



GUIDE Association International Workshop: The results in brief

The International Workshop of GUIDE Association was held in Rome on 15-16 May 2008 hosted by Università Telematica "Guglielmo Marconi".

The attendance was very interesting and qualified, as can be easily seen from the published Proceedings (*if you need a DVD copy of the Proceedings please ask GUIDE Operative Office*)

The event brought together more than 60 researchers coming from all over the world.

The participating institutions had the opportunity to share best practices and experiences in the fields of distance education and ICT.

Very useful proposals were put forward by the participants to help in the definition of the future objectives of GUIDE Association.

The most important result coming out from the Workshop was the definition of new tasks such as:

- *the improvement of the capability to merge the experiences of the Members in order to build up research projects in partnership;*
- *the organization of small thematic workshops at regional/national level dedicated to the exchange of the research results;*
- *the implementation of ICT for social, cultural and economic growth especially in developing countries;*
- *the realization of a global cooperation model for "open" universities with different cultural, social and economic backgrounds.*

The follow-up

The Area Representatives (*see details below*) have already started to work for the implementation of the new tasks.

The first Virtual Meeting of the GUIDE Board was held on Tuesday 3rd June 2008.

Some suggestions have been put forward during the meeting:

- the opportunity to foster and manage **development programs** and **projects** in less favored areas;
- the analysis of the best approach to the Financing Institutions (national/international) to facilitate the submission of projects, in partnership between Members, in the field of distance education and/or in other research fields;
- the implementation of the research activity of the Members related to e-learning, quality bench-markings, international cooperation networking.

New Members

- Prof. Mohamed Ben Ammar University of Kairouan, Tunisia;
- Prof. Alex Luarasi, Universiteti Luarasi, Albania
- Mr. Emmanuel Meduri, Ambedkar Open University, India
- Sirohi Rajpal Singh Barkatullah University, India
- Prof. Safarov Shahriyor Safarovich Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages Uzbekistan
- Dr. Mila Eshonova International Business School "Kealajak Ilmi" Uzbekistan
- Prof. Abdallah Al-Zoubi Princess Sumaya University for Technology Jordan
- Guram Lezhava Caucasus University Georgia
- Haydée Isabel Nieto, Universidad del Salvador, Argentina

Election of Area Representatives

The GUIDE International workshop has elected new Area Representatives implementing the Directive Board:

The current Directive Board:

EUROPE – Prof. **Krzysztof Gurba**, Tischner European University (Krakow, Poland)

AFRICA – Prof. **Rachida Ajhoun**, Université Mohamed V – Soussi (Rabat, Morocco)

MIDDLE EAST – Dr. **Osama Mimi**, Birzeit University (Birzeit, Palestine)

The new Members of the Directive Board:

NORTH AMERICA – Prof. **David Guralnick**, Kaleidoscope Learning (Columbia University, New York, USA) and Prof. **Robert Robertson**, Saint Leo University (Tampa, USA)

CENTRAL & SOUTHERN AMERICA (Portuguese speaking countries) – Prof. **João Vianney**, University of Santa Caterina (Santa Catarina, Brazil)

CENTRAL & SOUTHERN AMERICA (Spanish speaking countries) – Dr. **Beatriz Fainholc**, Centro de Diseño, Producción y Evaluación de Recursos Multimediales para el Aprendizaje (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

CENTRAL & WESTERN ASIA – Prof. **Guram Lezhava**, Caucasus University (Tbilisi, Georgia)

SOUTHERN & EASTERN ASIA – Prof. **Emmanuel Meduri**, Ambedkar Open University (Hyderabad, India)

FORMAMENTE –June Issue

The new issue will include a reflection on the use of Artificial Intelligence in the fields of education and training in the last twenty years. An interesting study of the U.S. Texas A&M University investigates the relation between distance education and creativity while other articles examine how gaming and avatars can effectively engage online learners. The Application section of the journal presents typologically different experimentations: from the experimental platform for remote access to the French Laboratory IRCCyN of Nantes to a review on good practices for inter-institutional collaboration of the Polish Warsaw School of Economics. Finally, the Highlight section offers a rich and multi-faceted space for information, in the local and the global dimensions with a careful eye on innovative experiences at the international level.

European and International Calls for Proposals

This Section keeps GUIDE Members updated with the latest opportunities to participate in cooperation and research programmes.

The GUIDE Operative Office will offer support in the search and constitution of partnerships and in the project drawing up.

GUIDE Members are kindly invited to send their proposals.

