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EADTU NEWS

Notification: **New date** for the Online, Open and Flexible Higher Education Conference 2018 (**OOFHEC2018**)!!
Aarhus, 10-12 October 2018
Please find call for abstracts for OOFHEC2018 on the conference website

E-SLP project on Short Learning Programmes

Increasingly universities use online/blended Short Learning Programmes (SLPs) as a flexible and scalable offering to serve large numbers of students, needed to close the knowledge and skills gap in Europe. SLPs also keep innovative knowledge and skills of workforce up to date and better anticipate on careers of tomorrow than degree programmes. To increase the awareness and uptake of SLPs, EADTU together with 14 university partners started in January 2018 the European Short Learning Programmes (E-SLP) project for continuous professional development and lifelong learning under EC's Key Action 3 Forward-Looking Cooperation projects. Please contact EADTU secretariat for more information.

EMPOWERing University of West Bohemia

In the context of the EMPOWER programme international experts in online and blended learning visited the University of West Bohemia on 24-25 January. During the Rector's meeting they presented several case studies and scenarios for digital teaching and learning at the University of West Bohemia. In additional seminars various key-issues for successful implementation of new modes of teaching were discussed at management and staff level.

E-xcellence Associates Label

E-xcellence is EADTU's benchmarking instrument for quality in online and blended education. In total more than 50 universities all over Europe have done the E-xcellence assessment leading to enhanced e-learning performance of universities. The E-xcellence label further reflects the cycle of continuous improvements in online and blended education universities are investing in. The label demonstrates that these universities offer quality controlled e-learning and keep up to date with latest developments in innovating education. Recently also the Open University, UK and FernUni Schweiz both applied successfully for the E-xcellence label.

Universities interested to become an associate in quality under E-xcellence can apply here and find guidance by EADTU's open source E-xcellence manual.

New OpenupEd MOOCs

OpenupEd is an open, non-profit partnership offering MOOCs that contribute to open up education. Check out the OpenupEd MOOCs starting in February- March!

Spanish MOOCs:
5/2 Introduction to gamification through case studies (2nd ed.)
16/2 Self-management in academic writing (2nd ed.)
16/2 Introduction to modern Japan
19/2 Introduction to Business Intelligence and Big Data (4th ed.)
23/3 Self-management in academic writing 2. Creativity versus science
23/3 Keys to modern China (2nd ed.)

English MOOCs:

26/2 Learning to Learn Online (5th offering)

EADTU main events 2018

- 17 April 2018: **EADTU-EU Summit 2018,** "*Innovations in teaching and learning; new directions for higher education,*"
Brussels (Belgium)
- 24-25 May 2018: Empower Online Learning Leadership Academy (**EOLLA**), Brussels (Belgium)
- 10-12 October 2018: the Online, Open and Flexible Higher Education Conference 2018 (**OOFHEC2018**) "*Blended and online Learning: Changing the Educational Landscape,*" Aarhus (Denmark)
- 13-14 December 2018: Maastricht Innovation in Higher Education Days (**MID2018**); Policy forum under the title "*Continuous education by online short learning programmes and MOOCs,*"
Maastricht (The Netherlands)

MEMBER NEWS

MOOCs for Social Inclusion

MOONLITE is an Erasmus + project whose main objective is to help refugees and migrants to integrate into the 'host society' and enter the labour market, through the educational modality of MOOCs. Partners together with regional stakeholders are developing scenario's for recognition of MOOC completion. Find more on MOOCs for social inclusion by UNED as coordinator here. MOONLITE further conducts a European wide survey on institutional MOOC strategies. Universities offering MOOCS are invited to contribute to the survey by 28 February 2018.

Top 10 Open Access Articles in 2017

In December 2017, the team in the National Institute for Digital Learning (NIDL) at Dublin City University (DCU) selected their top 10 open access journal articles for 2017 in the area of blended, on-line and digital (BOLD) education. The selection methodology and criteria adopted along with final list of top 10 articles, with

brief comments about the significance of each publication, is available.

The eLearn Center opens a call to international researchers

New Goals (NG) is a three-year programme by the eLearn Center (eLC), aimed at developing the UOC's strategic lines of translational research in e-learning. The field of research for this first edition centres on Intelligent Tutoring Systems and their potential effects on students' learning processes.

People participating in the NG programme will come from **an international call** for applications for **principal investigators**. The resulting team will be an international leader and help generate new and significant knowledge in experimentation.
The **deadline** for applying is **25 February 2018**. Send your proposals to preaward_osrt@uoc.edu

A New Platform for Learning Turkish from Anadolu University Open Education System

Ana-dil Türkçe is a new distance-learning project that Anadolu University has developed to teach Turkish. Among the target audience of the project are about 90 thousand foreign nationals studying in Turkey, about 3.1 million immigrants in Turkey and anyone aspiring to get familiar with the Turkish culture and language. The platform allows learners to study at their own pace independent of time and place by means of modern learning technologies. Learning materials are currently designed to teach Turkish at A1/A2 level, but will be enhanced to cover higher levels.

Introduction videos

OUC and DUTH entered into a strategic cooperation

Open University of Cyprus (OUC) and Democritus University of Thrace (DUTH), aiming to facilitate and foster prospects for development and cooperation have signed a memorandum of collaboration. The strategic cooperation of the two Universities will offer stimulus towards actions of common academic and scientific interest with mutual benefit. The collaboration will focus on the establishment of joint/dual degree programmes, the exchange of academic staff, researchers, students, expertise and

know-how, the joint participation and/or organisation of workshops conferences and seminars, as well as the collaboration in research projects and activities.

