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Barents Cross-Border University meeting, Archangel 13th to 14th October, 2008

The Barents Cross-Border University (BCBU) meeting in Archangel on October 2008 was organized in co-ordination with the Archangel State Technical University, the Northern State Medical University, and the Pomor State University. The meeting started on the 13th October with parallel meetings of the Master's program working groups. Each meeting was held at a different organizing university depending on the correspondence with the field of the Master's program in concern. During the working group meetings, planning issues were discussed, and for the starting programs also issues dealing with applying and student selection.

The second day was devoted to the Rector meeting, which was opened and chaired by Liudmila Haymina, Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics of the Pomor State University. For a start, the greetings from the Governor of Arkhangelsk Region delivered Vsevolod Osipov, Chief of Scientific Department of Arkhangelsk Regional Administration. Following that, Rectors, Vice-Rectors and their representatives introduced the present situation in implementing Bologna process and respective Master's programs in their universities. In general, the implementing of Bologna process has advanced reasonably well in each participating university, thus given a good basis for building up joint Master's programs in the future. Doctoral education as a natural continuum of the Master's education was also brought up as a new element for BCBU cooperation. After these presentations, the representatives of each Master's programs presented their reports for the meeting. Available presentations are linked on the BCBU web pages in connection with the [meeting program](#).

At the end of the second day, also the Finnish-Russian joint steering group meeting of Master's programs (Comparative Social Work and Barents Environmental Engineering) was held, during which discussions evolved around the results of the ongoing year and the planned activities for 2009.

At the end of the meetings, Vice-Rector Riitta Keiski from the University of Oulu forwarded Rector Lauri Lajunen's invitation for the next meeting, which will be held in Oulu on the 20th February 2009.