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Launching the European Maturity Model for Blended Education

2 September 2019

European Maturity Model for Blended Education

On 2 September EMBED will launch the *European Maturity Model for Blended Education,* during a pre-conference event of the ALT conference in Edinburgh.

EMBED is a reference model for developing and implementing blended education. Under coordination of EADTU, the EMBED partner experts from Delft University of Technology, KU Leuven, University of Edinburgh, Dublin City University, Aarhus University and TAMK will share with you the development and use of the maturity model for blended education. This model embraces all levels of an institution: the design of blended courses, organisational aspects such as staff support, training and institutional leadership, next to policy development and strategies which enable an institution to innovate continuously its blended education, teaching and learning.

Register now for free: https://embed.eadtu.eu/events

EADTU Blended Learning Webinar Week

EADTU organised the Blended Learning Webinar Week from 25-27 June.

In this webinar week, chaired by Angeles Sánchez-Elvira Paniagua (UNED) who is chair of EMPOWER Student Support and IUED Director, we explored good practices and new developments in the field of blended learning. First we looked deeper into Blended Learning with two keynote speakers, followed the next day by five presentations on good practices in Blended Learning. On the last day a panel discussion was organised to come to main conclusions.

More information, recordings and presentations of this event can be found on the EMPOWER website.

The next EADTU webinar week will take place 12-14 November 2019, focussing on Quality in Online Higher Education.

OOFHEC2019: the Online, Open and Flexible Higher Education Conference
"Blended and online education within European university networks" • 16-18 October 2019, Hosted by UNED, Madrid Spain

Provisional Programme #OOFHEC2019 Online

The Provisional Programme of our conference #OOFHEC2019 is now online. Check out the contributions in plenary and parallel sessions here including the full overview of the accepted abstracts for the OOFHEC2019 Conference.

The date and times for these parallel sessions will be assigned and announced Mid-August!
Please register by 31st of July to still get the early bird discount. Please click for registration here

MEMBER NEWS

Gold Award for an OUC eLearning tool

Open University of Cyprus has secured the **Gold Award** for the category **"Best Educational Experience"** of the **Cyprus Educational Leaders Awards 2019.** The project, which has won the Gold Award, is titled "Development of a Natural Environment Simulation Application with Gamification and Internet of Things for distance education". This award strengthens the vision and efforts of the Open University of Cyprus to focus on the needs of remote based students, and to provide them with a multifaceted educational experience that meets their need to study at their own time and place, using innovative educational tools.

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Launch of the DCU-FutureLearn Global Strategic Partnership

In June, Dublin City University (DCU) and FutureLearn, announced a global strategic partnership to help meet the fast-growing demand for career-long, work-ready, flexible life-long learning. DCU's collaboration with FutureLearn will enable the University to remain at the forefront of the digital learning and teaching movement that is helping to transform traditional models of higher education. The partnership is DCU's response to increasing local and global demand for lifelong and micro-learning opportunities from reputable universities as people seek to enhance their skills, competencies and knowledge to thrive in the workplace and society. This unique global partnership will enable DCU to leverage a large and rapidly growing international community of online learners whilst also developing a rich digital learning experience for DCU's on-campus students. Offerings will range from short courses to micro-credentials of smaller credit values to full postgraduate awards across disciplines.

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OUC coordinates a new research project "DESCANT"

Open University of Cyprus secures funding for the implementation of a new research project it coordinates entitled "DESCANT – DEtecting Stereotypes in human ComputAtioN Tasks", in the framework of the "Excellence Hubs" action of the "RESTART 2016-2020" (Research, Technological Development and Innovation) Programme, financed by Cypriot Research Promotion Foundation. The project will be implemented, under the scientific coordination of OUC's Assistant Professor Jahna Otterbacher, who also coordinates the Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency (CyCAT), operating at the OUC with Horizon2020 funding, and leads the Transparency in Algorithms Group (TAG) of the Research Centre of Excellence in Cyprus (RISE).

DCU announces University of Sanctuary Scholarships for Online Study

On June 20th to mark World Refugee Day, Dublin City University (DCU) announced a total of 20 new scholarships for online study for Irish-based refugees and asylum seekers. This announcement builds further on DCU's designation as Ireland's first University of Sanctuary. Ten scholarships support undergraduate or postgraduate study towards DCU qualifications and a further ten are offered through a strategic partnership with FutureLearn. The DCU-FutureLearn scholarships will enable Irish-based refugees and asylum seekers to access short online courses on FutureLearn's upgrade model and will enable recipients to pursue Certificates of Achievement. To date, there have been more than 60 scholarships offered by DCU to people from a refugee or asylum-seeking background.

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Free Online Seminar "Pedagogical Innovation in DL"

From the 22th to the 24th July takes place the Second Online Seminar of the **Association for Distance Education in the Portuguese-Speaking Countries (EaD@PLP)**, focused on the Pedagogical Innovation in Distance Education. The invited speaker is professor Luisa Inocêncio from the University of Cape Verde. EaD@PLP was established in 2018 under the auspices of the Community of the Portuguese-Speaking Countries with the intention to create knowledge in Portuguese for the Portuguese-speaking communities, a goal that implies an intense collaboration amongst the member institutions. In 2019, the Association is organizing a cycle of conferences to discuss issues on online teaching, pedagogical innovation, quality and regulation.

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Professor Dr. Eva Cendon elected into EUCEN steering committee

Eva Cendon, Professor of University Continuing Education & Teaching and Learning at the FernUniversität in Hagen, was elected vice president of the European University Continuing Education Network (EUCEN). She will serve a two-year term, joining Dr. Balazs Nemeth of the University of Pécs elected as president of the seven member strong steering committee. Eva Cendon plans to focus primarily on strengthening research on university continuing education and networking in the European context and increasing their visibility.

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The Lillehammer Lifelong Learning Road Map for Lifelong Employability

During the ICDE conference in Lillehammer all speakers and participants were invited by the Core Programme Committee to contribute to a road map on lifelong learning for lifelong employability. The results reflects their contributions and priorities. For more information, please see the enclosed road map

EVENTS 2019

- OOFHEC2019 EADTU Conference, 16-18 October 2019, Madrid (Spain)

- ICDE World Conference on Online Learning, 3-7 November 2019, Dublin (Ireland)

- The International Open and Distance Learning Conference (IODL 2019) Anadolu University 14-16 November 2019, Eskişehir (Turkey)