

## **Human Ecology Training Programmes: The International Centre For Human Ecology – Centre International D' Écologie Humaine Network**

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**ABSTRACT** This study reviews human ecology programme as taught in western Europe by members of the network, International centre for human ecology (centre international d' écologie humaine). The network is composed of a total of 12 universities in Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland and has been in existence since 1973. The human ecology programme in the universities is not identical but what links the universities in practice is there common interpretation of human ecology and the advantages that they see in interuniversity collaboration. In this study a questionnaire is used to gather characteristic information about human ecology programmes in the partner universities. The information allows for comparisons to be made among the programmes and between these programmes and similar programmes elsewhere. It may also be used as basis for enhanced collaboration among partner universities. The results show existence of diversity as well as areas of intersection in the characteristics of the programmes.

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