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ERASMUS CONFERENCE ERACON 2008 IN LISBON



The ERACON 2008 meeting will be held in the Portuguese capital, Lisbon, between 8-10 May.

The Conference is organized by a partnership among the EAEC (European Association of Erasmus Coordinators), ISCTE (Instituto de Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa - Lisbon University Institute) and Instituto Politécnico de Portalegre, Portugal (IPP), it will take place at the ISCTE premises, and happens after the previous successful conferences held in Cyprus (2005), Turkey (2006) and Lithuania (2007).

More than 300 participants are expected to attend, taking advantage not only of the opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss several relevant topics in view of improving cooperation among institutions, but also of the possibility of (re)visiting the beautiful Lisbon. More information can be found at www.eracon.info.

GO-EXCHANGE EDUCATIONAL FAIR 2008

A Go-Exchange Educational Fair will take place during ERACON 2008, where Erasmus coordinators can exhibit materials from their institutions and establish contacts for future cooperation agreements. This has proved to be very successful in past ERACON meetings.

There is no additional cost to participate in the fair provided that a registration at the Conference has been accepted and the fee paid. However, materials have to be sent on time by courier to the organizer address.

POSTER COMPETITION AT ERACON

Another parallel event during ERACON 2008 will be a Poster Competition, open to all participant institutions at the Conference. This will be the first time such a competition is organised. The idea is to reward the excellent posters that institutions produce for Erasmus purposes. To be eligible to participate in the competition a representative has to participate and register at the ERACON 2008 conference. Each institution could submit up to two posters for the competition. The posters will be exhibited at the GO-Exchange Fair.

Diplomas will be awarded to the first three prizes plus free accommodation in ERACON 2009: 4 days (first prize), 3 days (second prize), 2 days (third prize).

EAEC JOINS EUROPEAN PROJECTS

Our Association is a partner in the EUE-Net (European University Enterprises Network). The aims of EUE-Net is to create a European Network able to assemble and to coordinate the efforts towards a better cooperation between universities and enterprises at European level, to disseminate the cooperation models and to promote best practice in Europe. The target groups of the project are graduates, students and learners in European universities, academic and research staff in European higher education institutions, university leadership, university stakeholders, but also entrepreneurs, professional staff from enterprises, managers and policy makers etc.

EAEC ORGANISES DATA BASE ON STAFF TRAINING

Taking into account that staff training placements are introduced this year in our ERASMUS activities we all realized problems in helping staff members of our institutions to find appropriate destinations for short term training placements. The problem is mostly evident in supporting the administrative staff of our institutions.

The Management Board of EAEC has decided to support this effort by establishing a data base of available staff training destinations in European Higher Education Institutions. In the first place, the data base will be open to all, but at a later stage only member institutions of EAEC will have access to it. To participate at this effort, interested institutions should download and complete the template that is available on the website www.eaec.eu.com. The template should be sent to the email: rkyrillou@llp.org.cy, and will be listed in the same site for open access.