

NEWSLETTER, October 2009

EADTU sustains its Open Educational Resources strategies (OER)

EADTU sustains its OER strategies in lifelong open and flexible learning by grant contribution of the European Commission. A Consortium of eleven European partners team up to extend the achievement of Open Educational Resources as initially commenced under the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Grants.

EADTU has been working on OER strategies in lifelong open and flexible learning by means of the EADTU task force on Multilingual Open Resources for Independent Learning (MORIL). This task force contained all the European Open Universities of EADTU, and was active in promoting online learning in two modes – informal and formal – both based on OER, so as to provide new gateways to university education. [Read more.](#)

For more information on Open Educational Resources read about the new UNESCO publication, the OUUK research [report](#) and the [OpenEd2009 Conference](#) in Vancouver.

MEMBERS NEWS



Research report about Open Educational Resources

This report of the Open University takes the experience of OpenLearn over its two-years of operation 2006-2008 to reflect on what it means to offer free resources and the issues that we have been able to explore and learn from. [Read more.](#)



Reforming distance learning higher education in Portugal

In the new legal framework of higher education institutions of 2007 the Portuguese Government made a commitment to develop new legislation for distance learning higher education. The panel's report is intended to serve as a basis for consultation with the stakeholders. [Click here for the full panel report.](#)



Martin Bean, the new Vice-Chancellor OUUK

Marin Bean will take up his appointment on 1 October, following Professor Brenda Gourley's retirement at the end of this month. Martin Bean is joining the Open University and is looking forward to combining his passion for education and technology to lead The Open University over the coming years.



EADTU seminar in Moscow

On June 24th EADTU visited the Moscow State University of Economics Statistics and Informatics (MESI) in Moscow for a local seminar to introduce the E-xcellence instrument. [Click for more information and some pictures made during the seminar.](#)



Open Universiteit Nederland is celebrating its 25th anniversary!

By organising many activities together with their students, alumni, colleagues and relations, the Open Universiteit will give its 25 anniversary some extra shine. Most events will take place in the second half of 2009. To stay informed of the latest news, please keep an eye on the [web site](#).



EADTU visited the Johannes Kepler in Linz

The Johannes Kepler Universität Linz has a leading position in eLearning. In June, EADTU visited the Johannes Kepler Universität for a seminar on 'Distance Teaching in Europe'. [Read more.](#)



IMPACT Workshop at the Fernuniversität in Hagen

This workshop was organised to honour Fred Nickolmann who retired from the university. It was discussed how open and flexible education has influenced international cooperation so far and how this impact can contribute to the quality of international cooperation in the future. [Read more.](#)



Sponsor walk for supporting refugees in distance education

By walking, a group of people try raising sponsor money for different causes. One of the cause is helping those who do not have the possibility to study at a higher education institution due practical or formal reasons. For example refugees. [Read more.](#)

EUROPEAN NEWS



Green Paper on 'Promoting the learning mobility of young people'

In July the European Commission published a Green Paper on 'Promoting the learning mobility of young people'. This paper poses important questions on how best to boost the opportunities for young people in Europe to develop their knowledge and skills by going abroad. [Click here for the green paper.](#)



Knowledge Triangle Shaping the Future of Europe, Gothenburg 31 Aug-2 Sep
Higher education institutions must be given a central role in building a Europe where the impact of knowledge building can be measured in terms of social and economic progress. [Read more.](#)



'Fostering Trust and Exchange between Europe and Africa'

The EUA project 'Access to Success: Fostering Trust and Exchange between Europe and Africa' aims to bring together universities from Europe and Africa. It explores the access and retention in the context of inter-institutional mobility and cooperation. EADTU is one of the implementing partners. Please visit the [web site](#) for more information.



Cooperation in higher education and training

Countries Instrument promotes cooperation between the European Union and seventeen industrialised and other high-income countries and territories. One of the supported specific actions promotes "people-to-people links" with the aim to enhance mutual understanding between cultures and to facilitate the exchange of knowledge. [Read more.](#)



SIRUS: Shaping Inclusive and Responsive University Strategies

Universities need to respond to growing societal demands, the changing demography of Europe and global competition. The project coordinator of SIRUS is EUA, EADTU is a project partner. [Read more.](#)



Call for proposals 'People': Marie Curie Initial Training Networks

Marie Curie Initial Training Networks are aimed at improving the career perspectives of researchers who are in the first five years of their career by offering structured training in well defined scientific and/or technological areas as well as providing complementary skills and exposing the researchers to other sectors including private companies. [Read more.](#)



ESF Research Networking Programmes - 2009 Call for Proposals

The ESF opens a call for proposals for new Research Networking Programmes. Deadline: 22 October 2009, 16.00hrs CET. For more information please visit the [web site](#).

WORLD NEWS



Irina Gueorguieva Bokava chosen by Unesco as candidate Director-General

On 15 October, the nomination will be submitted to the approval of the General Conference. Once confirmed, she will be the first woman Director-General of the Organisation. [Read more.](#)



UNESCO releases new publication on open educational resources

UNESCO has released its first openly licensed publication. Open Educational Resources: Conversations in Cyberspace brings together the background papers and reports from the first three years of activities in the UNESCO OER Community. [Read more.](#)

OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING NEWS



OpenEd2009 Conference in Vancouver, 12-14 August 2009

Three incredible keynote speakers joined for Open Education 2009: Fred Mulder (Rector of OUNL), Catherine Ngugi (Project Director for OER Africa), and Ken Freedman (Station Manager and Program Director of WFMU). [Click here](#) for more information and downloads.



