



New GUIDE representative for Latin American Area: Prof. Murilo Matos Mendonça

Prof. Murilo Matos Mendonça was appointed by Prof. João Vianney Valle dos Santos to replace him as a GUIDE representative for the Latin American Area. **We are therefore pleased to welcome Prof. Mendonça in our Association.** Prof. Mendonça is the Responsible for the International Affairs Department of UNISUL - Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina – Brazil. He is also responsible for UnisulVirtual.

UnisulVirtual – Unisul's distance education campus: an Overview

The UnisulVirtual campus is the unit specializing in distance education at the University of Southern Santa Catarina – UNISUL*. The methodology adopted and the form of organization of distance education on the UnisulVirtual campus are in line with the concept of Virtual University where the pedagogic use of the technological digital communication resources allow the students to have permanent contact with their tutors, with their class colleagues, with the institutional administrative departments and remote access to the content and learning activities. The students are situated throughout the whole of the Brazilian territory and in other countries.

The methodology of the UnisulVirtual campus

UnisulVirtual employs a teaching methodology which gives priority to the use of digital technologies for permanent contact between the distance students and their university teachers, allowing the students to study and clear up their doubts from any computer which is connected to the Internet. UnisulVirtual created the Virtual Learning Space tool as the main resource for pedagogical mediation between teachers and students. The students also receive printed teaching material, CD-ROMs and DVDs to do their reading and simulation activities which are compulsory to the programs.

For any further information, please visit: www.virtual.unisul.br

* UNISUL is a municipal education foundation created by the municipality of the city of Tubarão in 1964, and is part of the education system of the State of Santa Catarina, in the southern region of Brazil.

BREAKING NEWS!!!

GUIDE and UTGM are currently involved in the research of National, European and International Calls for Proposals mainly concerning sciences, technology, training and education in order to constitute strong and sound partnerships. For this reason we are now creating a comprehensive database with names and details of institutions that might be involved in future projects.

We kindly ask all Members to inform us, through our office, about the following:

- a) *According to you what are the research priorities in your country/region?*
- b) *What are the main research projects that are being carried out in your university?*
- c) *Do you think there are other research topics should be developed?*
- d) *In your opinion, is there a strong interaction between academic research and industry/SMEs in your country?*
- e) *What is your research field?*

This would be a great information and communication instrument in terms of future development and cooperation.

You can send the details above to one of the following e-mail addresses:

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE

PROPOSALS FROM THE GUIDE MEMBERS

NGNS' 09 - International Conference on Next Generation Networks and Services
Rabat, Morocco, 4th-6th June 2009

<http://www.e-ngn.org/ngns09/>

ICELW The International Conference on E-learning in the Workplace
New York, June 10th-12th 2008

www.icelw.org

IMCL 4th International Conference on Interactive Mobile and Computer Aided Learning
Princess Sumaya University for Technology – Amman, Jordan
22-24 April 2009
www.imcl-conference.org

OTHER CONFERENCES

ICBL - Interactive computer-aided blended learning
5 to 7 November 2009 - Florianopolis, Sant Catarina, Brazil
<http://www.icbl-conference.org/>

Learning Technology Africa
21 to 23 September 2009 - Abuja, Nigeria
<http://www.LearnTechAfrica.com>

The 23rd AAOU Annual Conference
3 to 5 November 2009 - Tehran, Iran
<http://www.aaou2009.pnu.ac.ir>

EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS

European Programmes

Guide Association makes available websites links of the main European programmes and calls, which could be of possible interest for members institutions, universities or private and public bodies willing to establish useful partnerships for the development of global cooperation projects.

