

Report of the chair of VETNET
for the General assembly
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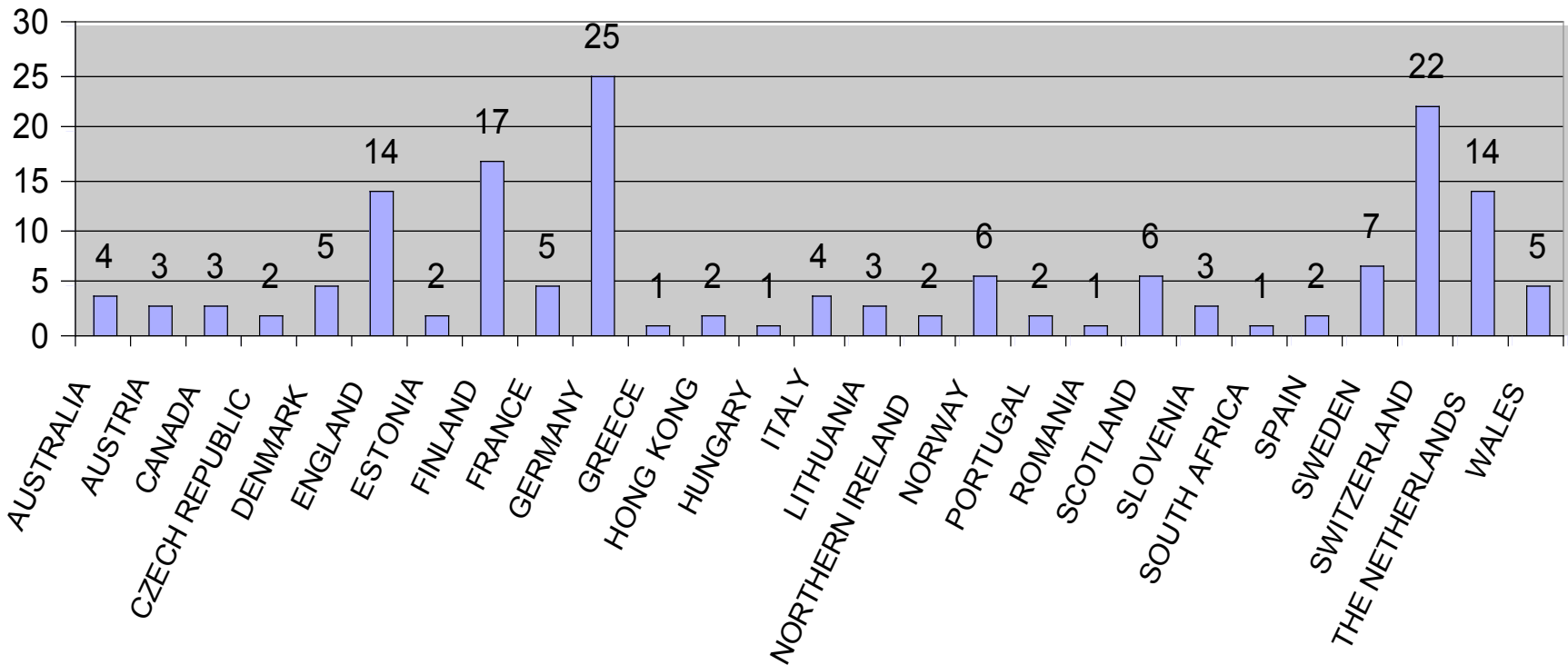
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Original VETNET functions:

