Telecollaboration in University Foreign Language Education
Universidad de León, Spain 12-14 February 2014

Call for Papers

Conference Scope: The conference aims to look at the different ways in which telecollaboration can contribute to foreign language education at university level and how it can be integrated into universities’ internationalization programmes and policies. We welcome contributions which focus on academic research related to online intercultural exchange as well as practical reports of telecollaborative exchange projects taking place between universities around the globe. We are also particularly interested in hearing perspectives of student mobility coordinators, university management and other stakeholders in regard to how telecollaboration can make a more comprehensive contribution to university education.

Important Dates

- Deadline for submissions of proposals: 1 October 2013
- Notification of acceptance: 1 November 2013
- Confirmation of attendance for accepted authors (or removed from programme): 30 November 2013
- Date of conference: 12-14 February 2014

Proposals for papers/ case studies / round table discussion sessions on the following themes are welcome:

- Language and intercultural learning outcomes of telecollaborative exchange
- Linguistic dimensions of online intercultural exchange
- Approaches to assessment in telecollaboration
- Combining telecollaboration with physical mobility: Blended and Virtual Mobility options
- Telecollaboration and its role in university internationalisation policy
- Overcoming barriers to integrating telecollaboration in Higher Education institutions
- The student experience of telecollaboration
- Models of Telecollaboration in university education – e-tandem, Cultura, Soliya etc.
- The contribution of Web 2.0 and Open Educational Resources to telecollaboration
- Teacher training and teacher competences for telecollaboration
- Methodological aspects of telecollaborative exchange
Conference Academic Committee:

- Robert O’Dowd and Mario Tomé at Universidad de León, Spain
- Francois Mangenot and Elke Niessen at Université Stendhal Grenoble, France
- Andreas Mueller-Hartmann at Pädagogische Hochschule Heidelberg, Germany
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- Francesca Helm and Sarah Guth at Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy
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- Steve Thorne at Portland State University, USA
- Melinda Dooly at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
- Mirjam Hauck and Tim Lewis at The Open University, UK
- Lina Lee at University of New Hampshire, USA
- Carolin Fuchs at Columbia University, USA
- Enza Tudini at University of South Australia, Australia.

Thanks to our funding by the European Commission’s Lifelong Learning Programme, there is no registration fee for the conference. However, participants are expected to cover all their own travel and subsistence costs.

For more information about the conference: http://unicollaboration.unileon.es

More information is available on the INTENT project (http://www.scoop.it/t/intent-project-news) and the www.uni-collaboration.eu platform

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