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# March 2019

## EADTU NEWS

**OOFHEC2019**

16 - 18 October 2019

**Blended and online education within European university networks**

Venue: UNED, Madrid (Spain)  
Save the date 16 - 18 October 2019

Please visit the [conference website](#) to have a glance of the EADTU conference.

We will share updates regularly.

Save the date for OOFHEC2019 and stay tuned for more information!



### MOOCs for the labour market: a new knowledge alliance

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, EADTU's EMC-LM project kicked off with all major European MOOC platforms (Futurelearn, France Université Numérique, Miriadax, EduOpen, OpenupEd), European public employment services, sectoral training organisations and companies. All platforms produce MOOCs which are suitable for the labour market, but also fragmented along different languages, topics, level and size, crediting, etc.

The alliance brings together European key players with a diverse spectrum of expertise: MOOC platforms, universities, employment services, companies and networks to join forces and use cross-sectoral and cross-border approaches to MOOCs.

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## MEMBER NEWS



### The Open University 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Inaugural Lectures

As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations the Open University will present a series of inaugural lectures in 2019. Professors [Martin Weller](#), [Jo Brewis](#) and [Richard Holliman](#) are first in line with their events in February and March.

[Read about other lectures in the series](#)

[Read about our 50th anniversary celebrations](#)



### The Pan-Commonwealth Forum: A joint Celebration

The Open University will be co-hosting the ninth Pan-Commonwealth Forum (PCF9) on Open Learning with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) from 9-12 September 2019. Celebrating COL's 30th Anniversary and the OU's 50th Anniversary year, the Forum will be held at the historic BT Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh. The focus of PCF9 will

be Innovations for Quality Education and Life-long Learning, and will discuss, debate and showcase how innovations are improving the quality of education and creating new spaces for life-long learning. Sub-themes will run through the event programme, to include Opening up Education, Increasing employability skills, Equity and inclusion, and Technology.

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### Non-degree programs at Anadolu University

Anadolu University offers a broad range of non-degree programs (e-certificate programs and open courses) in distance mode, along with degree programs. Anyone with a high school diploma can get enrolled in an e-certificate program and choose from among over 50 courses. On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University, e-certificate programs have been diversified in 2019.

AKADEMA is a platform launched to offer MOOCs for learners from any background. AKADEMA currently offers 56 courses including cello playing, basketball, scuba diving, 21<sup>st</sup> century citizenship, body language, CV writing, photography, game theory, project-based learning, Arabic, Turkish, and social network analysis.

<http://esertifika.anadolu.edu.tr>

<http://akadema.anadolu.edu.tr>



### Tampere higher education community

From the beginning of 2019, Tampere University of Applied Sciences (TAMK) and Tampere University constitute Finland's most diverse university community. Tampere higher education community has more than 30.000 students and close to 4.400 employees.

The president of Tampere University is Mari Walls, and the president of TAMK is Markku Lahtinen. The two institution types (universities and UASs) continue to act under different legislation. Tampere higher education community has 38 English-taught master's programmes.

The graphical look and feel inside the community was unified from the beginning of 2019. The community has introduced new logos. All the emails in the Tampere higher education community, both personal and institutional, have now a @tuni domain.

Link: [https://www.tuni.fi/en\\_](https://www.tuni.fi/en_)



### National Institute for Digital Learning (NIDL) Celebrates 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday

In January, the National Institute for Digital Learning (NIDL) at Dublin City University (DCU) celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The NIDL was established with a mission to be a world leader at the forefront of digital models of education to help transform lives and societies. During a special event to mark the occasion, DCU's President, [Professor Brian MacCraith](#) shared his reflections on some of the NIDL's major achievements over the past 5-years, including €4m generated from externally funded projects, more than 600 scholarly publications and being selected as the host of this year's ICDE World Conference on Online Learning. You can read more about this event and many of the highlights over the past 5-years on the [NIDL's blog](#).



### Global Online Learning Accelerator

In January, Dublin City University (DCU) was awarded over €1.4m under the Government's new Innovation and Transformation Projects Fund to establish the Irish Global Online Learning Accelerator (I-GOLA) initiative. This major initiative will enable DCU to expand and more fully harness the potential of the open short courses and new credit earning pathways through innovative digital designs and online delivery models on a global stage. The Ideas Lab in DCU's National Institute for Digital Learning (NIDL) will manage the project. DCU is also a partner in another major project being led by the Irish Universities Association (IUA) that was awarded €2.9m to develop the digital capacity of staff and students for learning and teaching. Lastly, the NIDL will also lead a major new European funded project

(€2.3m) aimed at developing transversal skills and digital assessment strategies in the area of STEM education.



### A visionary Master in Artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence is a new turning point in the digitalization process of our society. All companies need a whole range of AI expertise. From this perspective, Distance University's Master in Artificial intelligence trains developers and future managers in AI. This Master is a visionary programme that combines theoretical tuition and an integrated job experience. Students develop a company's artificial intelligence (AI) and, at the same time, get a high-level, mostly online university training. This unique programme is the result of a strategic partnership between Swiss Distance University and Idiap research institute a national center of expertise in AI.

[Read more](#)



### FUN celebrates 5 years!

In January 2014 the first MOOCs of the pioneering establishments started on the FUN platform. Now 5 years later, 500 MOOCs are available. To celebrate the event, FUN opened a site to highlight the many testimonials they received.

[Find out more.](#)



### Four new projects for OUC Telecomms Systems Lab

[Open University of Cyprus \(OUC\)](#) and OUC's Telecommunications Systems Lab participates in four (4) new research projects, in the fields of telecommunications systems and networks, which have secured funding from the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, and more specifically the programme "RESTART 2016–2020". Principal investigator for Open University of Cyprus is

[Professor Stavros Stavrou](#), Dean of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences.

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## Innovating Pedagogy 2019

OUC's 7th edition of Innovating Pedagogies (2019) published. This series of reports explores new forms of teaching, learning, and assessment for an interactive world, to guide teachers and policy makers in productive innovation.

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## Research project on Water Education & Climate Change

[Open University of Cyprus](#) joins a new research project titled "[Innovations in Water Education Programs: Enhancing water security and socio-economic development in the Eastern Mediterranean under Climate Change](#)", the aim of which is a) to establish a network with water professionals (HEIs & enterprises) for the Middle East, and b) to develop eLearning courses on Water Management to enhance the knowledge, tools and skills of graduates and increase their employability. The Erasmus+ project is collaborative & international (13 partners, 6 countries). OUC's research team is led by [Professor Ioannis Vogiatzakis](#), principal investigator of OUC's [Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab](#).



### Erasmus Staff Week in University of Jyväskylä

Feel the beat of the heart of Finland! Jyväskylä welcomes administrative and academic colleagues from universities around the world to join the Staff Exchange and Partner week on 3–7 June 2019.

The preliminary programme will consist of four parallel tracks and joint networking events. Possibilities to visit JYU departments and faculties will be included in the programme. The Staff Week will be held in English. Please note that participation is free of charge! The application round will be open until 31 March 2019. Read more and apply now!

[More information](#)

## EVENTS 2019

[EMOOC2019, 20 – 22 May 2019, Naples \(Italy\)](#)

[EDEN 2019 Annual Conference, 16–19 June 2019, Bruges \(Belgium\)](#)

[OOFHEC2019 EADTU Conference, 16–18 October 2019, Madrid \(Spain\)](#)

[ICDE World Conference on Online Learning, 3–7 November 2019, Dublin \(Ireland\)](#)

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