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Upcoming events

OECD Education and Skills Webinar series

Education at Glance 2014: OECD Indicators

You are invited to attend a webinar with Andreas Schleicher, Director of the OECD Directorate for Education and Skills, to present the latest data on the state of education around the world. The 2014 edition of Education at Glance provides new education and skills data for 45 countries on the structure, finances, and performance of education systems. It also draws on the OECD databases of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), the Survey of Adult Skills (PIAAC), and Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS), providing the richest international evidence base on education and skills ever produced.

When: 17:00 Paris time (GMT +2) on Tuesday, 10 September 2014
- ✪ New York (11:00 EDT)
- ✪ London (15:00 GMT)

Where: The convenience of your own computer. For registration see instructions below.

To register for the online webinar

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1. Go to https://oecd1000.webex.com/
2. Select the event and click "Register". The password for registration is OECDEDU
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit".

Register now for your FREE events!

Registration is now open for the following events for **OECD Higher Education Programme (IMHE) members**. Please circulate this information to colleagues in your organisation, who may also attend. More than one person from each member organisation may attend. **Remember, places are limited!**

- ✪ **25 September 2014, 4pm/16:00 Paris time, 1.5 hours**
  Webinar for IMHE members on *Education at a Glance: 2014 results for tertiary education*
  With Corinne Heckmann, Analyst, Director for Education and Skills
  REGISTER: http://webnet.oecd.org/Survey/Survey.aspx?s=2a70799d6818472ca9b786d8636db1dc
  Deadline for registration: 23 September, 17:00 Paris time

✪ **7 October 2014, 4pm/16:00 Paris time, 1.5 hours**
Webinar for IMHE members on *Career Guidance and Employability*
With Tristram Hooley, University of Derby and Raimo Vuorinen, University of Jyväskylä
REGISTER: http://webnet.oecd.org/Survey/Survey.aspx?s=43278bd27f844568ac33489ca1e340b2
Deadline for registration: 3 October, 17:00 Paris time

✪ **20-21 November 2014**
What Works Conference on *Entrepreneurship and Higher Education*
Aalto University, Helsinki Finland
Advance registration for IMHE members only is now open. **Registration is free for IMHE members.**
REGISTER: http://webnet.oecd.org/Survey/Survey.aspx?s=75f1a1f129884f72825ce3b7aeebb050
Registration for IMHE non-members is now open:
http://webnet.oecd.org/Survey/Survey.aspx?s=e9f1e3bb6fcf45578060f15a7949089e
Early bird rate for non-members has been extended until 30 September: 595 EUR; Full rate from 1 October: 695 EUR
Deadline for registration: 20 October 2014

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Save the date for the Singapore Conference!
The dates for the conference in Singapore on Higher Education Futures have now been confirmed as **14-15 October 2015**. More information on the programme, speakers and registration to follow. Stay tuned!

www.oecd.org/edu/imhemeetings

OECD and higher education activities

Conference report and webinar highlights now available!
In April of this year, we held a very successful "What Works" Conference on Quality Teaching in Higher Education. The report from this conference is now available.

This conference was followed in June by a webinar on English as a Medium of Instruction. Look out for the highlights, which will be coming soon.

Directorate for Education and Skills – new Director
Mr. Andreas Schleicher has been appointed Director of the Directorate for Education and Skills. Andreas, a German national, joined the Organisation as an official in 1994, and has held the position of Deputy Director of the Education and Skills Directorate (EDU) since 2012 and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General since 2010. Andreas will be the speaker at the 10 September webinar on OECD Education at a Glance.

State of Higher Education 2014: Articles from Experts
Sir Peter Scott's article on universities and university business models focuses on the tensions between the "entrepreneurial university" and the "ivory tower" university, from which flow nearly all the active policy and management issues that preoccupy higher education leaders today. Professor Scott notes that the market shift in higher education may help entrench existing institutional hierarchies as much as or more than it has stimulated novelty. He therefore recommends a balanced approach to new business models in higher education, rather than uncritically accepting the rhetoric of the "entrepreneurial university".

Professor Jane Knight (Canada) and Professor Guy Neave (France) will also contribute articles for the 2014 volume of the *State of Higher Education*. The publication will be available exclusively to members of the OECD Higher Education Programme in December 2014.

OECD publications and resources

Green Growth Newsletter
Issue 24, July 2014

http://www.oecd.org/greengrowth/newsletter_final%20July%20pdf.pdf

This issue invites you to the Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum, looks at Green Growth Indicators for 2014 and has a call for abstracts for the 2015 Green Growth Knowledge Platform: Annual Conference.

