

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**  
**Report for Triennium 1995 - 1998**

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**Liaison with UNESCO:**

On September 30, 1996, a meeting between representatives of IUVESTA (Prof Robins and Dr Croset) and UNESCO was held in Paris. The UNESCO contacts were: Dr. Ahmed Sayyad, Assistant Director-General for External Relations; Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of the Department Priority to Africa; and, Mr. A. Pinilla, Chief of the Coordination and Evaluation Unit. The main subject of the meeting was IUVESTA/UNESCO cooperation and, in particular, the IUVESTA Tutorial Course Project. This project will have to be sent for approval and support to the UNESCO Director General as soon as financial support, complementing the one from UNESCO, can be obtained.

A council of Non-Government Organisations (NGO's) of 47 members, including IUVESTA, has been created by UNESCO. Three working groups have been set up. IUVESTA belongs to the third group which covers Education and Peace, Social Structures, and Information and Communication. IUVESTA is more closely involved in the third subject which includes: modern communication techniques for education, science and culture; implementation of electronic media for dissemination of information; and teaching pedagogy. Three meetings of the third group have been programmed in 1998.

**Liaison with ICTP:**

Professor J.L. Robins, Dr M. Sancrotti, Dr M. Virasoro and Dr G. Furlan met at ICTP in June 1997. This led later to the approval of a programme for the 3rd ICTP/IUVESTA Workshop on thin films. Dr Sancrotti met Dr G. de Nardo in June 1998 to explore the possibility of identifying suitable educational events (schools, short courses) to be jointly organised by ICTP and IUVESTA in developing countries. Dr de Nardo suggested a school on synchrotron radiation to be held in Thailand. This opportunity is presently under examination.

**Liaison with ICSU:**

Professor Colligon has, with the help of Professor Robins, provided annual entries for both the ICSU Year Book and the ICSU Annual Report. Because of a clash of dates with an IUVESTA meeting, Dr N Rey Whetten, previous Councillor for the USA, kindly agreed to represent IUVESTA at the ICSU General Assembly meeting in Washington in September 1997.

**Other Liaisons and projects:**

Preliminary contacts have been initiated during the past triennium with the Nobel Prize Organisation (through Professor Westerberg) and with the European Union (through Monsieur Dupont and Professor Pireaux). Attempts are also being made to liaise with the Asian Pacific Education Network (Professor Robins) and the Organisation of American States (Professor Falcony).

For the next triennium it is suggested that Liaison Officers should be appointed to take charge of specific activities under the responsibility and guidance of the IUVSTA President.

M.Croset

Chairman of the Liaison Committee.