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EVENTS

3RD LLP/ERASMUS STAFF TRAINING WEEK AT THE UGR (STW) – 18TH TO 22ND JUNE 2012.

We would like to open this new edition of our Newsletter with the announcement of the call the call for applications to participate in its 3rd Staff Training Week 2012.

The **University of Granada** is happy to inform you about its **3rd Staff Training Week** within the LLP/Erasmus Staff Mobility Programme, to which we would like to invite you as partner Universities of the UGR. The current edition will be held **from 18th to 22nd June, 2012.**

The purpose of the programme is to transfer knowledge and know-how; beneficiaries will be given the opportunity to learn from the experiences and good practices of the partner institutions. They will, thus, acquire practical skills relevant for their current job and their professional development.

The Staff Training Week **is open to all administrative staff members** of our partner Universities. It is not necessarily prepared for International Relations Office staff.

We can receive **up to 50 participants** in all.

We will send you an answer informing you if your application has been accepted or not **by the end of April**. In order to gain an overview of the Staff Training Week, please find a draft of the planned programme here:

http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/miscelanea/infosheetstafftrainingweekugrjune2012_publicar_draft

Please take into consideration that there might be slight changes. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail:

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The Online Application is open **from 15th March to 10th April, 2012.**

Instructions - Online Application:

<https://oficinavirtual.ugr.es/csirc/nuevoacceso/pagina1.htm>

Choose the option "Invitado" and click on "siguiente".

Choose the option "Información General" and go to "Movilidad Internac."

Click on "Solicitud PAS/PDI - IN / Apply for UGR" in order to fill in and send to us the application form.

Hope to see you soon in Granada. We look forward to welcoming you!

For individual visits please contact: vrinternacional@ugr.es

ERASMUS CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY. ERASMUS: CHANGING LIVES, OPENING MINDS FOR 25 YEARS.

The Erasmus student and staff exchange programme will celebrate its "silver" anniversary in 2012. Erasmus is at the heart of the European Commission's education policy and its strategy to combat the crisis and youth unemployment. Since its launch in 1987, nearly 3 million students and staff have received grants to study or teach abroad or undertake work placements. Studies show that this experience is invaluable for boosting skills in areas such as language learning and adaptability, which can increase an individual's employability. The scheme also helps to promote teaching quality and institutional cooperation. 33 European countries participate in the Erasmus scheme (27 EU Member States, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey). Demand for Erasmus places strongly exceeds the availability of grants in most countries. The Commission has called for a significant increase in EU support for higher education mobility under its proposed new programme for education, training and youth ('Erasmus for All'), which is due to start in 2014.

In 2007, the University of Granada was awarded the *Golden Star* from the European Commission as the European Higher Education Institution receiving the largest number of international students. Since Granada is one of the favourite destinations for international students (out of almost 80,000 UGR students, 10,000 are international students), the UGR has been chosen to host, on 10th May 2012, the ***Erasmus Students Conference***, with the participation of outgoing and incoming Erasmus students, including a reception at the City Hall and a parade through the city of Granada and, on 11th May, the National Conference, ***25 years of the Erasmus Programme***, with

representatives from the European Commission, National and Regional Authorities, Spanish Erasmus Ambassadors, Higher Education Institutions and Erasmus Student Network-Spain at the University of Granada.

INFORMATION FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LLP/ERASMUS DOCUMENTS.

We would like to inform our European partners that the University of Granada (as many other public administrations in Spain) is currently working on e-administration tools and procedures in order to speed up and facilitate the administrative issues related to the LLP/Erasmus programme. Please note that some official documents from our outgoing students may look different because of this new official administrative treatment. We will introduce an electronic or digital signature on some documents we have to process and work with together:

- the official learning agreement
- the official LLP/Erasmus Credential

Since this is a new legislative procedure, there will be a co-existence of both, the originally signed and stamped documentation and the official documentation with electronic or digital signature. Please note that the electronic or digital signature affects exclusively the part corresponding to the official UGR signature.

You can find some examples on the following link:

<http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/perfiles/socios/socios> (click on the “english version” of the site)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS:

Incoming students willing to apply to the UGR for an academic semester or a full academic year can consult a complete description of programmes and obtain details to apply at:

<http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/perfiles/estudiantes/estudiantes-internacionales>

If you have selected **students in the framework of the LLP/Erasmus programme**, please check the online application information procedure here:

<http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/perfiles/estudiantes/procedimientosolicitudonlineerasmus>

Important dates are:

- Erasmus students wishing to apply for the **1st semester or the full academic year:**
 - **1st May to 15th June, 2012:** online application and study plan proposal
- Erasmus students wishing to apply for the **2nd semester:**
 - **1st October to 31st October, 2012:** online application and study plan proposal

Incoming exchange students (non-erasmus) have also to apply to the UGR online.
Important dates are:

- Incoming exchange students wishing to apply for the **1st semester or the full academic year:**
 - **1st March to 28th April, 2012:** online application and study plan proposal
- Incoming exchange students wishing to apply for the **2nd semester:**
 - **1st October to 31st October, 2012:** online application and study plan proposal

Free mobility incoming students have to apply online during the following dates:

- Free mobility incoming students wishing to apply for the **1st semester or the full academic year:**
 - **18th April to 9th May, 2012:** online application and study plan proposal
- Free mobility incoming students wishing to apply for the **2nd semester:**
 - **15th October to 5th November, 2012:** online application and study plan proposal

Furthermore, we are currently updating the information for the academic year 2012/2013:

- Study plans
- Official academic calendar
- Welcome Sessions for International students
- Free elective courses catalogue
- Spanish Language Courses
- International Student Guide

Information will be available soon at:

