



WT2.6: European Centre for Soft Computing Report

Activities performed during the visit

in University of Piraeus, Greece

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Personal Information

Mr./Ms. Przemysław Kazienko, faculty member of Wrocław University of Technology, faculty of Computer Science and management, Poland visited **University of Piraeus**, Greece in the period from June 5, 2014 to June 10, 2014 in order to carry out research and training activities in the field of network intelligence and social network analysis.

Information about Seminars

Przemysław Kazienko gave two talks on “*Network analysis*” and “*SNA, Data Collection and Reduction*” at Hellenic American College, Athens, Greece during the visit.

Description of scientific activity in details

(Please describe value added to the ENGINE project i.e. new knowledge, new skills with respect to the objectives of the project, the assigned common area of future cooperation with the partner, plans for common research, projects, publications and how it could be used in the scope of ENGINE)

The talks were performed mainly with prof. Demetrios G Sampson and his co-workers. They are much involved in various research in the field on e-learning and distance training. It is an overlapping area (to ours), in which network science can also be applied. Additionally, the visit of prof. Demetrios G Sampson in Poland in September 2014 was discussed. He was invited to give a keynote speech at MiSSI 2014 conference (not supported by ENGINE); the conference domain is very relevant to ENGINE.

Besides University of Piraeus, another institution was visited close to Piraeus, namely Hellenic American College in Athens. I gave two speeches there and met several potential partners, especially Frans N. Stokman, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, Ee-Peng Lim, Singapore Management University, Singapore, Panagiotis Karampelas, Hellenic American University, USA/Greece, Vladimir Batagelj, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, Huan Liu, Arizona State University, USA and Bettina Berendt, KU Leuven, Belgium.

We also talked about their engagement in ASONAM 2015 that we will organize in Wrocław with the ENGINE support. Bettina Berendt was potentially very important new ENGINE partner but she suspended this idea at the moment.

Information referring to the intellectual property

(the generally binding law in this area in the visited country and procedures of patenting);

Greek interlocutors were not experts in the domain.

Description of the procedure of cooperation between universities and SME in visited country

(how it is organized, the sources of funding, the opinions about drawbacks and strengths of existing solution).

Some information was gathered about procedures in the USA (from Huan Liu, *Arizona State University, USA*). Some universities e.g. Stanford gives 5% share in spin-off companies to their employees but requires keeping this level even if the company grows. MIT gives 10% and is less successful than Stanford.

Due to significant crisis in public sector, the funding of scientific research is recently much reduced in Greece these days.

REMARK: Apart from this information also a program of the visit and the presentation in electronic version should be given to the project office (please send the report to Monika.rok@pwr.wroc.pl). Please respond to the points 1-5 for outgoing visit and points 1-3 for incoming visit.