



*Dear colleagues,*

*This is our last issue of the SGroup Bulletin in the academic year 2012/2013. On this occasion we would like to thank you all for your involvement and fruitful collaboration that has resulted in a number of new activities and projects. We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to working with you on new initiatives in September.*

## SG SUMMER SCHOOL FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES 2013 *APPLIED RESEARCH: FROM UNIVERSITY TO INDUSTRY - UNIVERSITY OF CANTABRIA*

The SGroup in collaboration with the University of Cantabria would like to remind doctoral candidates and PhD holders from our member universities that they can still participate in the Summer School on **Applied Research: From University to Industry** to be held between 1-6 September 2013. The event is next in a series of activities designed for young researchers to develop their professional skills and to advance their career paths.

The School will provide participants the opportunity to learn about **research planning, protecting research findings, entrepreneurship and leading edge research in the private sector**. To do so, the Santander Group European Universities' Network and the Vice-Rectorate and the Doctoral School of the University of Cantabria have set-up this comprehensive course with local and international experts in the



field. This thorough academic agenda is complemented by cultural and social activities that will take place in Cantabria, a region rich in natural beauty and heritage, in the North of Spain, next to the Cantabrian Sea.

Please visit our website to read [more about the event](#).

Deadline for registration is **10 August 2013**.

## EGRACONS PROJECT AT EAIE SESSION IN ISTANBUL



The Egracons Project will be presented at the 25th Annual EAIE Conference in Istanbul, which will take place from 10-13 September 2013 at a session on **European Grade Conversion: Grading Tables vs Grade Point Average**.

The speakers include two of the SGroup's Executive Committee members: the project co-ordinator, Valère Meus from Ghent University (Belgium) and Luciano Saso from Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) who is member of the Project Steering Committee and leader of the Tool Development Work Package.

The session will take place on Thursday 12 September 2013, from 09:00 to 10:15 at the The Istanbul Convention Center (ICC). Please view [the agenda here](#).

To read more about the project, please [visit the website](#).

## SECOND LATIN AMERICA - EUROPE BI-REGIONAL CONFERENCE - ALFA PUENTES



The Alfa PUENTES project, in which the SGroup is a full partner, is organising the **Second Bi-regional Conference: A Europe-Latin America Partnership for Innovative, Responsive and Sustainable Universities** between **2-4 December 2013**. The event is a follow-up from the First Bi-regional University Association Conference that has been held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in November 2012. The Conference will offer a prime opportunity for university leadership and associations to reflect on institutional and systems development and on the specific opportunities that Europe-Latin America exchanges have to offer.

The event will take place in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

Please visit the conference website to [read more about the event](#).

# NEWS FROM MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

## GHENT UNIVERSITY TRAINING COURSES

The Faculty of Bioscience Engineering of Ghent University has a series of upcoming short training programmes/summer schools taking place between August 2013 and December 2013:

- Summer School "**Ghent Biobased Economy**" - 19-22 August 2013
- Workshop "**Cocoa and Chocolate Processing: From cocoa pods to high quality chocolate products**" - 28 August - 12 September 2013
- Summer School for incoming students of the **FBE Master programmes** - 4 September - 18 September 2013
- Summer School "**Advanced Course on Nanotechnology for Water Treatment**" - 9-13 September 2013
- International Training Programme "**Food safety, quality assurance and risk analysis**" - 9 September - 19 December 2013
- International Training Programme "**Dairy Nutrition**" - 4 October 2013 - 13 December 2013



All information is available [following this web page](#).

## RESULTS OF ERASMUS MUNDUS 2013 SELECTION

EACEA finalised the evaluation procedure of Erasmus Mundus and its selection of consortia, partnerships and projects under two Actions of the Programme.

The 2013 Call for Proposals selected 62 Action 2 partnerships that will start offering mobility in the second half of 2013 or in 2014. Action 2 Strand 1 has selected 57 partnerships for mobility between the EU and countries covered by a number of the EU's financial instruments: ENPI, DCI, EDF and IPA, also funded by ICI+. Action 2 Strand 2 has selected five partnerships for mobility between the EU and countries covered by the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI).



We are pleased to inform that project proposals of the following SG member universities were selected for funding:

- **University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria** (ES), University Network for Business and Administration (UNETBA), LO1, Magheb. Coordinator Nada Khoury-Nassour
- **University of Rouen** (FR), Building Academic Ties Towards Universities through Training Activities (BATTUTA), LO1, Magheb. Coordinator Yamina BENZAADOUNE
- **Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań** (PL), Erasmus Mundus – Integration of Neighbouring Eastern Regions through Cooperation in Higher Education II (EMINENCE II), LO2, Middle East. Coordinator Katarzyna Hadaś
- **Universiteit Gent** (BE), Balkans Academic Scheme for the Internationalisation of Learning in cooperation with EU universities (BASILEUS V), LO7, Western Balkans. Coordinator Luc François
- **Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria** (ES), Central Asian Network of Economics and Management 2 (CANEM II), LO9, Central Asia. Coordinator Josefa De la Rosa
- **Universiteit Gent** (BE), Linking Organizations Through University Synergies Unlimited (LOTUS IV), LO 12, Asia East. Coordinator Luc François
- **Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”** (IT), Brazil Europe Mundus (BEMUNDUS), LO16, Brazil. Coordinator Mattea Capelli.
- **Universidade do Porto** (PT), Dynamizing Research and Education for All through Mobility in ACP (DREAM), LO18, ACP countries. Coordinator António Marques

We would like to congratulate the co-ordinating institutions and also other SGroup’s members that are partners in the selected projects.

All information is available at [the following web page](#).

## TRAIN - TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOR ACADEMIC NEWCOMERS

training & research  
for academic newcomers



The SGroup is partner in the TRAIN Project - Training & Research for Academic Newcomers, a 3 year initiative co-ordinated by Ghent University, aiming at **developing teaching and research skills of academics in the West Balkans**. After the kick-off meeting in March, trainers from the participating EU-universities started to work on the development of their TRAIN-modules. The trainers

are assisted by several Western Balkan experts from the participating Western Balkan Universities. In the beginning of September all trainers will come together to finalize the pilot training, which will take place from September 30th until October the 5th and from 18 November until 23 November.

The logo for the TRAIN-project became a heptagon, this figure represents the **7 overall goals** of the staff training: **improve student learning, improve own research, contribution to society and industry, collaboration among new academics, expand networks, enhance capacity of educational leadership and positively influence change**. Within the geometric figure the letter 'T' can be recognized and this stands of course for 'Training'.