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Coimbra Group Office



25th Anniversary of the Coimbra Group

2010 will mark the 25th Anniversary of the Coimbra Group and the first celebration will be marked on 1st of February in connection with the *Dies Natalis* on 2 February of the Universities of Leuven and Louvain-la-Neuve.

Rectors of Coimbra Group Universities and Mayors of the cities hosting Coimbra Group Universities have been invited to the seminar on 1 February at the University of Leuven, as have Coimbra Group Representatives and Task Force members. You will find the invitation letter, a note on practical issues and the programme of the event itself together with a registration form on the Coimbra Group web site under "News": http://www.coimbra-group.eu/01b_news.php.



Annual Conference 2010 in Iași

The celebrations of the 25th anniversary will continue in Iași, when the Coimbra Group holds its Annual Conference at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University on 9-11 June 2010 on the occasion of the University's 150th anniversary. The preliminary programme will soon be published, but we can already now tell you that the Annual Conference 2010 will start on the Wednesday afternoon 9 June with Task Force meetings, continuing on the Thursday morning and, if needed, also the Thursday afternoon, while the TF Chairs meet with the Executive Board. Later in the afternoon there will be the Closed Rectors' meeting.

The theme of the Conference on the Friday morning 11 June will be "Research and Values". The General Assembly will take place in the afternoon of 11 June. For those of you who have the possibility of staying on over the weekend, our kind hosts are designing a weekend trip to the Bucovina region with the famous painted churches, part of the UNESCO World Heritage.

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Coimbra Group Position Paper

Coimbra Group Response to the Green Paper on Learning Mobility for Young People of the European Commission

As mentioned in the CG Newsletter in July this year, the European Commission launched a consultation on the promotion of learning mobility on 15 July on the basis of their "Green Paper on Learning Mobility for Young People".

The Executive Board of the Coimbra Group has prepared a response to the European Commission's Green Paper in consultation with the Task Force on Education, Training and Mobility and the Rectors' Advisory Group.

The response was sent to the European Commission on 15 December. It stresses the need to focus on quality mobility, on content-related definitions of mobility and on mobility of students, doctoral candidates as well as academic and administrative staff in universities. The recommendations at the end of the response are:

- a more comprehensive and flexible definition of mobility be adopted:
 - for activities awarding academic credits, allowing for stays of less than three months,
 - the possibility to split the overall study/training/research period, when clearly and appropriately motivated, into two, or possibly more, coordinated stays abroad, and
 - based on quality mobility, focused on content-related issues, independent of time frames and thus a prerequisite;
- efforts to enhance mobility are increased to allow for genuine support of mobility, along the lines of e.g. the Mobility Statement of the Coimbra Group General Assembly in Jena in 2008, which advocated a mobility culture in Coimbra Group Universities with an increase of student mobility of fifty per cent over the coming five years, establishing university funds to promote mobility, and recommending appropriate commitments to national governments in favour of the European Commission's 2012 targets;
- mobility be promoted under the headline of quality mobility to stress the necessity to concentrate on the contents and learning outcomes of all mobility activities;
- the importance of teaching staff exchanges and the role of coordinators are recognised for their intrinsic importance in developing a mobility culture;
- transparent recognition procedures aim at achieving high quality average standards in the number of credits gained abroad and recognised at home;
- a considerable increase of doctoral mobility be supported, and that the issues particularly relating to the mobility of young researchers are discussed and aligned;
- a diversified concept of employability be promoted to underline the needs of a knowledge society of graduates with skills, creativity and knowledge to function as responsible individuals and mature citizens;
- mobility of academic staff be reconsidered to encourage international as well as inter-sectoral mobility; and that
- permanent attention is paid to the societal role of universities by assisting them in efforts to liaise with local and regional authorities, enterprises, and organisations to promote increased mobility at national, international and inter-sectoral levels of students, faculty and administrative staff.