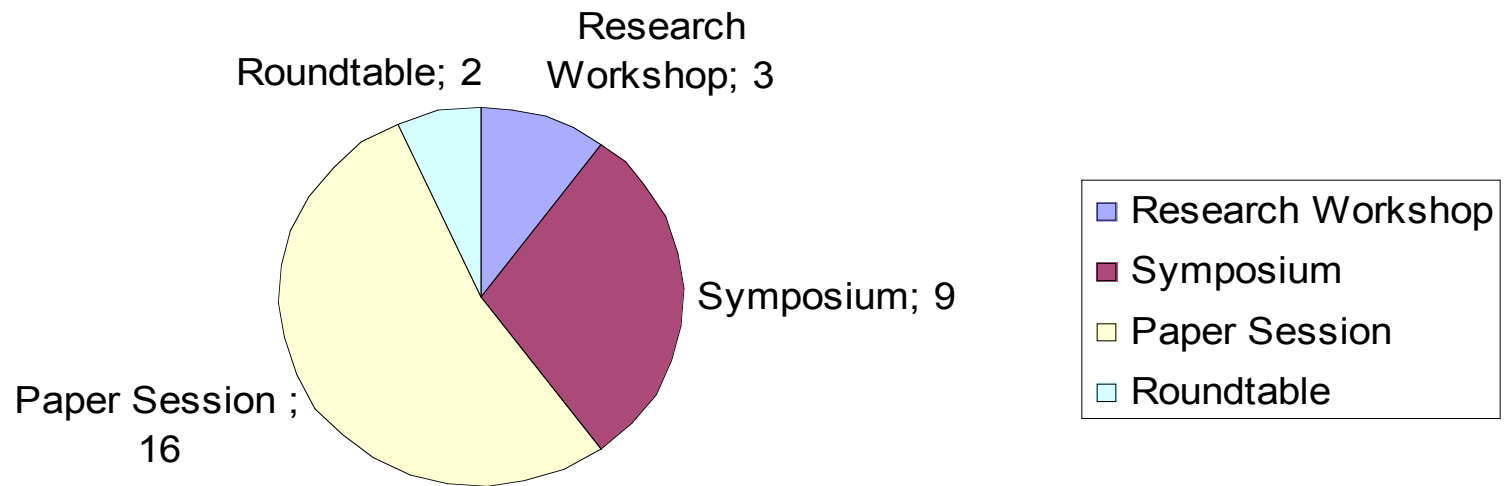
- to promote research collaboration in the European research area and beyond;
- to provide through the provision of the VETNET programme for ECER a stimulating research forum for discussion and debate
- to organise other European conference and workshops as appropriate;
- to report annually to EERA;
- to administer VETNET affairs and any financial matters concerning VETNET efficiently;
- to support good communications within the European research area by the use of the web (<http://www.vet-research.net>) and electronic and other newsletters as appropriate and
- to launch an academic journal of international standing (International Journal for Technical and Vocational Education and Training Research)

2006 participant proportion from a 160: (1) germany, (2) swiss, (2) finland, (3) england

Number of Participant by Natinality



The session types



What has been achieved?

- Increasing attendance for the conferences in Hamburg (03), Crete(04), Dublin (05) and Geneve (06)
- Active involvement of programme chairs (Patiniotis (04); Nyhan (05) and Stalder (06))
- Rising interest from abroad: Canada, Australia etc.
- double blind review system
- Quality of the proposals improved

What has been achieved? (cont.)

- Wide spectrum of contributions concerning VET environment, VET-systems, learning processes and VET professional development on micro, meso and makro level
- Established two joint plenary sessions: opening colloquium **and** VETNET forum
- Equipping the Homepage with detailed programme abstracts **and** list of authors (as during the last years)
- Over 550 people have been registered on the page

What is missing for the day to day work for the annual conference?

- electronic support for the review process while handling 200 reviews
- conference proceedings needed (last one Hamburg)
- Electronic VETNET newsletter
- four parallel sessions is a problem
- continuing the homepage service
- number of applications by participants may be reduced to one instead of two contributions
- nine symposia may be a too many
- strengthen the European dimension on some of the papers
- widening publication channels: international journal

Where is VETNET still very weak?

- Giving political inputs and memos to the current debate on the future VET development in Europe.
- Advocating and supporting the research functions within relevant European programmes
- Dialogue with the European Commission on these issues