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**Activity Report of the Standing Committee of the Working Group on Training 2004-2005**

1 The Annual Meeting of IAMLADP 2003 mandated the Working Group on Training to set up a Standing Committee for contacts between IOs and universities. The inaugural meeting of the SC was held in Brussels on March 11 2004. The co-chairs elected were Mr Noel Muylle and Ms Barbara Moser-Mercer and Secretary Mr Brian Fox. It was agreed that the co-chairs and secretary be elected for a year, renewable at the next annual meeting.

2 The Annual Meeting endorsed the Standing Committee, approved its terms of reference and called on member IOs to support the work of the Standing Committee.

3 As part of the work programme for 2004-2005, members approved the proposal to compile job descriptions from as many IOs as possible and to have these posted on the IAMLADP website <http://www.wipo.int/iamladp/en/>. This site was provisionally created by David Chambers of WIPO, but at the Annual Meeting of IAMLADP in July 2004, it was agreed that UNHQ be responsible for the site as soon as they were in a position to run it, provide a webmaster and make the site operational. UNHQ has not yet taken over the site, which has consequently been put "on hold". As an interim solution, the existing site has remained with WIPO, awaiting its migration to the UNHQ. In order to make progress, it was agreed with UNHQ that profiles be sent to D Chambers for posting, subject to agreement in the Standing Committee. The technicalities of access to this site are still pending.

4 In addition, it was agreed that generic skills profiles could be drafted and posted for discussion on the WIPO-hosted discussion forum <http://webforum.wipo.int/iamladpForum> and once agreed, on the web site. Most of these have been prepared, one per language profession, by volunteers in the SC and WGT and are ready for posting, in order to allow the discussion to begin.

5 The IAMLADP AM endorsed the report of the Task Force on internships and placements at the WGT's initiative. The findings of this report have been summarised in a "best practice guide". Once agreed, the intention is to put this guide on the public part of the web site to serve as reference material for both IOs and universities, willing and interested in embarking on the scheme.

6 By now a good number of IOs have submitted their job descriptions and work continues to collect more. It is now up to the universities to provide input including information on their courses and modules both during their professional courses and as part of continuous training.

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