of Science and Technology Policy and priority definition in Chile
- Encourage the creation of a Doctoral College to give joint-PhD degrees and/or double degrees between both university systems
- Support participation of Chilean researchers in the Areas of 7th Framework Program of the European Union
- Further efficacy and efficiency in research resources for both systems
- Accompany - within the framework of their competencies - the selection process of future scholarship holders taking into account the geographical distribution in Chile and the aim to build up critical mass in development priority areas of mutual benefit.
- Strengthen the learning process of German Language in Chile

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