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**Draft Proposal for a Recommendation to enhance the involvement of UNISCAPE's Members**

Dear Members of the Executive Board,

UNISCAPE has reached a good level of stability up to now thanks to your efforts and with the precious collaboration of all our Members.

Nevertheless we are concerned that UNISCAPE's networking activities are not reaching enough all the potential experts in the fifty universities part of UNISCAPE.

In order to enhance and strengthen the results and achievements of this last year, we believe that it is vital to find new ways to encourage the involvement of UNISCAPE's Members, hence it is now necessary to agree on a still more effective cooperative spirit.

With this Letter we are officially inviting the Executive Board to take position by drafting a document that will be presented during the next General Assembly.

This document should focus on the following points:

a) Role of the Representatives (see 2.3 Statute):

- coordination: setting up an interdisciplinary community of scientific practicers within their own University (with the support of UNISCAPE's staff – see point b);
- periodical feedback and communication with UNISCAPE's staff;
- supporting UNISCAPE membership throughout Europe;
- replacements: when representatives are not able to accomplish their tasks they shall be responsible for finding substitutes in accordance to the Rector of their Universities;
- voting: when representatives are not able to be present in UNISCAPE's Meetings they shall delegate a colleague (part of their institution) or another UNISCAPE representative to act on their behalf (informing the staff with a written communication prior the meeting).

b) Aims of the interdisciplinary community of scientific practicers:

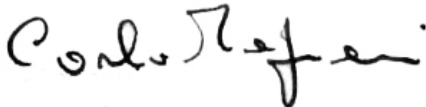
- promoting participation and discussions on landscape issues within their university;
- sharing and reporting research results;
- proposing projects supported by UNISCAPE and/or UNISCAPE's Members in accordance with specific funding opportunities;
- organising the existing communities of scientific practicers

In conclusion we believe that at this stage increasing the involvement of our Members is crucial, therefore it is important that the representatives develop more their role of mediators between UNISCAPE and their Universities by coordinating working groups as described above.

We are well aware of the challenges set forth with this proposals and we sincerely trust on your commitments that are vital for our network.

Kindest regards,

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