<http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/perfiles/estudiantes/estudiantes-internacionales>

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES:

The Vice-rector's Office for International Relations and Development Cooperations is currently preparing the Information Sheet for Partner Universities for the academic year 2012/2013. This new edition includes information about studies at the UGR, important dates and deadlines to apply to the UGR, list of top-quality facilities, resources and services, related issues to health insurance and residence in Spain, contact information and other important and useful links that our partners can use to access our Vice-Rector's Office activities. The Information Sheet for 2012/2013 will be available at:

<http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/guias-y-folletos/guiasyfolletos>

INFORMATION RELATED TO LLP/ERASMUS AGREEMENTS OR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS:

In keeping with its internationalisation policy, the Universidad de Granada (UGR) actively promotes entering into agreements of inter-university cooperation with institutions throughout the world on a wide range of academic activities: undergraduate and postgraduate student mobility; teaching staff and researcher mobility; administration and maintenance staff mobility; joint study programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate level; support for promoting the Spanish language abroad; support for developing linguistic skills within the UGR community; establishing lasting networks for collaboration in teaching and research; exchanging experiences and publications; etc.

The process begins with the signing of a draft agreement, after which precise actions are agreed for a determined period of time in a specific agreement. Draft and specific agreement models are available in several languages.

LLP/Erasmus agreements.

In order to sign an Erasmus bilateral agreement, it's necessary to contact directly with your **counterparts** at the UGR's specific academic centres. Please check the following link to access the complete contact information for the UGR academic centres:

<http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/movilidad/estudiantes/contactoscentros>

Please check the specific LLP/Erasmus bilateral agreement model here:

<http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/convenios/index?lang=en>

If your institution is interested in establishing collaborative bilateral agreements with the UGR, please contact the Vice-Rector's Office for International Relations and Development Cooperation by sending an e-mail to: intlinfo@ugr.es

THE UNIVERSITY OF GRANADA PARTICIPATES IN THE MAUNIMO (MAPPING UNIVERSITY MOBILITY) PROJECT:

The **MAUNIMO** (**MA**pping **UNI**versity **M**obility - <http://www.maunimo.eu/>) project aims to present a university perspective on mobility and the related data collection at institutional level. It will provide evidence for the complexity of mobility and allow institutions to dissect the benefits and challenges of mobility that extend beyond national or regionally prescribed quantitative measuring. It will encourage institutions to be proactive in defining their individual approaches regarding mobility, while at the same time managing (and hopefully influencing) the national and regional data collection requirements. Therefore, the project is expected not only to render benefits to institutions, but also to provide insight to national and European policy makers.

EMQT PROJECT - “ERASMUS STRUCTURAL NETWORK”:

The EMQT project consists of setting up an **“Erasmus structural network”**, whose general aim is to identify organizational models, good practices, benchmarking procedures and related indicators, which should characterize the quality of the students’ exchange mobility. On this basis the project then aims at defining an MQTB- Mobility Quality Tools Box and at developing guidelines for different **“Quality patterns or profiles”**, where a given institution can position itself, and for mechanisms of accountability and of external validation.

The EMQT Quality Tools’ Box, which comprises a **Questionnaire, a General Mapping Report, Guidelines for good practice and a List of useful Indicators**, will hopefully support European Higher Education institutions to self assess their overall quality in the students’ exchange.

“Outcomes of the EMQT Project” is the printed Brochure and main outcome of EMQT and contains all the main findings of the two-year project.

You will find at <http://www.emqt.org/component/content/article/126.html> the following parts described:

- Presentation of EMQT (*this is a key document to understand the EMQT concept, its methodology, the tools and how to use them*);
- EMQT Tools' Box
- EMQT Questionnaire and Glossary
- List of Key Indicators
- Suggestions for Good Practices in Erasmus Mobility
- Academic Quality in Exchange Mobility
- EMQT Reference Papers
- Quality of organised student mobility: how to measure and assess it, *an inspiring paper by Maria Sticchi Damiani, Bologna Experto* EMQT Mapping Report: Part 1 Part 2 Part 3 Part 4 Annexes
- EMQT Report on Recognition Process

ERASMUS MUNDUS CALL FOR PROPOSALS.

Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with third countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries.

This Call for Proposals aims to support projects under all three Actions of the programme:

Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes

- Action 1A: Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMC)
- Action 1B: Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJD)

Action 2: Erasmus Mundus Partnerships

- Action 2 – STRAND 1: Partnerships with countries covered by the ENPI, DCI, EDF and IPA instruments (former External Cooperation Window)
- Action 2 – STRAND 2: Partnerships with countries and territories covered by the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI)

Action 3: Promotion of European higher education

- Projects to enhance the Attractiveness of European higher education

The deadline for submission of applications under all three Actions: **30 April 2012**

The University of Granada is an active participant in Erasmus Mundus. The Vice-Rector's Office for International Relations and Development Cooperation is currently involved in the following Erasmus Mundus programmes:

http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/proyectos/erasmus_mundus

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For questions related to academic issues like Erasmus learning agreements, transcript of records, etc. please contact each Coordinator at:

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STUDY PROGRAMMES AT THE UGR:

<http://www.estudiaengranada.es>

<http://grados.ugr.es>

<http://masteres.ugr.es>

<http://doctorados.ugr.es>

THE UGR ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, TUENTI AND YOUTUBE

We actively participate on the following social networks:

FACEBOOK:

<http://www.facebook.com/internacionalugr>

<http://www.facebook.com/universidadgranada>

TWITTER:

<http://twitter.com/canalugr>

TUENTI:

<http://www.tuenti.com/universidaddegranada>

YOUTUBE:

<http://www.youtube.com/canalugr>