Lifelong Learning Programme, Leonardo da Vinci sub-programme

The Leonardo da Vinci programme funds a wide range of actions, notably cross-border mobility initiatives, co-operation projects to develop and spread innovation and thematic networks. The potential beneficiaries are similarly wide – from trainees in initial vocational training, to people already in the labor market, as well as VET professionals and private or public organizations active in this field. Leonardo da Vinci enables VET organizations to work with European partners, exchange best practices, increasing the expertise of their staff and respond to the teaching and learning needs of people. Leonardo da Vinci should increase placements in enterprises to 80,000 per year by the end of the programme.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Deadline: 27 February 2009

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc82_en.htm

Lifelong Learning Programme, Grundtvig sub-programme

Grundtvig aims to provide adults with ways to improve their knowledge and skills. It not only covers learners in adult education, but also the teachers, trainers, education staff and facilities that provide these services. These include relevant associations, counseling organizations, information services, policy-making bodies and others involved in lifelong learning and adult education at local, regional and national levels, such as NGOs, enterprises, voluntary groups and research centers. Grundtvig should support the mobility of 7,000 individuals involved in adult education per year by 2013.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Deadline: various deadlines from 16 January 2009 to 15 September 2009

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc86_en.htm

Lifelong Learning Programme, Comenius sub-programme

Comenius seeks to develop knowledge and understanding among young people and educational staff of the diversity of European cultures, languages and values. It aims at improving and increasing the mobility of pupils and educational staff in different Member States and is focused on enhancing partnerships between schools with at least three million pupils taking part in joint educational activities by 2010. Another goal of the sub-programme is that of encouraging language learning, innovative ICT-based content, services and better teaching techniques and practices. Comenius should involve at least three million pupils in joint educational activities, over the period of the programme.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Deadline: various deadlines from 16 January 2009 to 15 September 2009

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc84_en.htm

Lifelong Learning Programme, Erasmus sub-programme

Erasmus is the EU's flagship education and training programme, enabling two hundred thousand students to study and work abroad each year. It caters not only for students, but also for professors and business staff who want to teach abroad and for university staff who want to be trained abroad. In addition to mobility actions, the Programme supports higher education institutions to work together through intensive programmes, networks and multilateral projects. Erasmus should reach the total of three million individual participants in student mobility actions since the programme began.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Deadline: 13 March 2009

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc80_en.htm

Lifelong Learning Programme, Transversal Programme

In order to ensure that the four sub-programmes of the Lifelong Learning Programme reap the best results, a transversal programme with four key activities complements them: policy co-operation - innovating and sharing good policy practices -, languages - breaking the language barriers -, information and communication technologies - innovative learning -, dissemination and exploitation of project results - spreading and implementing the results.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union (as of 1 January 2007), the EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries: Turkey.

Deadline: 31 March 2009

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc90_en.htm

Seventh Framework Programme – Cooperation - ICT

Call title: ICT Call 4

Call Identifier: FP7-ICT-2009-4

The objective of the call is to improve the competitiveness of European industry and enable Europe to master and shape future developments in ICT so that the demands of its society and economy are met. ICT is at the very core of the knowledge-based society. Activities will continue to strengthen Europe's scientific and technology base and ensure its global leadership in ICT, help drive and stimulate product, service and process innovation and creativity through ICT use and value creation in Europe, and ensure that ICT progress is rapidly transformed into benefits for Europe's citizens, businesses, industry and governments. These activities will also help reduce the digital divide and social exclusion.

Deadline: 01 April 2009

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=185#additionaldocs

Seventh Framework Programme – Cooperation – Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies

The core objective of the Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies (NMP) theme is to improve the competitiveness of European industry and generate the knowledge needed to transform it from a resource-intensive to a knowledge-intensive industry.

NMP research also aims to strengthen the competitiveness of European industry by generating 'step changes' in a wide range of sectors and implementing decisive knowledge for new applications between different technologies and disciplines.

Funding the NMP research theme will benefit new, high tech industries and higher-value, knowledge-based traditional industries, with a special focus to the appropriate dissemination of research results to SMEs.

Deadline: various deadlines starting from 17 February 2009

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage>

Seventh Framework Programme – Cooperation – Energy

The objective of energy research under FP7 is to aid the creation and establishment of the technologies necessary to adapt the current energy system into a more sustainable, competitive and secure one. It should also depend less on imported fuels and use a diverse mix of energy sources, in particular renewables, energy carriers and non polluting sources.

