



CCID and YOK (Turkey)

At meetings hosted by Delaware Technical and Community College President, Dr. Lonnie J. George, October 9th and 10th 2008, CCID signed a Protocol of Cooperation with YOK (the Turkish Higher Education Council). Dr. Mary Rittling, CCID Chairperson (President of Davidson County Community College, NC) and present at the meeting, said that this was an outstanding example of international cooperation.

Under the leadership of Dr. George, CCID has been in discussions with YOK and individual Turkish colleges for a number of years. While relationships have been building, and each country learning about the higher education challenges of the other, quiet work behind the scenes had been occurring. Drafts of the Protocol, which will work towards the exchange of students, have been shared in recent years. However, under the leadership of Prof. Yusef Ziya Ozcan, President of the Higher Education Council (YOK), the Protocol has been signed. Immediate discussions will begin regarding the Turkish and US colleges that will be engaged in the new activities.

Other CCID colleges visited by the Turkish delegation include Howard Community College, MD. Northampton Community College has also played a significant role in developing and nurturing the relationship with Turkey.