

USA-France

CTI international seminar

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Timetable

Monday morning

ABET-CTI workshop on learning outcomes

Monday afternoon

USA-France exchanges : competencies of the engineer



Monday morning: learning outcomes (1/2)

- Life-long learning
 - LLL for what ? change of job ? change of position ? change of firm ?
 - a lot is already been done in engineering curricula
- Social & societal responsibility
 - needs an "S&S-consistent" approach
 - shared experience return
 - linked to innovation



Monday morning: learning outcomes (2/2)

Leadership

- development of individual leadership skills is possible
- internship, team working, role plays, sports, junior entreprises, humanitory activities are OK ...
- but how to measeure their impact on skills?

Teamwork

- assessment of the level of teamwork
 - define the attributes
 - involve alumni, employers and peers
- adapt to the nature of the institution



Monday afternoon: Competencies (1/2)

- Engineering learning outcomes (bachelor, master)
 - ABET = quality + innovation + professional skills
 - ENAEE = exportation of the European label (EUR-ACE) throughout the world (to date, 1500 programmes, 170 universities, 15 countries)
 EC's educational model vs. von Humboldt's
 - in common : learning outcomes
 - European AHELO program: 1 evaluation system for higher education quality all around the world?



Monday afternoon: **competencies** (2/2)

- USA-France professional exchanges
 - CGG: team management
 - strong cultural differences: decision making, uncertainty avoidance, motivation through achievement recognition
 - Sofradir: communication
 - "pas trop mal" = outstanding
 - no reply = reply "no"
 - French don't respect timetables, don't take decisions
 - US respect time, French look for solutions
 - slides in English ⇒ misunderstanding
 - the right to fail



Monday afternoon: Competencies (2/2)

- USA-France academic exchanges
 - Grenoble INP
 - 13 outgoing students vs. 6 incoming from USA
 - key for success: customize programmes for US students
 - CDEFI: survey on academic F-USA exchanges
 - agreements with 170 US universities
 - 75% F engineering school have an agreement with at least one University in the USA



Sunday: preparation