Deadline: 31 March and 29 April 2009

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage>

Seventh Framework Programme – Cooperation - Environment

Call title: Coordinated ERA-NET Call 2009

Call Identifier: FP7-ERANET-2009-RTD

The objective of Environment research under FP7 is to promote sustainable management of the natural and human environment and its resources by advancing our knowledge on the interactions between the biosphere, ecosystems and human activities, and developing new technologies, tools and services, in order to address in an integrated way global environmental issues. The main policy drivers for the work programme 2009 are still the EU research's prominent contribution to implementation of relevant international commitments, protocols, initiatives, as well as existing and emerging EU environmental legislation and policies including implementation of the 6th Environmental Action programme, associated thematic strategies, the action plans and, not least, the implementation of the European Research Area (ERA).

Deadline: 31 March and 21 April 2009

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=183

Seventh Framework Programme – Cooperation - Transport

Call title: FP7-GALILEO-2008-GSA-1

Call Identifier: FP7-GALILEO-2008-GSA-1

Based on technological and operational advances and on the European transport policy, the Transport theme's objective is to develop integrated, safer, "greener" and "smarter" pan-European transport systems for the benefit of all citizens and society and climate policy, respecting the environment and natural resources. Moreover it is focused on securing and further developing the competitiveness attained by the European industries in the global market.

Deadline: 31 March 2009

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=191

Seventh Framework Programme – Cooperation - Socio-economic sciences and Humanities

Call title: Coordinated ERA-NET Call 2009

Call Identifier: FP7-ERANET-2009-RTD

The objective is to generate an in-depth, shared understanding of complex and interrelated socio-economic challenges Europe is confronted with, such as growth, employment and competitiveness, social cohesion, social, cultural and educational challenges in an enlarged European Union, sustainability, migration and integration, quality of life and global interdependence, in particular with the view of providing an improved knowledge base for

policies in the fields concerned.

Deadline: 21 April 2009

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=183

Culture Programme

The EU's Culture programme (2007-2013) has a budget of €400 million for projects and initiatives to celebrate Europe's cultural diversity and enhance our shared cultural heritage through the development of cross-border co-operation between cultural operators and institutions. The Culture programme aims to achieve three main objectives: to promote cross-border mobility of those working in the cultural sector, to encourage the transnational circulation of cultural and artistic output and to foster intercultural dialogue. For the achievement of these objectives, the programme supports three strands of activities: cultural actions, European-level cultural bodies and analysis and dissemination activities.

Applicants must be established in one of the following countries: the 27 Member States of the European Union, European Economic Area (EEA) countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), countries candidate to EU membership (Croatia, Turkey and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) plus Serbia. The countries of the western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro) could become eligible in the future, subject to the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the participation of each of those countries in the Programme. There are also some third countries which can participate to specific actions of the programme. They are: Armenia, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Moldavia, Tunisia and Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Deadline: various deadlines from 1 October 2008 to 01 November 2010

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc411_en.htm

PRO€INVEST Programme - Technical and financial support to organisations representing the ACP private sector

PRO€ INVEST is a programme of the Group of ACP States and the European Commission for the promotion of investment and technology transfers in ACP countries. Its management has been entrusted to the Centre for the Development of Enterprise (CDE) under the supervision of EuropeAid Cooperation Office of the European Commission (EuropeAid). The programme was launched in 2002 and has a budget of 110 millions euros.

The Pro€Invest objective is to promote investment and technology flows to enterprises operating within key sectors in the ACP States. This will be achieved through a two dimensional approach: to support intermediary organisations and professional associations and to develop inter-enterprise partnerships. In order to address these issues, PRO€INVEST adopted a two-dimensional approach: Reinforce the capacity of ACP intermediary organisations who have a key role to play in the improvement of the investment environment and support identified key sectors by organising investment conferences.

Eligible applicants and partners must have the nationality of one of the following countries:

A. 8th EDF ACP countries, namely :

West Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo

Central Africa: Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Congo Democratic Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sao Tome & Principe

East Africa and Indian Ocean: Burundi, Comoro, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

Caribbean: Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago

Pacific: Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Samoa

Southern Africa: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia

B. Pre-enlargement EU countries (EU-15), i.e. countries that contributed to the 8th EDF.

Deadline: various deadlines from 27 February 2009 to 29 May 2009

<http://www.proinvest-eu.org/page.asp?id=378>

MEDIA 2007 - EACEA/18/08 - Audiovisual festivals

On 15th of November 2007 the European Parliament and the Council adopted a new programme to support the European audiovisual sector: MEDIA 2007. The budget will be €755 million over seven years (2007-13). The overall objectives of MEDIA 2007 are: - to preserve and enhance European cultural diversity and its cinematographic and audiovisual heritage, guarantee accessibility to this for Europeans and promote intercultural dialogue - to increase the circulation of European audiovisual works inside and outside the European Union - to strengthen the competitiveness of the European audiovisual sector in the framework of an open and competitive market.

