

Report of the activity of the Working group n. 6 -academic year 2008/2009-

May the 15th 2009:

Brainstorming conference:

Questioning the European identity/ies: Deconstructing old stereotypes and envisioning new models (Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, the University of Bologna). The brainstorming conference was held in collaboration with the European Project Acume2, Interfacing Science, Literature and Humanities. (see the Program).

The brainstorming conference investigated and questioned theoretical and methodological issues concerning:

-The construction of national identity and cultural memory within a European context

-Representations of Europe in the various forms of Art, Cinema and Media

-European Studies vs. Cultural Studies

-The idea of European Canon and the Literature from the margins

-The idea of Community: Religious identity, national identity, trans-national identity and post-national identity

-The Deconstruction of Stereotypes within a gender perspective with particular references to identity issues and the questions of their permanent re-definition.

As planned during the brainstorming conference, by 2010 the partners of WG 6 will be able to publish the proceedings of the conference. We are still evaluating the publishing house and the editor/s of the volume. The two possibilities are:

1)Palgrave Macmillian, as indicated by Sent

2)Special Issue of *Primerjalna književnost/ Comparative Literature* (Institute for Slovene Literature and Literary Sciences, Prof. Jola Skuli)

Expenses

-The expenses related to Sent partners (travel and Hotel) have been sent to Dr. Marco Amici by the same partners, Acume2 project covered the expenses of its own partners that took part in the brainstorming.

-The expenses related to the lunch of the 15th have been shared between Sent and Acume2 according to the number of participants. The Bologna Catering Service has sent the invoice, including the expenses of Sent partners only, to Dr. Marco Amici.

-The expenses of the social dinner (15th of May) were covered by Sent (all the participants were Sent partners) and the invoice should have been already sent to Dr. Marco Amici.