Entrepreneurship at a Glance 2014
On iLibrary

This fourth edition of Entrepreneurship at a Glance presents an original collection of indicators for measuring the state of entrepreneurship and its determinants, produced by the OECD-Eurostat Entrepreneurship Indicators Programme. The 2014 edition contains new indicators at the regional level, and a thematic chapter on innovation activities by firms of different size.
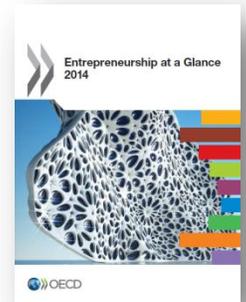
The OECD Education and Skills Newsletter
July 2014

This issue of our newsletter brings to you the key education findings and policy directions emerging from recent OECD analysis in a single accessible free source.

2014 access to OECD online publications
Programme members benefit from free access to OECD publications in the online database OECD iLibrary. Please contact emily.groves@oecd.org for the 2014 login and password. **Please note:** this access is for personal use only by your organisations' main contacts.

Keep up with blogs on education at http://oecdeducationtoday.blogspot.com/

News from our members

ISJ Special Issue: Smart Cities
A new issue in Laurea's ISJ series has been published. With this special issue, Laurea, together with the European Network of LivingLabs (ENoLL), wants to support those developing their cities and regions or serving their citizens, firms and public organisations. This issue also provides reference material for the Smart City Guidebook, which will be published in 2014 by the World Bank and ENoLL. This unrefereed issue presents a wide range of research articles and practical papers on Smart Cities. The

articles discuss the Smart City phenomenon from different points of view and in different contexts. You can read the whole issue on ISJ web site.

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya news

Call for Demos – X Annual International Seminar of the UOC UNESCO Chair in Education & Technology for Social Change

The UOC UNESCO Chair in Education & Technology for Social Change is pleased to announce the Call for Demos for its X Annual International Seminar "Revisiting the Fundamentals of Traditional Curricula: R / Evolution: What "R" would mean for Education", to be held in Barcelona, on 1-2 December 2014. **Submission proposals deadline:** Proposals should be sent by email to catedraunesco@uoc.edu by 30 September 2014. Details at: http://unescochair.blogs.uoc.edu/blog/

Call for grants applications for the Doctoral Programme in Network and Information Technologies and the Doctoral Programme in Education and ICT (e-learning)

The extended deadline for applications for the Doctoral Programme in Network and Information Technologies is 7 September 2014. The extended deadline for applications for the Doctoral Programme in Education and ICT (e-learning) is 5 October 2014.

The UOC is offering three grants for each of these doctoral programmes for the 2014/15 academic year. To be eligible for the UOC Doctoral Theses Grants Programme, students must be full time and physically present on the University's premises.

More information:
- ➲ Network and Information Technologies PhD Programme: http://studies.uoc.edu/web/estudia/en/phd/technologies-information-networks/presentation. The deadline for applications is 7 September 2014. For further information: phd_nit@uoc.edu
- ➲ Education and ICT (e-learning) PhD Programme: www.uoc.edu/portal/en/elearncenter/doctorat/index.html. The deadline for applications is 5 October 2014. For further information: phd_elearning@uoc.edu

HANDS-ON, training teachers in the use of ICTs

A MOOC to learn and design ICT-based learning design activities, the Hands-On ICT project aims at facilitating the integration of ICT tools in teaching and learning by developing a learning-by-doing environment, designed to be explored by educators, individually, or with the guidance of a peer-mentor.

On 27 October 2014, the HANDS-ON project will launch the third edition of the "Learning Design Studio for ICT-based Learning Activities" MOOC. The HANDS-ON consortium is looking for educators to participate in a free, open and online course (MOOC) that will support you in the creation and adaptation of your lessons and learning activities with the use of ICT tools. The course will last 5 weeks and a group of facilitators will support you in the task of designing your own learning activities and lessons. The course will be offered in six languages: English, Spanish, Catalan, Greek, Slovenian and French.

Further details can be found at http://handsonict.eu/become-a-facilitator.

Universitat Rovira I Virgili in the "100 under 50" THE ranking

URV is the 66th best university in the world under 50 years of age, according to the Times Higher Education's (THE) ranking *100 Under 50*. This is the first time that the URV is part of the top 100 most valued universities for this ranking, which has been around since 2012.

URV's best scores were achieved in the following indicators: scientific publication citations, internationalisation, relationships with industry, and teaching and research. The ranking has been re-calibrated and given less weight to subjective indicators of academic reputation in order to reflect the special characteristics of younger universities.

The URV was also listed, for the very first time, among the best 400 universities in the world according to the 2013-14 edition of the *THE World University Rankings*. Phil Baty, the THE rankings editor, outlines that this classification provides a glimpse into the future, as it includes "those [institutions] showing the most potential to be world leaders".

Moreover, URV is leading the list sf most cited articles among Spanish universities, according to the Leiden ranking. This ranking measures the scientific impact of worldwide universities and their scientific collaboration. URV is placed 180th among 750 universities in the world, and 82 in Europe.

Welcome to the OECD Higher Education Programme!

- [Danube University Krems/Donau-Universität-Krems](#) – Austria
- [Istanbul Bilgi University](#) – Turkey

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