

Item 4 **Researcher training (On the job)**

Post doc participation / Integrated PhD work

What are possible specialized topics suitable for researcher training ? What is the rationale behind researcher training and what would it entail in practice? Is the objective to acquaint researchers with cutting edge developments in their area, or is it primarily to bring about research cooperation leading to joint projects ? How far does “integrated PhD work” go ? Would it be desirable to have a kind of “conference” mode [via TV or Internet] in which [say] half a dozen researchers could have interactive discussions ? Would it be feasible to assign “electronic” research projects and take-home examinations ? Will this item work as a kind of think – tank or locomotive for the other three items of this particular project ?

Item 4 **FEEDBACK**

I don't think the topic has the sort of universal appeal that would make it a sustained centerpiece for a Ph.D. program. Most of the time, it is a once-only case.

OTHER OVERALL FEEDBACK:

It has also been suggested in response to the above that one must not set oneself ambitious goals but to try and channelize the project into the preparation of a certain number of instruction and research documents / manuals / reports [both published items and those prepared for distance learning] leaving the wider effects of the knowledge dissemination to take their own time.