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BUCUM Highlighted at the AArU Conference

The 48th Annual Conference of the Association of Arab Universities (AArU) was held at the University of St Joseph in Beirut, Lebanon, on 25th March. It was attended by more than 250 representatives from universities across the Middle East and Africa region and internationally.



Professor Abu Orabi at the AArU

The BUCUM project was highlighted in the opening address by Professor Sultan Abu Orabi, Secretary General of AArU, who emphasised how such cooperation between Arab and EU universities was essential in modernising the leadership and management of universities. Delegates were also provided with information leaflets on the project.

Delivery of Short Course on Quality Assurance Underway

Professor Francesco Costantino of Sapienza University of Rome delivered the short course on Quality Assurance on 28th April 2015. This was attended by our Italian colleagues, Mr Salah Merhi of MUBS, Lebanon and Dr Marbruk Abugdrah of University of Zawia, Libya.

This was then followed by a second delivery which was hosted by Arab Academy for Science and Technology (AAST) on 15th/16th June and delivered by Mr Salah Merhi of MUBS. The course was attended by representatives from the three Egyptian universities, who will deliver the course to staff from their own universities upon their return –this forms part of the “training the trainer” approach used for BUCUM.

Moroccan partners will also receive coaching in the course so that it can be delivered within all ten partner institutions in September 2015



Mr Salah Merhi of MUBS delivering the course at AAST



The team assembling ready to take the course

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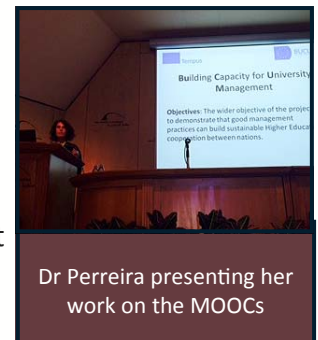
Short Course on Soft Skills

Delivery of the short course on Soft Skills is scheduled to take place at Suez Canal University on 27th/28th July 2015. The workshop will be given by Professor Fatima Iflahen of Cadi Ayyad University, Morocco and Dr Maria Pia Circella of Osel, Italy. Professor Shahira El Shafie of Fayoum University, who has been instrumental in the development of course, working with Professor Iflahen and Dr Circella as part of WHEEL, will also be involved in its delivery and is giving her time without charge.

The course is a contribution to BUCUM by WHEEL (Women in Higher Education, Equality and Leadership), which is a sustainable outcome from Cardiff Metropolitan University's previous Tempus project, LHEM. It will be attended by participants from all four BUCUM partner countries and will then be taught in all ten BUCUM partner universities in September 2015

BUCUM Dissemination

20th May 2015 –Professor Mohamed Ibrahim of Alexandria University gave a presentation on BUCUM and the short course on Internationalisation, and Dr Lola Pereira of University of Salamanca discussed BUCUM and the importance of MOOCs in enhancing learning at the International Conference on Innovative Engineering, hosted by E-JUST in Alexandria, Egypt



Dr Perreira presenting her work on the MOOCs

MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSES (MOOCs)



The team in Salamanca preparing the final videos

Professor Moscardini of Cardiff Metropolitan University, visited the University of Salamanca on 15th June 2015 to discuss the progress of the MOOCs. The production of the videos is in the final stages of completion and the MOOCs will be installed on the Salamanca web platform MiradaX by July 2015, with all BUCUM participants being able to use it from September 2015.



For further information and updates on the project, please visit

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