Upcoming events

Conference in Singapore – pre-registration open
Pre-registration is now open for the conference. Please indicate your potential interest in attending by completing the online form and you will receive immediate notification once the official conference registration site goes live.

21st IMHE Governing Board meeting
The next meeting of the IMHE Governing Board will take place on Monday, 20 April 2015 in Paris. As well as discussing the Singapore conference and the future of work on higher education, there will be presentations from OECD staff on the Knowledge Triangle Project, higher education and entrepreneurship and the Skills Beyond School reviews.

www.oecd.org/edu/imhemeetings
http://www.oecd.org/edu/imhe/non-oecdconferences.htm

OECD and higher education activities

What it means for Higher Education – quarterly brief for members
March 2015 – The Labour Market Integration of Immigrants and their Children – OECD International Migration Outlook 2014

Aalto conference report
The summary report for the Conference on Higher Education and Entrepreneurship, co-organised with Aalto University and held on 20-21 November 2014 in Helsinki, Finland is now available. The report is not intended to relate all of the content of the Conference, but to summarise many of the main points and ideas generated during the event. The first part of the report contains a summary of the main findings accumulated over the course of the two-day Conference. Part II summarises presentations on Aalto University, while Part III reflects presentations made by invited speakers from other institutions and organisations with models to share on entrepreneurship and higher education.
Other higher education activities

Spring EAIE Academy 2015, Riga, Latvia
Deadline: 30 March

The 2015 spring EAIE Academy will take place in Riga from 20-24 April and will feature 9 comprehensive courses on topics such as turning leads into enrolled students, SEO, assessing internationalised learning outcomes, alumni relations, strategic enrolment management, cultural learning in education abroad and managing joint master programmes. Choose two courses to maximise your training experience. Make sure you sign up by 30 March!

OECD publications and resources

The ABC of Gender Equality in Education: Aptitude, Behaviour, Confidence
Publication website
This fascinating compilation of the recent data on gender differences in education presents a wealth of data, analysed from a multitude of angles in a clear and lively way. In particular it looks at underperformance among boys, lack of self confidence among girls and family, school and societal influences before addressing policies to help boys and girls reach their full potential.

Boosting growth through better foundation skills
On the educationtoday blog
by Andreas Schleicher, Director, Directorate for Education and Skills
Wouldn’t it be much smarter if, instead of dealing with the consequences of income inequality, we could address the root of the problem and moderate the sources of income inequality? Read more...

Green Growth Newsletter
Issue 26, February 2015
As well as the latest publications and key events, this issue has a look at the Green Growth Knowledge Platform Annual Conference held in January.

Fit Mind, Fit Job: From Evidence to Practice in Mental Health and Work
Publication website
The costs of mental ill-health for individuals, employers and society at large are enormous. Mental illness is responsible for a very significant loss of potential labour supply, high rates of unemployment, and a high incidence of sickness absence and reduced productivity at work. Following an introductory report (Sick on the Job: Myths and Realities about Mental Health and Work) and nine country reports, this final synthesis report summarises the findings from the participating countries and makes the case for a stronger policy response.

Main Science and Technology Indicators Volume 2014 Issue 2
On iLibrary
This biannual publication provides a set of indicators that reflect the level and structure of the efforts undertaken by OECD member countries and seven non-member economies (Argentina, China, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Chinese Taipei) in the field of science and technology. These data include final or provisional results, as well as forecasts established by government authorities.
The OECD Education and Skills Newsletter
March 2015
The first issue for 2015 brings to you the key education findings and policy directions emerging from recent OECD analysis in a single accessible free source.

Skills for Social Progress
Publication website
This report presents a synthesis of the OECD’s analytical work on the role of socio-emotional skills and proposes strategies to raise them. It analyses the effects of skills on a variety of measures of individual well-being and social progress, which covers aspects of our lives that are as diverse as education, labour market outcomes, health, family life, civic engagement and life satisfaction. The report discusses how policy makers, schools and families facilitate the development of socio-emotional skills through intervention programmes, teaching and parenting practices. Not only does it identify promising avenues to foster socio-emotional skills, it also shows that these skills can be measured meaningfully within cultural and linguistic boundaries.

Why aren’t more girls choosing maths and science at university?
On the educationtoday blog
by Dirk Van Damme, Head of the Innovation and Measuring Progress division, Directorate for Education and Skills
Gender preferences, stereotypes, role models and forms of streaming and tracking frame decisions about education throughout childhood, and have profound consequences for both careers and earnings in adulthood. Read more...

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News from our members

Call for articles
RUSC journal: call for articles on Using e-Assessment to enhance student learning and evidence learning outcomes
Deadline: 15 September 2015
The RUSC journal is interested in receiving research articles on the topic covered by the special issue, corresponding to any sector of education and from anywhere in the world. Information on the submission procedure can be found on their website.

2015 EDEN (European Distance Education Network) Annual Conference
Registration deadline: 5 June 2015
The Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) will host the 2015 EDEN (European Distance Education Network) Annual Conference in Barcelona from 9 to 12 June 2015, with the theme “Expanding learning scenarios – Opening out the educational landscape”. The conference will look at how the progressive and innovative academic and professional international community can contribute to the better understanding of the expansion of the educational landscape. Check the conference website for more information.

The UOC launches a MOOC on Business Intelligence
The Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) is offering a free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Business Intelligence through the new European Multiple MOOC Aggregator (EMMA), a project which brings together leading university partners providing online, easy-to-access multilingual learning opportunities that are open to all learners. The Business Intelligence course starts on 6 April 2015.

For more information about individual MOOCs and to register for a MOOC, visit the EMMA website at www.europeanmoocs.eu.
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