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RS3G Briefing on Standardization of Administrative Applications Supporting the Bologna Process
PESC To Host Washington, D.C. Briefing May 28, 2008

Washington DC – The Board of Directors of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is very pleased to announce that PESC is hosting a briefing Wednesday May 28, 2008 at its offices in Washington, D.C. with representatives from RS3G – “Rome Student Systems and Standards Group.” Two of the organizers Manuel Dietz and Stephane Velay of unisolution GmbH in Stuttgart, Germany will brief executives from Oracle, SunGard Higher Education, Datatel, the National Student Clearinghouse, AcademyOne, HR-XML, and Georgetown University, among others on the efforts of R3SG and its impacts on higher education.

“Like PESC, the RS3G is creating a model of collaboration across a dispersed community of representatives,” states David K. Moldoff, Founder and CEO of AcademyOne, Inc. and Director on PESC’s Board. “I am pleased to help stimulate global collaboration between our groups and to support PESC’s interests in developing data and process specifications supporting student mobility and ascribing curriculum bridges worldwide,” Mr. Moldoff continued.

At the first meeting held in November 2007, forty participants from thirteen countries met in Rome, Italy to begin discussing how to define electronic standards for the exchange of student data between institutions of higher education. The workshop and the group now referred to as the "Rome Student Standards and Systems Group" ("RS3G") is continuing the initiative. At the second meeting held in April 2008 in Dublin, Ireland, thirty seven participants from eleven countries attended to continue discussions on sharing perspectives for the rapid development of standards for course description and curriculum data. A third workshop is planned for the autumn of 2008 in Germany.

For more information on the RS3G briefing including how to attend, please contact PESC Executive Director Michael Sessa directly at +1.202.261.6516 or at michael.sessa@pesc.org.

For more information on the first RS3G workshop in Rome, please visit http://www.moveonnet.eu/institutions/standards/workshop_rome.
For more information on the second RS3G workshop in Dublin, please visit http://wiki.teria.no/confluence/pages/viewinfo.action?pageId=7438383.

For more information about the Bologna Process, please visit http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/hogeronderwijs/bologna/.

About PESC
Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is a non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of colleges and universities; professional and commercial organizations; data, software and service providers; and state and federal government agencies. PESC’s mission is to lead the establishment and adoption of data exchange standards in education. The goals of the mission are to enable the improvement of institutional performance and foster collaboration across educational communities in order to lower costs, improve service, and attain system interoperability. For more information, please visit www.PESC.org.