Warning: keep an eye on deadlines, the constitution of partnership and the projects writing take time

“Getting to Know Europe: Local and Regional Communities and the European Union”

The Delegation of the European Commission in Washington, DC, invites proposals for programs that promote greater knowledge, within local and regional communities in the United States, of the European Union (EU) and its international role, including as a partner to the US. The program should involve secondary schools, universities, youth groups and associations, local community groups, local associations promoting socio-cultural exchanges across the Atlantic, media and other professional training centers, and other civil society organizations such as chambers of commerce from the United States and the EU. **Deadline: 18 September 2008.** For more information about the call, please visit <http://www.eurunion.org/infores/gettingtoknoweurope2008-09CFP.doc>

Programme: Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7), PEOPLE

Call title: MARIE CURIE INTRA-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

stages of their careers, and seeks to enhance their individual competence diversification in terms of skill acquisition at multi- or interdisciplinary level and/or by undertaking intersectoral experiences. The aim is to support researchers in attaining and/or strengthening a leading independent position, e.g. principal investigator, professor or other senior position in education or enterprise. The action may also assist researchers to resume a career in research after a break. **Deadline: 19 August 2008 at 17:00:00** (Brussels local time).

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=usersite.FP7DetailsCallPage&CALL_ID=118

Programme: Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7), PEOPLE

Call title: MARIE CURIE INTERNATIONAL INCOMING FELLOWSHIPS

This action aims to reinforce the scientific excellence of the Member States and the Associated countries through knowledge sharing with incoming top-class researchers from *third countries* to work on research projects in Europe, with the view to developing mutually-beneficial research co-operation between Europe and *third countries*. It aims to encourage these researchers to plan their period of international mobility within the framework of a coherent professional project and thus enhances the possibility of future collaborative research links with European researchers and research organisations in their future research career. **Deadline: 19 August 2008 at 17:00:00** (Brussels local time)

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Programme: Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7), PEOPLE

Call title: MARIE CURIE INTERNATIONAL OUTGOING FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

This action is to support the career development of *experienced researchers* at different stages of their careers, and seeks to enhance their individual competence diversification in terms of skill acquisition at multi- or interdisciplinary level and/or by undertaking

intersectoral experiences. The aim is to support researchers in attaining and/or strengthening a leading independent position, e.g. principal investigator, professor or other senior position in education or enterprise. The action may also assist researchers to resume a career in research after a break. **Deadline: 19 August 2008 at 17:00:00** (Brussels local time)

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Programme: Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7), PEOPLE

Call title: MARIE CURIE INITIAL TRAINING NETWORKS

The action aims to improve career perspectives of early-stage researchers in both public and private sectors, thereby making research careers more attractive to young people. This will be achieved through a trans-national networking mechanism, aimed at structuring the existing high quality initial research training capacity throughout Member States and Associated countries in both public and private sectors.

Deadline: 02 September 2008 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=usersite.FP7DetailsCallPage&CALL_ID=121

Programme: Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7), PEOPLE

Call title: MARIE CURIE INTERNATIONAL REINTEGRATION GRANTS

Call Identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-IRG-2008

Deadline: 31 December 2008 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

The objective of this action is to reinforce the attractiveness of Europe by encouraging European researchers who have carried out research outside Europe for at least 3 years, to reintegrate in a Member State or in an Associated country in order to contribute to European research and transfer the knowledge they have acquired in a third country, by offering them the opportunity to capitalise in Europe on their experience. It is aimed at countering European brain drain to third countries. It should also allow the development of lasting co-operation with the scientific and/or industrial environment of the third country from which they have returned.

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Some examples of project proposals submitted by GUIDE Members

ALFA III (Promotion of higher education in Latin America (LA) – Master in Microfinance

Applicant: FOR.COM.

Partners:

- Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (Spain)
- Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (Mexico)
- Universidad del Pacífico (Peru)
- **Universidad Tecnológica Privada de Santa Cruz S.A. (Bolivia) GUIDE**
- **Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja (Ecuador) GUIDE**

ALFA III – ELGATE (Cooperation Project between European and Latin American Universities)

Applicant: UTGM

Partners:

- **Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos (Brazil) GUIDE**
- **Universidade Aberta (Portugal) GUIDE**
- **Universidad del Salvador (Argentina) GUIDE**
- **Fundación Uvirtual (Bolivia) GUIDE**
- **Universidad Estatal a Distancia (Costa Rica) GUIDE**

EDULINK - UNI-ACT (Implementation of universities international cooperation to strengthen their role as active actor of civil society and governance)

Applicant: UTGM

- Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (Spain)
- The College of The Bahamas (Bahamas)
- Universidad Dominicana O&M (Repubblica Dominicana)

- Universidad Abierta para Adultos (Repubblica Dominicana) **GUIDE**

EDULINK – NO-DIS (Knowledge for prevention and mitigation of natural disasters)

Applicant: UTGM

- Instituto Politécnico de Bragança (Portogallo)

- Addis Ababa University (Etiopia)

- Universidade Católica de Moçambique - Centro de Ensino à Distância
(Mozambico) **GUIDE**

- Sokoine University of Agriculture (Tanzania) **GUIDE**

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