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UNESCO-IESALC Director's letter, Pedro Henríquez Guajardo

In April, UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) has implemented a work agenda focused on the dialogue and ideas exchange in matters of Higher education as a fundamental instance for social development in our region. Multiple encounters have defined its agenda such as the first Technical Mission towards CRES 2018 in Córdoba, Argentina; the LXXI Meeting of the Board of governors of the Associations of Universities of the Montevideo Group – AUGM in the National University of La Plata, Argentina and the Meeting “Innovating in the education management, a different approach” between the Council of Private Universities governors and the Private Universities Network for Latin America and the Caribbean in Lima, Peru.

Regarding CRES 2018 we are defining its main elements. The summoning institutions, UNESCO-IESALC and the National University of Córdoba (UNC), aware of the international and regional impact of this meeting in terms of Higher education, organized the 1st Technical Mission with specialists in the Technology, Communication and Academic area. During this period of

three (3) days of exchange we approved the organizational structure and the work team agendas.

In this regard, the ties between both institutions will be also witnessed during our Events Map towards CRES 2018 which will be complemented with activities of promotion made by the members of the UNC technical team in order to join forces to support Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean during 2017 towards CRES 2018.

To conclude, those events represented a fundamental progress in our work agenda and defined the actions to follow for the organization of the next CRES 2018, event that invite the academic public into a hemispheric debate.

Conclusions of the International Forum of Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education

Hidalgo, Mexico / March 16th-17th

This event was organized by the Mexican Deputy Secretary of Higher Education and the National Association of Universities, Higher Education Institutions (ANUIES, in Spanish) and the Universidad Autónoma de Hidalgo (UAEH, in Spanish) with the aim of contributing to the configuration

of a National System of Evaluation and Accreditation in Mexico. Representatives from 187 educational institutions, federal legislators and international specialists were assembled during the 16th and 17th days of March.

UNESCO-IESALC Academic Consultant, Débora Ramos, participated as a masterful speaker during the Panel “Elements to the configuration of the National System of Evaluation and Accreditation” moderated by Dr. Roberto Villers Aispuro, ANUIES Academic Director. Ramos delivered a lecture about the need of a Regional System of Evaluation and Accreditation in Higher Education and she did not miss the occasion to extend the invitation to the international academic community to join the 3rd CRES 2018.



Representatives of the International Forum of Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education



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Technical Mission towards CRES 2018 Córdoba, Argentina / April 17th-19th



UNESCO-IESALC and UNC members

On Monday 17th, the first Technical Mission towards CRES 2018 was taken place at the National University of Córdoba (UNC, in Spanish), Argentina with the presence of representatives of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) and the UNC. Elizabeth Sosa, Ayurami Rodríguez, Yara Bastidas and Yuliana Seijas held the meeting on behalf of UNESCO-IESALC. They gathered Francisco Tamarit, Cecilia Barcellona, Miriam Carballo, Estela Miranda, Natalia Ferreyra, Martín Quadro, Agustín Massanet and Andrés Cocca, from the UNC. The same day, the technical team was pleased to be received by the UNC Principal, Mr Hugo Juri, to discuss other details of this

event at a larger regional and international scale.

During these three days, both teams were together to analyze and debate about the strategies to be implemented for the fulfillment and successful completion of the next CRES that will be held in June 2018 in Córdoba, Argentina.

Furthermore, during this first mission, the Córdoba Agency of Tourism from the Government of the Province, represented by its Director, Mr Gabriel Raies and the designated person in charge of the ceremony and protocol, Mrs Valeria Lebeau, came along with the UNESCO-IESALC / UNC team to visit the Córdoba Exhibition Complex, located 30 minutes from the center of the city, where the next Regional Meeting will take place. The Government of the Province of Córdoba will initiate a remodeling and restoration plan of its facilities during 2017 so CRES would enjoy conditioned spaces that would fulfill its requirements.

On Wednesday April 19th, the work team reached the end of meeting and exposed the conclusions and subsequent aspects of these three (3) days of idea exchange between both institutions. A second technical mission will be held soon.

II Forum for Higher Education of FIPES and III Meeting of REDLAUP

Lima, Peru / April 20th-21st



From left to right: Néstor Blanco, CRUP Delegate; Pedro Henríquez Guajardo, UNESCO-IESALC Director and Ricardo Israel, CUP Vice-president

On April 20th and 21st, the University Ricardo Palma located in Miraflores, Lima held the II Forum for Higher Education of the Federation of Private Institutions for Higher Education – FIPES as well as the III Meeting of Latin American Network for Associations of Private Universities – REDLAUP.

UNESCO-IESALC Director, Pedro Henríquez Guajardo and its Academic Consultant and responsible for University Networks and for the Council of governors in Latin America and the Caribbean, Débora Ramos participated as honorable witnesses of the creation of REDLAUP.



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The origins of this network were exposed in two preparative meeting in Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Asunción (Paraguay), where the hosts explained the relevance of a space of exchanging ideas, and establishing proposal tendencies focused on the strengthen of Higher Education in the region.

The specific aims of this meeting were to close its creation process and to develop a forum as a contribution to it. This forum was based on the need of innovating during the university governance, establishing subsidies for university education and management, and also initiating the internationalization of REDLAUP.

LXXI Meeting of the Board of governors of
AUGM / National University of La Plata – UNLP

La Plata, Argentina / April 24th-25th



Representatives of UNLP and guests

The Associations of Universities of the Montevideo Group – AUGM held its LXXI Board of Governors Meeting in the National University of La Plata, in Argentina on April 24th and 25th. This meeting assembled 32 universities from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Bolivia.

The activities initiated with an International Seminar proposed to debate about “the strategic role of Higher Education in the sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean” and an opening ceremony led by the UNLP President, Raúl Perdomo. The vice-governor of the Province of Buenos Aires, Daniel Salvador; the Secretary of the National University Politics, Albor Cantard; AUGM President, Juan Manuel Zolezzi Cid, UNESCO-IESALC Director, Pedro Henríquez Guajardo; legislators and training specialists also attended this meeting.

UNESCO-IESALC Director, Henríquez; its Academic Consultant, Débora Ramos and the representative of the National University of Córdoba, Francisco Tamarit gave a lecture about the Regional Meeting for Higher Education - CRES (in Spanish) which will be hold next year.

Meeting of CRES experts
Cordoba, Argentina / May 8th-9th

The experts on the field and the academic teams from UNESCO-IESALC and UNC will meet in order to study the seven (7) thematic goals of CRES 2018 set up thanks to an exhaustive analysis from the CRES 1996 in Havana, Cuba and CRES 2008 in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. During this meeting, they will have the opportunity of analyzing the seven (7) topics and their regional impact.

11th Ordinary Meeting of the UNESCO-
IESALC Executive Board (EB)
Panama City, Panama / May 29th-30th

The 11th Ordinary Meeting will be held in Panama City, Panama on May 29th and 30th. It will count on the presence of several EB members; the EB President, Mr. Luis Bonilla-Molina; UNESCO-IESALC Director, Dr. Pedro Henríquez; UNESCO-IESALC Academic Consultant, Débora Ramos and UNESCO-IESALC Official for Member states, Mr. José Antonio Quintero. This occasion will bring the opportunity of updating the advancement that would be recorded during 2017 Work Agenda mainly the aspects regarding the CRES 2018.