



New research themes

A point of discussion between GUIDE members is the promotion of innovative processes and models of knowledge transfer to help and to support a transnational collaborative research.

Upon the suggestion of some members, two interdisciplinary research themes have been identified to be submitted to your consideration.

The selected themes cover critical areas of knowledge trying to respond to important social, economic and educational needs:

- *Innovative pedagogical strategies in teaching mathematical modelling and applications*

The use of innovative online technologies for design and study of mathematics and science is a theme of great interest for the worldwide scientific community. In this regard GUIDE intends to foster the dissemination of relevant trends and research results in the field, by establishing a group of experts interested in exchanging practical experiences and applications. Moreover this subject will be further discussed during the next workshops, as well as virtual meetings and seminars.

- *The role of digital technologies in educational and vocational guidance*

Access to educational and vocational guidance services should be improved through the use of digital technologies that can better guide students in the crucial moments of their educational path, such as curriculum choice, postgraduate studies, internship and career opportunities. Web-based guidance and tools offers another way of reaching and empowering the user, fostering the development of self-help autonomy and customised information advice and career counselling. About this theme the GUIDE initial objective is to coordinate joint initiatives, stimulate standards and tools advancement and to identify information gaps and need of research.

- *The Association wish to invite its members to contribute to the development of those subjects.*
- *We ask you to send your suggestions, your criticisms and whatever else, including other themes /proposals.*
- *The next step will be the establishment of international working groups committed to this goal, in order to formulate a project/program to be implemented (also in financial terms).*

New Members

- Dr. Sergio Cossa, National Institute of Distance Education, Mozambique
- Dr. Randy Zhang, Shanghai TV University, China
- Mr. Alden Dochshanov, Institute of Physics and Technology, Kazakhstan

Launch of new GUIDE Association website

GUIDE launched an updated version of the www.guideassociation.org website. The new site has been redesigned to better meet the needs of GUIDE members, by providing enhanced access to the association information and resources.

Among the new features included there is the "latest news" section where videos of the GUIDE 2008 International Workshop proceedings are now available!

[Visit our new website](#)

GUIDE Participation in international events

In order to further strengthen the international cooperation and broaden its partnerships at an international level, GUIDE Association regularly attends to relevant international initiatives and conferences:

Past events:

Participation in the 2nd ACDE (African Council for Distance Education) Conference and General Assembly "Open and Distance Learning (ODL) for Sustainable Development" Lagos, Nigeria (8-11 July 2008).

Sustainable development involves proffering creative solutions to various kinds of problems that have arisen as world economies become more integrated. The conference explores the possibility of achieving development goals and thus enhance the quality of life through open and distance learning in Africa and in the developing world.

[Go to the event website](#)

Future events:

Participation in the 2008 Global Forum on Open and Distance Education, Shanghai, China (19-21 October 2008)

GUIDE participation in the forthcoming 2008 Global Forum on Open and Distance Education "The Future of Open and Distance Education and the Building of the Learning City" highlights the Association commitment and interest in the new trends and development of the far east Area.

- The main themes of the forum are focused on the important mission played by open and distance education in a context of economic globalization, emergence of knowledge economies and internationalization of higher education.

[Go to the event website](#)

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), IDEAS

Call title: Call for proposals for *ERC CSA (Supporting action)*

Call Identifier: ERC-2009-Support

Deadline: 12 November 2008 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

The objective of the specific programme 'Ideas' is to reinforce excellence, dynamism and creativity in European research and improve the attractiveness of Europe for the best researchers from both European and third countries, as well as for industrial research investment, by providing a Europe-wide competitive funding structure, in addition to and not replacing national funding, for 'frontier research' executed by individual teams. Communication and dissemination of research results is an important aspect of this programme.

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=136&act_code=ERC&ID_ACTIVITY=11n

Programme: Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7), COOPERATION

Call title: Energy Call Part 2

Call Identifier: FP7-ENERGY-2008-TREN-1

Deadline: 8 October 2008 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

The second general call (FP7-ENERGY-2008-TREN-1) addresses different technologies at research areas and topic level, in most cases asking for a predominant demonstration component. The main objective is shortening the time to market for promising technologies and systems, and the proposed solutions should go significantly beyond existing state of the art.

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=127#infopack

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.

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=usersite.FP7DetailsCallPage&CALL_ID=96

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