

Activity Report of the EADI Working Group on International Migration

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Over the year 2008, the Working Group on International Migration has expanded considerably. The number of its members increased by about one third. Among the new members is high share of young junior researchers who, when entering the International Migration WG, at the same time became members of the EADI which is a good perspective for the future development.

The WG was very active over the last year which is also due to the fact that the interest in migration and remittances issues is increasing, on the policy as well as on the scientific level. Hence, the member institutions succeeded in altogether mobilizing funding of several million Euro for a broad spectrum of activities. Donors were the EU, the British Academy, Conacyt, the Germany Academic Exchange Service, MacArthur Foundation, and many others. WG members published more than 80 papers and books in the area of international migration. Also, the organizations they are affiliated to organized around 40 workshops, seminars and conferences on international migration.

The spectrum of topics approached covered a wide spectrum of migration-related issues, ranging from integration of migrants' children in the host countries' school system over environmentally induced migration up to the impact of migration on rural development.

In spite of this diversity, there was intense interaction between members of the WG, and a large number and broad spectrum of cooperative activities, such as joint seminars, joint supervision of PhD theses, joint research projects and funding applications.

On the occasion of the EADI General Conference in Geneva, the International Migration WG organized a WG session, a parallel session, and a Round Table. Members of the WG contributed with several presentations, and some of the external presenters became new members of the WG. The presentations of this event will be published in a proceedings volume which is presently under revision.

Presently, the group's networking is strengthening. Some members are working on joint proposals which they plan to submit this year. Also, the group is planning for a WG workshop to be held in early 2010.

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