

Press release



European seal of quality for international mining and minerals engineering programme

<u>5 October 2007</u> – The European Commission has granted Erasmus Mundus status to the Erasmus Mundus Minerals and Environmental Programme (EMMEP). The Commission supports selected top-quality European Masters courses to enhance the visibility and attractiveness of European higher education outside the EU. The Commission selected 23 Masters programmes out of 174 applications in 2007.

EMMEP is a collaboration between six European universities: the Delft University of Technology (who act as coordinator), RTWH Aachen, University of Exeter, Helsinki University of Technology, University of Miskolc en Wroclaw University of Technology.

The programme offers a unique curriculum with three specialisations in the area of mining and minerals engineering with attention for environmental aspects. The specialisations focus on:

- 1. Extraction of resources
- 2. Processing and recycling of resources
- 3. Environmental and geotechnical engineering

Upon completion of the programme, graduates receive MSc degrees from two participating universities. The partner universities have well-established research and educational profiles in mining and minerals engineering and, because of the small class sizes, the programme has a very favourable professor-to-student ratio.

The programme receives 20 scholarships annually for talented students from outside the EU. The total value of the scholarships for a period of five years is nearly 3 million Pounds. Entry requirements are a Bachelors degree in natural resource engineering or in an equivalent discipline. The degree includes a Diploma Supplement describing the expertise gained during the programme.

The programme consists of four semesters over a two-year period. The first two semesters involve a joint curriculum at 3 or 4 universities while studying in the two later semesters takes place at the two universities awarding the double degree.

More than 30 multinational companies sponsor the programme. The industrial support contributes significantly to the programme's success, with companies offering a choice of internships and job opportunities to participating students.

The programme accepts 45 EU and 20 non-EU students per year.

For more information, you can link to:

Erasmus Mundus programme:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html

EMMEP Programme: www.emmep.org