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UNESCO-IESALC Director's Letter, Pedro Henríquez Guajardo



We continue the development of our bulletin Projections of UNESCO-IESALC with this edition of November.

This month's bulletin spreads information about the organization of the International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education which will be held in Paris in 2018; it also includes information regarding the activities that took place in November such as the International Seminar: Politics for Internationalization of Higher Education in Buenos Aires, Argentina; The First Encounter on Information and Communication Technologies of ANUIES in Mexico DC; and our Executive Board in Santa Fe, Argentina. In this regard and as for December, we find the Ordinary Assembly of the Latin-American and Caribbean Universities' Union - UDUAL in Cordoba, Argentina.

Furthermore, dear friends, we inform

you about the role of Universities in the academic training of university professors in the 21st century thanks to an interview to our Academic Consultant Elizabeth Sosa and about the current situation of Higher Education in Latin-American and the Caribbean thanks to an interview I had the chance to give to the Editorial Council for Inclusion and knowledge of MERCOSUR for its Magazine's Research and Studies in Higher Education Core.

We are very enthusiastic about supporting the development of Higher Education in our region and we hope this information will be of your entire interest as for the 33 Member states of our Hemisphere.

UNESCO-IESALC Activities

Steering Committee Meeting for the organization of the International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education. Paris, France / Oct. 24-25th

The Steering Committee Meeting took place on October 24th and 25th in Paris. About its conclusions, the UNESCO-IESALC was considered as the enforcement arm and coordinator of the Higher Education actions in the Latin-American and Caribbean region towards this International Conference which will be held in 2018.

At the same time, this International Conference (IC) was planned on June

2018 nevertheless as the CRES is expected on June 12th, 13th and 14th of the same year, the date of the IC was proposed to be changed for autumn of the same year to avoid them to coincide. Simultaneously, the same academic team created for the Quality assurance at CRES 2018 could also work in order to prepare a regional proposal in this area to the IC in Paris.

An information document about the organization of the Steering Committee will be published soon in our web site.



Director Pedro Henríquez and members of the Steering Committee Meeting

International Seminar: Politics for Internationalization of Higher Education. Buenos Aires, Argentina / Nov. 2nd-3rd

On November 2nd and 3rd this International Seminar was held in Buenos Aires. On Thursday the 3rd, the Director Henríquez participated into the round table: Internationalization and University Social Responsibility: towards the Regional Conference in Higher Education 2018. He shared ideas with the President of the National University of Cordoba, Mr Hugo Juri; the President of the National University of General Sarmiento (UNGS) and President of the Academic Affairs of the National Interuniversity Council – CIN, Mrs Gabriela Leticia Diker and

the General Coordinator of the CRES 2018 and former President of the National University of Cordoba, Mr Francisco Tamarit.

Throughout the round table, the thematic relevance for the CRES 2018 was discussed, clarifying some conceptual aspects in this regard.

Various representatives of regional Universities and the Argentinean Education Ministry attended this Seminar to exchange and discuss some points of view about CRES 2018.

The same Thursday, the IESALC Director could talk with Mr Mario Gimelli, one of the representatives of the University Politics Secretary's Office of the Argentinean Nation, who ratified the Argentinean government funding for CRES 2018. At the same time, some logistic aspects and thematic contents were discussed as a budgetary proposal that should be created to draw lines for the remittance flow.

During the same work-trip, the Director had the opportunity to meet Mr Francisco Miguens, National Director for International Cooperation of the Education Ministry and Secretary of the National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (NATCOM) to whom he informed about the progress of CRES 2018. At the same meeting, Mr Miguens outlined the UNESCO-IESALC graphic identity thanks to this National Commission support.

On Friday 4th, he met Mr Daniel Mato, Coordinator for the Cultural Diversity and Interculturality Observatory, to debate about the content of the documentation related to this thematic area for CRES 2018. A schedule of meetings and events till September 2017 was also discussed; date where an Intercul-

turality Regional Meeting will be held.

This team commitment is to work for the inclusion of those social groups such as the afro-descendants and indigenous into the Higher Education system. They represent 20% of the regional population and have been, for long periods of time, excluded as their knowledge and ancestral conceptions that are not registered into the current everyday language.

Their challenge is to include their patrimonial vocabulary into the development of Higher Education institutions and to reinforce those which already include their ancestral notions.

National Association in Higher Education Universities and Institutions – ANUIES

Mexico City, Mexico / Nov. 11th



This first encounter on Information and Communication technologies will be held on November 11th in Mexico City. It will be a place to exchange and debate with specialists. The thematic area will be “The Information and Communication technologies’ vision into the Higher Education institutions” from two perspectives: the government and the information security in the Higher Education Universities and Institutions.

The IESALC Executive Board. Santa Fe, Argentina / Nov. 14-15th

The IESALC Executive Board was held, as we already announced in our last bulletin, on November 14th and 15th in Santa Fe, Argentina with the hosts Mr Pedro Henriquez, the IESALC Director; Mr Bonilla; the Council President and Mrs Débora Ramos, Academic Consultant from UNESCO-IESALC.



Members of the IESALC Executive Board

Ordinary Assembly of the Latin American and Caribbean Universities’ Union - UDUAL Cordoba, Argentina / Dec, 01st-02nd



The UDUAL consists of more than 300 public and private institutions with its headquarters in the National Autonomous University of Mexico and for years it has been a role model in the Higher Education arena at the regional level.

Its Ordinary Assembly whose topic is “Building the Latin-American and Caribbean space in Higher Education and the future of the autonomy” will be held on December the 1st and

2nd in the National University of Cordoba, Argentina, which will be represented by its President, Mr Hugo Juri.

He emphasizes the need to continue with the efforts to reinforce “the academic ties among Universities through student and teacher mobility programs”.

At the same time, this meeting will choose the Commemorative Special Commission of the Centenary of the Cordoba University reform which will join the Regional Conference for Higher Education – CRES organized on June 12th, 13th and 14th 2018 in Cordoba.

Interview's of the month

UNESCO-IESALC Director's Interview.

**Subject: Current situation in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean
Cordoba, Argentina**

The Editorial Council for Inclusion and knowledge of MERCOSUR interviewed the UNESCO-IESALC Director Pedro Henríquez about the current situation of Higher Education in Latin-American and the Caribbean for its Magazine's Research and Studies in Higher Education Core.

The interview contains different aspects related to our major theme of reflection such as the organization of The Regional Conference on Higher Education (HE) in Cordoba, Argentina to be held on June 2018 in the framework of the Centenary of the Introductory Manifest of 1918, event of the University Reformation of Cordoba; the achievements and outstanding debts in the HE to its effective democratization; the progression in

the interculturalization of the HE; the regional integration; the university autonomy and the relation between the HE and other levels of education.

The interview will be able soon in our web site and in the Magazine's Research and Studies in Higher Education Core of MERCOSUR.

UNESCO-IESALC's Academic Consultant, Mrs Elizabeth Sosa

**Subject: Role of the Universities in the academic training of professors
Caracas, Venezuela**

The Academic Consultant of UNESCO-IESALC, Mrs Elizabeth Sosa was interviewed by Mss Yara Bastidas who serves as Communication Consultant of UNESCO-IESALC about the role of the Universities in the academic training of university professors.

Issues as the competences of the university professor and researcher, the conception of the researching activity in the Universities of the 21st century in Latin-America and the Caribbean, and the achieving results in the changes in the university professor's profile are contemplate in this interview.



UNESCO-IESALC's Academic Consultant, Mrs Elizabeth Sosa and Mss Yara Bastidas, Communication Consultant of UNESCO-IESALC