

Period of activity: 2008

The directions of Pedagogical Network activity have been focused on completing the first stage of network development that consisted in coordinating the efforts of the university and all participants of UNESCO Programme in the sphere of education, culture, communication, humanities and social sciences in accordance with the Agreement of Network Launching.

In accordance with the Agreement of Network Launching we continue to solve the principal goals of Cooperation Programme:

- to work out the integral system in the sphere of pedagogical education, research studies, preparation of teaching staff, informational and paper activity;
- to provide the support and the expert assessment of participants' activity in the sphere of pedagogical education.

The contribution to research studies of the participants of UNESCO Cooperation Programme by expanding international collaboration with UNESCO and its organizations, innovative activity of universities by involving different specialists in the development of UNESCO research international projects, distribution of network participants' research experience at international level by cooperating with UNESCO are the achievements of UNESCO Pedagogical Network over the reporting period.

The important contribution has been made by the participants of Cooperation Programme to the implementation of UNESCO programmes "UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs", "Education for All", "Inclusive Education" as well as the Russian innovative educational programme "Creation of innovative system for training specialists in the sphere of humanitarian technologies in social field".

Major outcomes of corporative activity at Cooperation Programme with special reference to its impact on human, social and cultural development:

at local level – the development of interdisciplinary educational programmes by using the experience of Cooperation Programme's participants;

at national level – the involvement of Cooperation Programme's participants in network associations;

at regional level – the improvement of the system for preparing teaching staff of a new kind for inclusive education;

at international level – the enlargement of educational services for the participants by their involvement in UNESCO projects.

The high expert assessment of UNESCO Pedagogical Network was given by Mr. Q.Tang, Deputy Assistant-Director General for Education UNESCO, Director of Executive Office, UNESCO Headquarters, on his working visit to Herzen University in June 2008. Mr. Q.Tang endorsed the activity of Cooperation Programme's participants in UNESCO network projects and the results of international programme "Education for All". Upon Mr. Q.Tang's recommendation UNESCO Pedagogical Network was submitted to UNESCO Conference on Inclusive Education in Geneva (November, 2008) in the person of its Head, Rector of the Herzen Pedagogical University of Russia.