

## **Advisory Board Report 2011 on CEAUL, Lisbon**

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The center was active as before but could not invite as many research collaborators and speakers for seminars and meeting as intended, due to the uncertain financial conditions. This was the reasons that the center could not organize, as it was initially planned, an advisory board meeting in the year 2011. We expect that this is changing again to support adequately the outstanding research activity of the CEAUL center.

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### **Activities of the center CEAUL in 2011 since the last reporting of activities of 2010**

All three research groups of CEAUL continue their excellent collaboration with scientists within Portugal and outside Portugal including many countries.

The numbers of investigators and collaborators is more or less stable, with small changes. The researchers of CEAUL have published roughly the same number of papers in peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed journals during the year 2011 as in earlier years. However, they have published a much larger number of chapters in books and proceeding publications. The three research units of CEAUL are very comparable in their scientific levels and strong research activities even with less financial support. This can be explained by the fact that some of the published papers were prepared in 2010.

We observed from the report for 2011 that the executed budget of CEAUL for 2011 was substantial reduced as compared to 2010. We were told that this was due to the difficulties in planning activities under uncertainty in the availability of funds during the year. For instance, we were told that funds for 2011 were transferred to FFCUL late in the year causing difficulties in planning activities for the year. This must be improved to continue the activities as planned and accepted for this center of research. It means that the cooperation of CEAUL center cannot maintain their usual high level of cooperation, inviting guest scientist or scientific collaborators, and to exchange the scientific output or new research ideas at conferences or meetings in other countries with such low funds.

We think that the investigators and contributors of CEAUL are working with a heavy load in teaching and research at universities and CEAUL. We expect that center CEAUL will be funded again as during the period 2010. Without such a support the excellent activity of the center cannot be maintained in the future.

  
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