EFQUEL Innovation Forum, 24-25 September 2009, Finland

The theme of the forum was "Fostering Quality through Creative Learnsapes", in which learnsapes are referred to as the ecosystems for informal learning. EADTU was participating in this Forum and presented the Quality in e-learning benchmarking tool E-xcellence. For a full overview of the event we kindly refer to the [web site](#).



Successful Conference Event - ICL 2009

This exiting conference exchanged relevant trends and research results as well as practical experiences in the field. Renowned keynotes from all continents as well as interactive audience-panel sessions, made the conference an event not to miss out on. [Read more.](#)



Open Science Resources

The aim of this project is to create a shared repository of scientific digital objects - currently dispersed in European science museums and science centres - to make them more widely and coherently available, searchable and usable in the context of formal and informal learning situations. [Read more.](#)



The MEDEA Awards 2009 are now open for submissions of entries!

This year the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme is sponsoring the European Collaboration Award to highlight the value of cross-border collaboration and to recognise the impact such collaboration can have in increasing understanding and enhancing the European dimension. [Read more.](#)



Videolectures.net: Past Present Future

The main purpose of Videolectures.net is to provide free and open access of a high quality video lectures presented by distinguished scholars and scientists at the most important and prominent events. The portal is aimed at promoting science, exchanging ideas and fostering knowledge sharing. [Read more.](#)



Harvard University's Justice with Michael Sandel

Justice is one of the most popular courses in Harvard's history. Now it is your turn to take the same journey. Sandel's course aims to help viewers become more critically minded thinkers about the moral decisions we all face in our everyday lives. In this [12-part series](#), Sandel challenges you with difficult moral dilemmas.



Schwarzenegger's Demand for Free Student Textbooks

Arnold Schwarzenegger has demanded that California cut costs on textbooks. Bookboon.com is obeying the 'Govenator' and is now launching a 100% free online textbook service for college and university students in the USA. [Read the full article on the website of 'Checkpoint e-learning'.](#)

EADTU NEWS



A full new Executive Committee!

We would like to introduce our [full new Executive Committee](#), because of the four new members who have acceded. The Executive committee is formed by election and consists of the President, Secretary-General and a delegation of the General Board members.



The Lived Experience of Climate Change

Combining knowledge of the global mechanisms of climate change with local experiences of impacts into viable policy for mitigation and adaptation is a major issue. The Open University and the EADTU partner within the European project LECH-e to contribute to an informed and active European citizenry as regards climate change. [Read more.](#)



Enterprise-University Virtual Placements (EU-VIP)

EU-VIP enhances the quality, efficiency and impact of international work placements by focusing on how to organise these placements, thereby boosting interaction between HEIs and enterprises using the advantages of the newest technologies. The project coordinator of EU-VIP is the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, EADTU is a project partner. [Read more.](#)



EU4ALL framework

ORIGIN participates in the EU4ALL framework project which is coordinated by ATOS EADTU. One of the product developed is the Guidance for ALL package. [Read more](#) and download the 5th issue of the project newsletter with all the latest project developments.



EADTU's annual conference 2010

The theme of EADTU's annual conference 2010 in Zermatt will be 'Strategies and Business Models for Lifelong Learning, Sharing policy and good practice'. To stay informed of the latest news, please keep an eye on the EADTU [web site](#).



EADTU board meeting

Next board meeting is to be held on 19 November 2009 in Barcelona gently hosted by the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya. The board meeting precedes the [ICDE SCOPmeeting](#).



National Conference on Internationalisation in Education

Mrs Quintin, Director General of DG Education and Culture of the European Commission will open the EADTU National Conference on Internationalisation in Education on November 3 in Rotterdam. EADTU participates in a special ICT workshop within the Conference, by lead of the initiatives Cross Sector Virtual Mobility and Virtual Erasmus. [Read more.](#)

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES



Meitl 2009, The Open Knowledge World, 14 October 2009, Israel

The conference in Israel will focus on the achievements and challenges in e-learning in higher education and on future development avenues. [Read more](#)



Creative Learning Innovation Marketplace, 15- 16 October 2009, Lisbon

This initiative arises from the belief that for achieving levels of world leadership, companies and individuals should achieve an higher level of skills and development. [Read more.](#)



The Seventh Open Classroom Conference, 15- 17 October 2009, Portugal

The theme of the conference is Incubating Creativity and the Capacity for Innovation: Open Content, Social Networking Tools and Creative Learning for All. [Read more.](#)



UNECC General Assembly Meeting and Annual Conference, 22- 23 Oct 2009, Lithuania
The central theme will be 'Innovation, Creativity and Culture' with a variety of scholarly papers about the relationship between 'innovation and creativity' and culture. [Read more.](#)



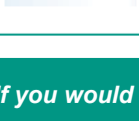
European Fair for Education for Sustainable Development, 28- 30 Oct 2009, Germany
The Third European Fair has the theme: "Renewable Energy and Climate Change: Thematic Challenge to European Schools and Universities" as its main focus. [Read more.](#)



2009 ICDE Standing Conference of Presidents, 20-21 Nov 2009, Spain
The theme of this SCOP meeting is 'Quality in the Context of the Financial Crisis'. [Read more.](#)



ICODL 2009, 27- 29 November 2009, Greece
The theme of this conference is 'Open and Distance Education for Global Collaboration & Educational Development'. [Read more.](#)



Online EDUCA, 3- 4 December 2009, Berlin
The Largest Global E-Learning Conference for the Corporate, Education and Public Service Sectors. For more information please visit the [web site](#).



Going Global, 24- 26 March 2010, UK
The conference theme is 'World wide: making education meet the challenge'. For more information on conference themes please visit the [web site](#).



EISTA 2010, 29 June - 2 July 2010, USA
This 8th International Conference is all about Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications. [Read more.](#)