The response is on-line on the CG web site under "News" or "Publications": http://www.coimbra-group.eu/03_publications.php



New publications on co-operation with Latin America

EC-LA Development Cooperation Guide 2008 - 2010

This guide describes the main concepts defining the EU policy and strategy on co-operation for development with Latin American countries in the period 2008-2010. The book is available to download at the EuropeAid web site:

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/documents/>

Higher Education and Economic Development in Latin America

This book presents an analysis of the contribution of public universities to the Latin American economic development, focusing on the key role these institutions play in the innovation system. This book (Spanish version) is available to download at the ECLAC web site:

http://www.eclac.org/publicaciones/xml/5/35095/Serie_106.pdf



Public consultation on EU's strategy for jobs

The President of the European Commission, Mr Barroso, presented the programme of the new Commission for the period up to 2020. The exit from the current crisis should be the point of entry to a new sustainable social market economy, a smarter, greener economy where prosperity will result from

innovation and from using resources better, and where knowledge will be the key input. To make this transformation happen, Europe needs a common agenda: the EU 2020 strategy.

EU 2020 will build on the successes obtained by the Lisbon strategy since its 2005 re-launch, which focused on growth and jobs, but will also address some of the Lisbon strategy's shortcomings. Education and training can play a key role in this new strategy.

The Commission intends to present a formal proposal for the EU 2020 strategy early next year, with a view to the EU's Heads of State and government adopting the strategy at their spring 2010 meeting. In the meantime, the Commission will undertake a hearing on some of the proposed broad policy considerations for the future EU2020 strategy.

Stakeholders and policy makers from the education and training sectors are strongly encouraged to contribute to the shaping of Europe's future by responding to the consultation document.

Please send your contribution by 15 January 2010 at the latest:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/secretariat_general/eu2020/consultation_en.htm.



We have received



From the University of Bologna

CALL FOR PAPERS ON JOINT DOCTORATES AND ON JOINT PROGRAMMES WITH NON EU PARTNERS

Dear Coimbra Group members,

If you or your colleagues or professors at your institutions have some expertise in the development and management of Joint programmes with non EU partners or if you have expertise with Joint doctorates, you are invited to participate in the

CALL FOR PAPERS on JOINT PROGRAMMES AT DOCTORATE LEVEL AND CALL FOR PAPER ON JOINT PROGRAMMES WITH NON EU PARTNERS

The Calls have been launched within the JOIMAN Network (Joint Degree Management and Administration Network).

The CALLS are open until January 20th 2010, and the texts and procedures can be found in the JOIMAN web site (www.joiman.eu). The selected papers will be published and 2 authors will be invited to present their paper during the second international seminar on Joint degrees which will be organised in Antwerp on March 26th 2010 and hopefully to the final JOIMAN seminar in Vilnius (October 2010).

I kindly ask you to promote this news as much as possible.

JOIMAN RESULTS:

I also invite you to visit the JOIMAN web site in the section "Resources" at <https://www.joiman.eu/resources/default.aspx>, where you can find and download the GOOD PRACTICE REPORT FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JOINT PROGRAMMES" and the "COOPERATION AGREEMENT TEMPLATE FOR JOINT PROGRAMMES" which are the 2 main transferable outputs of the first year of the JOIMAN project.

If you are interested in the presentations of the International Seminar on Joint degrees, held in Rome on November 13th 2009, you can download all the presentations from this link:

<https://www.joiman.eu/activities/Lists/DevelopmentActivities/DispForm.aspx?ID=12&Source=https%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ejoiman%2Eeu%2Factivities%2Fdefault%2Easpx>

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From the University of Jena

International Master Programme in “German Idealism and Modern European Philosophy”

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**Idealismo tedesco
e filosofia
dell’Europa
Moderna**

Internationaler Master

**Deutscher
Idealismus und
moderne europäische
Philosophie**



The Department of Philosophy at the University of Jena has established a joint Master programme on “German Idealism and Modern European Philosophy” in collaboration with the University of Padova and the Sapienza University in Rome. The Master programme leads to a double degree from Jena and Padova or from Jena and Rome. Information material is available in German and Italian.

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We wish you



a Merry Christmas



and a Happy New Year

