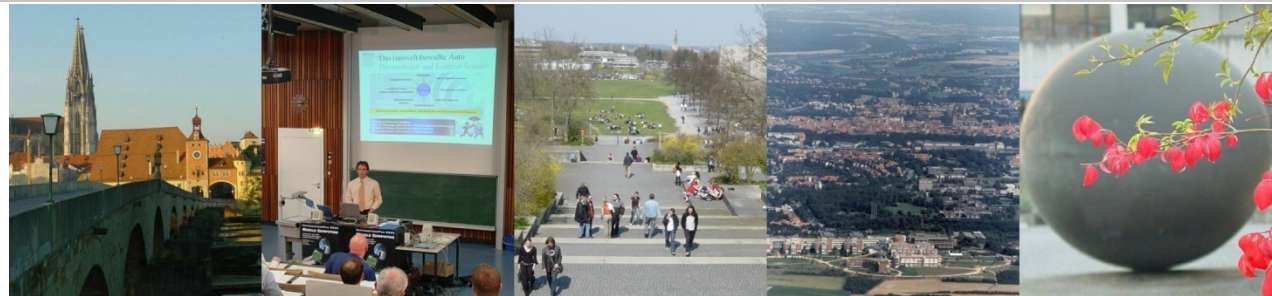


How to initiate international cooperation: best practice models in academic exchange

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The City of Regensburg



“One of the most beautiful cities in the world”

Lord Norman Forster, British star architect

Regensburg – in the heart of Europe!

- 4th largest city in Bavaria
- 150,000 inhabitants
- World Heritage City
- among 'Top 100 Sights of Germany'
- Located on the river Danube
- Economic prosperity



A medieval city with over 2,000 years of history...



Up to the 18th century:

- a European metropolis
- a wealthy commercial city
- a center of Central European politics.

In 2006, the entire city center became part of the UNESCO "World Heritage".



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



World
Heritage
Convention

... yet young at heart!

A large variety of bars, restaurants, street cafes and a well-balanced mix of cultural events make Regensburg a vibrant city.



The University of Regensburg in facts

- foundation: July 18, 1962
- research university incl.
university hospital
- modern campus university
- close to city centre
- ~21,200 full-time students
- ~1,500 international students



The University of Regensburg in facts

Staff (incl. University Hospital): 6,478

- Professors (incl. University Hospital): 330
- Academic staff (incl. University Hospital): 2,307

International guest researchers:

- approx. 300 per year from over 60 countries



11 Schools / Faculties

Law

Business, Economics and
Management Information Systems

Catholic Theology

Philosophy, Art History,
History and Humanities

Psychology, Education
and Sport Science

Language, Literature and Cultures

Biology and Pre-Clinical Medicine

Mathematics

Physics

Chemistry and Pharmacy

Medicine



Academic Programs



All in all about **150 degree courses**

Bachelor

- 44 Bachelor of Arts
- 13 Bachelor of Science

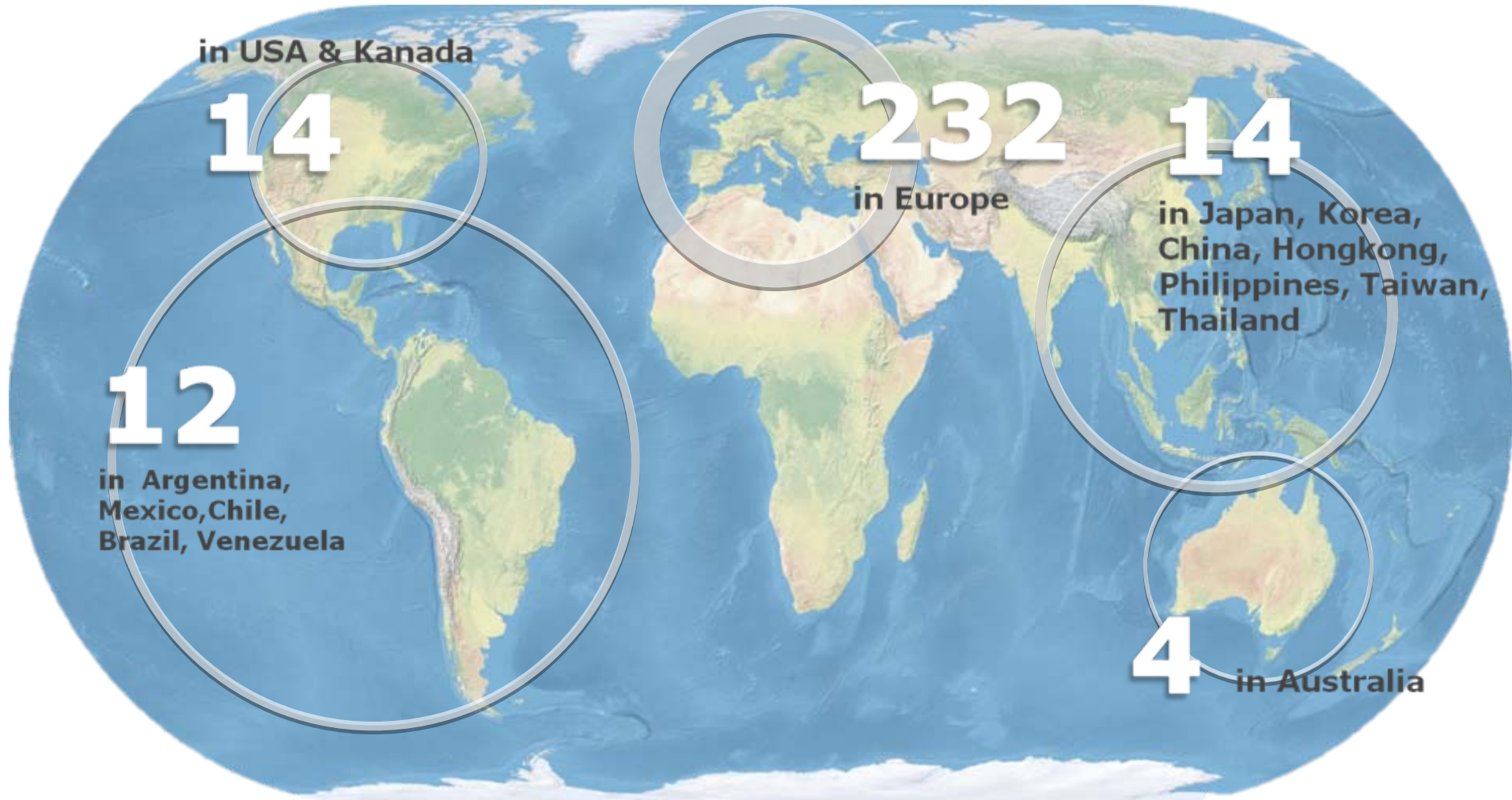
Master

- 31 Master of Arts
- 21 Master of Science

- 4 State Examination Programs
- Teacher Training Programs in 16 subjects
- Doctoral Studies in almost all areas



Around the Globe: 276 Partners



Exchange student mobility:

Incoming and outgoing students 2013/14

INCOMING

- 358 Europe
- 76 North and South America
- 58 Asia/Australia

492 total

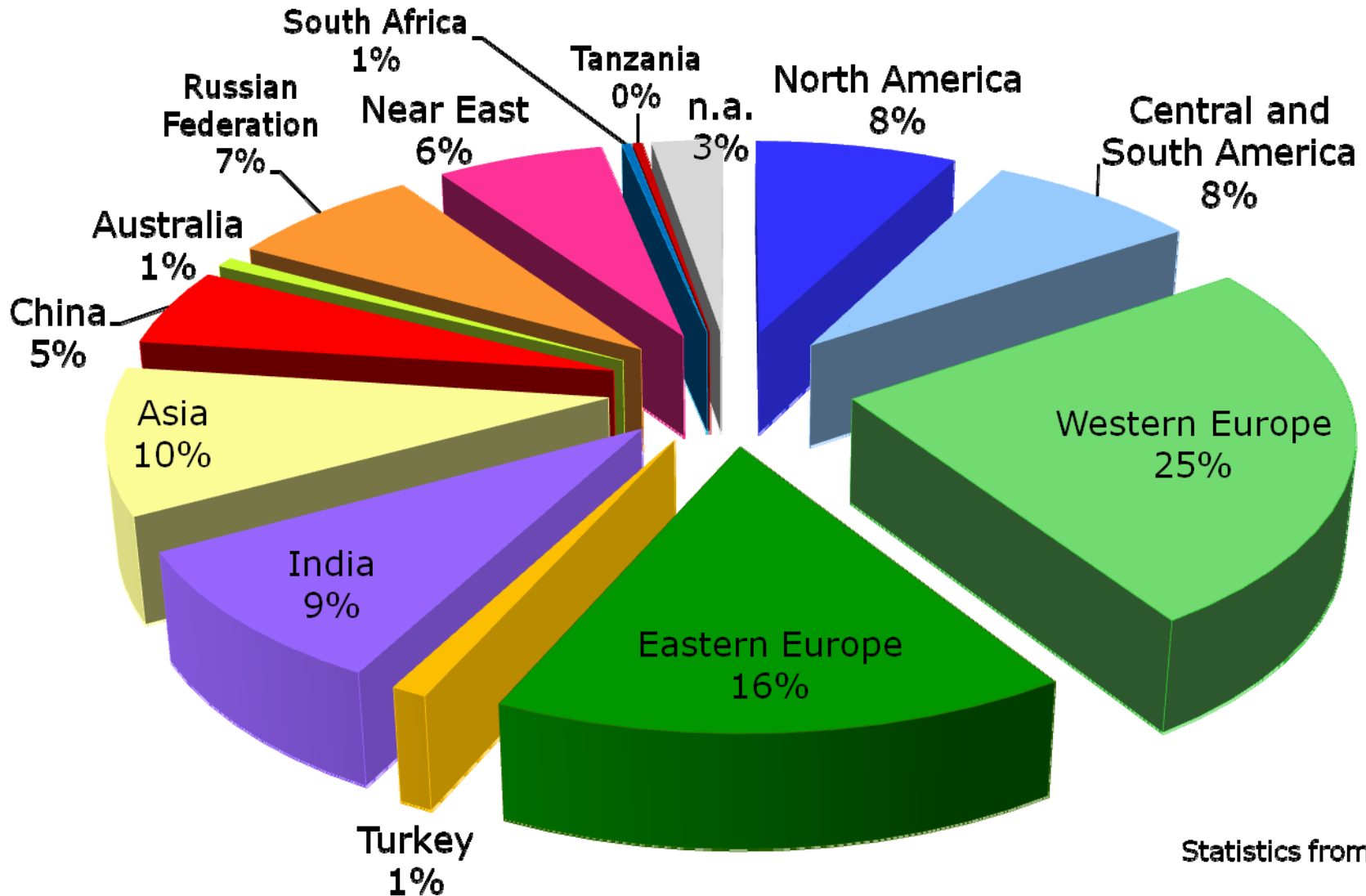


OUTGOING

- 312 Europe
- 85 North and South America
- 48 Asia/Australia

445 total

Nationality of Guest Researchers



I. Overall internationalization policy and importance of partners in Latin America

Policy papers:

- Internationalisation Strategy, July 2011
- Institutional Policy Plan 2020, July 2011
- Quality assurance process (self documentation), 2013/2014
- Target agreement with Bavarian State Ministry of Education, Science and the Arts, 2014 to 2018, March 2014

Goals:

- Expand the network of partner institutions (focus on Latin America and Asia)
- Attract more international students
- Send more Regensburg students on study abroad
- Attract more international teachers and researchers

II. Partnerships with Institutions in Latin America

First institutional agreement in 2000 (Venezuela)

4 partners in Mexico (2003 to 2014)

2 partners in Chile (2008)

4 partners in Argentina (2004 to 2012)

1 partner in Brazil (2007)

Main activities:

- Mobility of students
- Mobility of staff
- Capacity building project
- Joint Phd program



III. Capacity building project: OPTIMOBIL

Partners:

Universität Regensburg, Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata, Universidad Austral de Chile

Optimizing the Organization of International Mobility of students and researchers:

- Optimize work flows in the international offices
- Improve data management on international mobility
- Improve information infrastructure for international mobility (homepage, print material, recruiting events , „International Week“, orientation program)
- Build a network within the institution and with external actors

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IV: How to initiate international cooperation: initial steps

Initiative may come from different actors:

- Faculty
- Students
- International Office
- University Presidents or Vice-Presidents for International Relations

Initial steps:

- Define the goals of the partnership
- Identify the people/groups involved in exchange or cooperation activities
- Identify the procedures within your institution how to set up a cooperation
- Search for institutional support

V. How to initiate international cooperation: implementation

- Set up a Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement of Cooperation
- Develop specific cooperation projects
- Search for funding of cooperation activities
- Implement cooperation activities
- Create a network of partners within your institution and stay in contact with your international partners!

Thank you for your attention!



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