

Dear Dr. Reber,

The following summarizes the main conclusions and action points from our most pleasant and interesting meeting today, November 10, 1998.

1. Cooperation between the FER and the OEUF. Working Group

The existence of many similar objectives and interests was reconfirmed. These mutual interests can and should be considered as the basis for formation of a Working Group

for

- a) effort on a current specific objective of the FER;
- b) an extension of the OEUF;
- c) a joint effort with other groups, depending on the subject selected.

2. The "Syntegrity" Model; Professor Markus Schwaninger, U. of St. Gallen

Based on the interest you expressed, I will discuss informally the project concepts of

most current interest to you with Professor Schwaninger on November 12th and get his

views on the applicability of the organizational concepts of Stafford Beer to them:

- Internationalization of the Swiss Higher Educational System. The Virtual Campus Project
- Preparation of an International Conference on the Competitiveness of the Swiss Marketplace
- The Labor Market in a Knowledge-based Economy
- Organization of a Governmental Commission in a Political Context

I will report to you promptly his views and ideas on how one might proceed further.

3. Working Group Members

Further to the above, we should both be thinking about possible members of the Working

Group. We would want such people to commit to making regular contributions to the

effort, as much as possible on-line, but also off-line. The Group could include, apart from

the OEUF team already involved, the following or their designates (assuming you wish to

include non-Swiss resident people and organizations; your decision):

- Don Foresta, CNAM, Paris (Art and Industry)
- Professor Guerino Mazzola, U. of Zurich
- Professor Basarab Nicolescu, U. of Paris; Centre International de Recherche Transdisciplinaire
- Professors Schwaninger, Ricotti and Schmid, U. of St. Gallen
- Professor Luigi Dadda, U. of Italian Switzerland
- Thomas von Waldkirch, TECHNOPARK, Zurich (?)

- Xavier Comtesse, Swiss Embassy, Washington (still?)
- Wolf Zinkl, COGIT, Basel
- Members of the Swiss Science Council, as you suggested
- Others to be suggested, especially, from private business (I have some ideas here)

4. Structures for Support of Technological Innovation

You indicated your on-going work in this related area, and I would be glad to contribute to your Delphi study in progress. For an example of a new initiative in the United States, "Faithworks", to establish relations between successful business leaders and high-technology entrepreneurs, see <http://www.upside.com/texis/mvm/story?id=363515df0>

5. The Lugano Colloquium

I understand the new constraints on your time, but I hope it will still be possible for you and/or Dr. Drangeid to come to Lugano. I also suggest that you and/or one of your colleagues make a point of visiting the group of Professor Wegmann at the EPFL for a demonstration by Francis Lapique and Gil Regev of the applications of their work, their plans for courses and so on. For their benefit, I am noting here the reference to your site for study of biomaterials <http://www.admin.ch/swr/biomaterials> I am curious as to the results you obtained for the text part of your questionnaire vs. the "Yes No" option-

In this connection, you indicated that the areas of most interest to you at our Colloquium were

- any concrete results from the debate on globalization with regard to science systems;
- in education, discussion of the virtual campus;
- the tasks of communications science, as seen at the USI;
- the orientation towards interdisciplinary approaches.

If no-one from your group is able to come, I will make a point of noting comments in these areas and pass them on to you.

6. FUTURA

The concept of placing certain items from the FUTURA publication on the OEUF web site was discussed briefly. It should be further discussed, probably, with my colleagues at the EPFL during the suggested visit there.

In closing, I noted down a specific reference to the need for development of concrete methods, using the best tools available, but also for a perhaps new and more fruitful style of work, including reference to our interest in ethical aspects of new technologies and the INTERNET.

I hope I have correctly reflected your views on the many subjects discussed, and I look forward to the next occasion of talking with you or exchanging thoughts to progress further.

With many thanks again and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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