

## UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2016/2017

### Nagoya University

#### Japan

During the 2016/2017 reporting period, Nagoya University undertook a number of activities that underscore its commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly noteworthy:

#### 1. The Academic Consortium for the 21st Century (AC21)

The Academic Consortium for the 21st Century (AC21) was established at the International Forum 2002 hosted by Nagoya University, Japan, as an international network comprised of educational, research and industrial organizations throughout the world. The principal theme of the inaugural forum, “The Role of Universities in the 21st Century”, continues to guide AC21’s activities to this day. In an era of continuous change, we believe that institutions of higher education must take the initiative in responding to the rapidly transforming needs of society, and that an international university network, with its common pool of knowledge, expertise and experience, comprises the optimum means to accomplish this. As demonstrated by the scale of our projects and activities, AC21 is firmly committed to contributing to the global knowledge sector.



The vision of AC21 is the promoting of cooperation in education and research between members, the bridging between different societies in the world and the delivering of wisdom to all people to mutually understand and share values, knowledge and cultures necessary to improve quality of life and to foster co-existence beyond national and regional boundaries in the 21st century. The activities of AC21 can be divided into the three broad areas of Education, Research, and Partnerships with Industry and Local Regions. Through joining the organization, all members have agreed to support 1) Regularly holding AC21 International Research and Student Forums, 2) Active exchange of students, faculty

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members and administrative staff, 3) Shared access to information on research interests and academic activities, 4) Development of cooperative educational programs and 5) Development of partnerships with industry and local regions.

## **2. International Forums**

After joining UNAI, AC21 held two International Forums, at Stellenbosch University in 2014, with the theme “Science for Society: Higher Education as Builder of Hope”, and at Technische Universität Chemnitz in 2016, “Networks of Innovation for the Transformation of Society through Science”. As for Student World Forums, jointly organized by the University of Strasbourg and the University of Freiburg, with its theme “The European Experience in Local and Regional Democracy” in 2016 and in 2017 Gadjra Mada University hosted “Community and Indigenous-based Technology for Sustainable Development towards Resilience Society”. Next International Forum will be hosted at Jilin University in China and Student World Forum will be held at Technische Universität Chemnitz in Germany.

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