Read more

DCU Launches Partnership with FutureLearn

In January DCU formally announced a strategic partnership with FutureLearn at a special event in Dublin. This event also marked the official launch of "Irish 101", a MOOC providing an Introduction to Irish Language and Gaelic Culture. The Minister for State in his opening speech congratulated DCU on its efforts to help promote the Irish culture. DCU's President and Mark Lester from FutureLearn also commented on the significance of this partnership.

More information about "Irish 101"

Bridging the gap between theory and practice
UOC Training course: Responsible Research & Innovation (RRI) for Researchers.

The RRI framework is gaining momentum as a strategy to align scientific and technological progress with socially desirable and acceptable ends. When turned into daily practice, the RRI concept reports certain difficulties derived from its ambiguity that hampers its implementation.

To bridge this gap between theory and practice, the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya offers the online training course: "Responsible Research & Innovation for Researchers" developed by interdisciplinary experts from theory and practice and based on the outcomes of different European projects.

Join an RRI international community of practice.

Open University of Cyprus enters into a new era

Open University of Cyprus is entering into a new era of autonomous operation. Professor Socrates Katsikas and Professor Ioannis Manolopoulos have been offered the positions of the first OUC Rector and the first OUC Vice-Rector respectively.

The new rectorate authorities are expected to take office from February 1, 2018.

More information

DCU to host World Conference

The National Institute for Digital Learning (NIDL) has been selected to host the 28th ICDE World Conference on Online Learning in 2019. The conference theme is "Transforming Lives and Societies" and will take place 3-7 November in the Convention Centre Dublin. More information is available from the conference website.
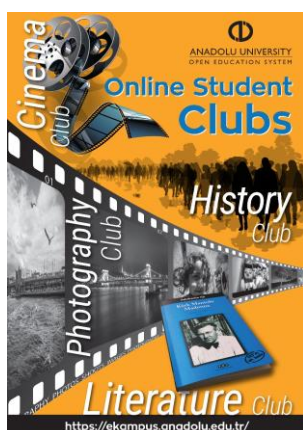
Anadolu University Open Education System Online Student Clubs

The Open Education System of Anadolu University now has five student clubs: Reading, Photography, Cinema, History, and Music. In the first semester, these clubs held five events via live online seminars. The Reading Club had a discussion on İhsan Oktay Anar's "The Atlas of Misty Continents". The Photography Club held a seminar on introduction to photography. The Cinema Club's semester event focused on scriptwriting. The History Club hosted a seminar on immigrations to Anatolia. The Music Club's seminar was about points to consider in listening to classical music. Online student clubs get prepared for the new semester to offer new events.

Link: https://ekampus.anadolu.edu.tr/

UNINETTUNO arrives in Vietnam

UNINETTUNO's presence in South-East Asia gets stronger: an important agreement was undersigned between the online University and the Huè College of Economics in Vietnam. Today, the collaboration started with the Asian University thanks to the LMPT Project (Professional Bachelor and Master Programs for the Design and Development of Sustainable Tourist Activities) is reinforced thanks to this new partnership envisaging: the development of joint academic curricula; the mobility between the two Universities; the training of teachers and of the academic staff on how to approach e-learning and the distance learning methodology.

Among their plans there is, as well, the opening of a UNINETTUNO Technological Pole in Huè aimed at supplying the students with educational services and technological support.

Link: https://www.uninettunouniversity.net/en/notizia.aspx?ID=2
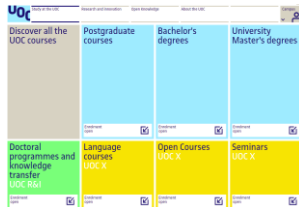
New series of UOC Open Courses

The UOC is running a new series of its Open Courses. There are more than 200 programmes to choose from: 174 medium-length courses and 35 short courses.

The UOC's Open Courses provide extra online training so that students can gain new knowledge and develop new professional skills. The UOC's educational model lets students study at any time and from anywhere with personalized support. When you complete the course, you will receive a UOC attainment certificate for the medium-length courses or a UOC university extension certificate for the short courses.

New vice-President for Academic Affairs at the Open University of Israel

Since January 1st 2018 Prof. Sarah Guri-Rosenblit has become the Vice-President for Academic Affairs at the Open University of Israel. The Open University of Israel was established in 1974, based on the model of the UK Open University. It is now the largest university in Israel with about 47,000 students. Prof. Guri-Rosenblit got her PhD from Stanford University in 1984 in education and political science. Her areas of expertise are focused on comparative research of higher education systems, distance education and e-learning. She published books and multiple articles in these fields and was invited as a keynote speaker to dozens of international conferences worldwide. She is currently a member of the Future University Network which is composed of higher education researchers trying to depict and envision future university manifestations of both campus-based and distance teaching universities. Her full CV can be found here.

EVENTS 2018

- UNESCO Mobile Learning Week 2018: 26-30 March 2018, Paris (France)
- EADTU-EU Summit 2018: 17 April 2018, Brussels (Belgium)
- OER18: Open to All: 18- 19 April 2018, Bristol (UK)
- OEGC: 24-26 April 2018, TU Delft Aula Conference Centre, Delft (The Netherlands
- International week on Competence-based Learning in the Digital Age: 14-18 May 2018 at TAMK in Tampere (Finland)
- Empower Online Learning Leadership Academy 2018: 24- 25 May 2018, Brussels (Belgium)
- Learning with MOOCS 2018: 26-28 September 2018, Madrid (Spain)
- OOFHEC2018: 10-12 October 2018, Aarhus (Denmark)
- EMOOCs 2018: Fall 2018
- Upgrading Business Competence Globally for today and tomorrow: 9 November 2018, Krakow (Poland)
- UNESCO global Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education, 21- 23 November 2018, Paris (France)
- MID2018: 13-14 December 2018, Maastricht (The Netherlands)

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