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'Innovative Strategies for Higher Education in Latin America and Europe: International Collaboration and Regional Development'

12-14 November 2012
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Please save the date for the first major bi-regional conference bringing together university associations and their members from Latin America and Europe, an initiative of the 'ALFA PUENTES' project.

Organisers:

European University Association
(EUA)

German Rectors' Conference
(HRK)

Conférence des Présidents des
Universités (CPU)

Conferencia de Rectores de las
Universidades Españolas (CRUE)

Conference of Rectors of
Academic Schools in Poland
(CRASP)

Conselho de Reitores das
Universidades Portuguesas (CRUP)

Observatorio de las Relaciones
Unión Europea - América Latina
(OBREAL)

Asociación Grupo Santander (AGS)

Asociación de Universidades
"Grupo Montevideo" (AUGM)

Consejo Superior Universitario
Centroamericano (CSUCA)

Asociación Colombiana de
Universidades (ASCUN)

And

12 additional Latin American
university associations

Hosts:

UNICAMP - Universidade Estadual de Campinas

USPI - Universidade Sao Paulo

UENESP - Universidade Estadual Paulista

USC - Universidade Federal Sao Carlos

Participants:

Approximately 200 people: university leadership in Latin America (LA) and Europe, national university associations, national and regional authorities and relevant higher education and research agencies, enterprise and local industry representatives.

Why participate?

Over the past decades, higher education sectors have expanded and diversified, and higher education has become an important driver for social and economic innovation and development. In a period of intensifying international interconnectivity and economic transition, it is particularly important to draw attention to the role of universities in generating knowledge, driving innovation, and tackling global challenges.

This conference is a unique opportunity to merge these issues in a bi-regional perspective, and debate the present changes faced by higher education institutions and systems in Latin America and Europe. The event will stress the relevance of regionalisation trends, analyse the current growth in Latin American university systems, and promote collaboration with emerging countries of the region.

Hosted by four globally engaged universities of Sao Paulo, it will provide an excellent opportunity for LA and European university associations and individual institutions to meet, exchange and network.

Discussions will focus on:

- Changing roles of Latin American and European universities in society, growth and development
- Presentation of a recent survey on higher education reform in Latin America
- Regionalisation – a strategy for modernisation and sustainable internationalisation
- European and Latin American developments in quality assurance, mobility, doctoral education and research capacity building
- Strategic priorities for Latin America-Europe higher education collaboration
- University partnerships – a shared value between Latin America and Europe
- University-industry partnership in an international perspective
- University associations and agenda setting: implications for the EU-Latin America political framework
- Innovation in Brazilian higher education and opportunities for collaboration

Side programmes:

- Site visits to Sao Paulo universities upon registration
- Bi-lateral meeting facilitation
- Round table on public-private partnerships and industry relationships

*Preliminary interest can be expressed via email to alfapuentes@eua.be
Registration will be launched in March 2012.*

For more information: <http://alfapuentes.org/portal>

ALFA PUENTES:

Building Capacity of University Associations in Fostering Latin American Regional Integration

The ALFA PUENTES project aims at building capacity at the level of university associations in LA and Europe as important drivers in the internationalisation and regional integration agendas. It is led by the European University Association in close cooperation with its member associations, the national rectors' associations of Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Poland and with 17 national and regional university associations in Latin America, the EU-Latin America Observatory (OBREAL) and the Santander Group of Universities (AGS):

Europe

- European University Association (EUA- Belgium- www.eua.be)
- Observatorio de las Relaciones Unión Europea - América Latina (OBREAL - Spain - www.obreal.org)
- Conferencia de Rectores de las Universidades Españolas (CRUE- www.crue.org)
- German Rectors' Conference- Hochschulrektorenkonferenz- (HRK- www.hrk.de)
- Conférence des Présidents d'Université (CPU – France- www.cpu.fr)
- Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (CRASP- www.krasp.org.pl/en)
- Conselho de Reitores das Universidades Portuguesas (CRUP- www.crup.pt)
- Asociación Grupo Santander (AGS- www.sgroup.be)

Central America/Mexico

- Consejo Superior Universitario Centroamericano (CSUCA- www.csuca.org/)
- Consejo Nacional de Rectores- Costa Rica (CONARE- www.conare.ac.cr)
- Consejo de Rectores de Panamá (CRP - www.pa/consejo)
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH- www.unah.edu.hn)
- Asociación Nacional de Universidades y de Instituciones de Educación Superior - México (ANUIES- www.anuies.mx)
- Universidad Veracruzana, México (www.uv.mx)

Mercosur

- Asociación de Universidades "Grupo Montevideo" (www.grupomontevideo.edu.uy)
- Conselho de Reitores das Universidades Brasileiras (CRUB – www.crub.org.br)
- Consejo Interuniversitario Nacional - Argentina (CIN - www.cin.edu.ar)
- Universidad Nacional de Asunción – Paraguay (www.una.py)
- Universidad de la República – Uruguay – associated partner (www.universidad.edu.uy)

Andean Community

- Asociación Colombiana de Universidades (ASCUN - www.ascun.org.org)
- Universidad de Guayaquil (Consejo Nacional de Educación Superior de Ecuador- CONESUP- www.ug.edu.ec)
- Consejo de Rectores de las Universidades Chilenas (CRUCH- www.cruch.cl)
- Comité Ejecutivo de la Universidad Boliviana (CEUB- www.ceub.edu.bo)
- Asamblea Nacional de Rectores del Perú (ANR- www.anr.edu.pe)