The present notification is addressed to European organisations and to those registered in and controlled by nationals from the Member States of the European Union and countries of the European Economic Agreement participating in the MEDIA 2007 Programme (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), Switzerland and Croatia.

Deadline: 30 April 2009

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/festiv/forms/index_en.htm

MEDIA 2007 - EACEA/25/08 - Support for the development of on and off-line interactive works

The current Call for Proposals has the specific objective of promoting, by providing financial support, the development of production projects intended for European and international markets presented by independent European production companies in the following categories: on and off-line interactive works.

The present Call is open to independent European production companies.

Legal entities submitting an application must be established in one of the following countries:

- Member States of the European Union;
- Countries in the European Economic Area participating in the MEDIA 2007 Programme (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway);
- Switzerland and Croatia.

Deadline: 17 April 2009

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/producer/develop/interactive/index_en.htm

TREN/SUB 02-2008 - Urban Mobility

The European Commission intends to award grants to actions in support of the development of sustainable mobility policy for urban agglomerations. These actions should promote the objectives of sustainable urban mobility in line with the approaches set out in the Green Paper: more fluid and less polluted towns and cities, more intelligent and more accessible, and safer and more secure urban transport. The proposals to be selected should promote good practice, with a focus on one (or several) of the following five areas: - safe walking and/or cycling in towns and cities; - goods transport and logistics in towns and cities; - approximation of the systems of green areas in towns and cities; - interoperability of the information and payment systems of public and private modes of transport in towns and cities; - demand-responsive transport for passengers in towns and cities and the suburbs.

Deadline: 31 March 2009

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy_transport/grants/proposal_en.htm

EU-US ATLANTIS Programme

The European Commission has launched together with the US Department of Education a new joint call for proposals covering a series of actions grouped under the common title of "ATLANTIS". The general objectives are to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the European Community and the United States of America including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions and to improve the quality of human resource development in both the European Community and the United States of America. Eligible applicants must be established in one of the 27 countries of the European Union.

Deadline: 23 March 2009

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/usa/2009/call_us_eu_2009.htm

EU-CANADA Transatlantic Exchange Partnerships (TEP) Programme

In the context of the European Union - Canada Framework for Co-operation in Higher

Education, Training and Youth (EU-Canada Programme) a new call for proposals has been launched to fund joint study and/or training Programmes allowing transatlantic exchanges between European and Canadian education institutions.

The funded activities, such as the development of curricula, joint study programmes, international internships, exchanges and study abroad with provision for mutual credit recognition and language and cultural preparation, will benefit to higher education students, vocational education and training learners and teachers/trainers/administrative staff. The main focus of activities must be on transatlantic rather than intra-European or intra-Canadian interactions. Submission of grant requests under this 2009 Call for Proposals is open to higher education institutions and to vocational education and training institutions.

European eligible institutions must be established in one of the 27 Member States of the European Union.

Deadline: 1 April 2009

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/canada/2009/call_2009_en.htm

ACP Science and Technology Programme

The overall objective of the ACP Science and Technology Programme is to support ACP countries in formulating and implementing science and technology (S&T) policies that can lead to sustainable development and to poverty reduction through economic growth and progressive integration in the world economy. The Programme promotes interdisciplinary approaches to sustainable development along three main axes: - co-ordination and networking in applied research; - instruments for collaborative research; - management of research activities and reinforcement of research.

The programme is open to all 79 member states of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP), the 27 member states of the European Union (EU), the 3 EU candidate countries, and the 3 member states of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) that belong to the European Economic Area (EEA), it funds partnership projects to be selected through an open Call for Project Proposals.

Deadline: 27 February 2009

<http://www.acp-st.eu/>

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