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Project Newsletter: January 2016



A very Happy New Year from the EPIC Project team in Cardiff! With just 7 months left of the EPIC project, here is a roundup of the latest project activities and news from scholars. Thank you to Mohammad Abubiah, an EPIC Masters scholar, who sent this edition's cover photo of students at Politecnico di Torino.



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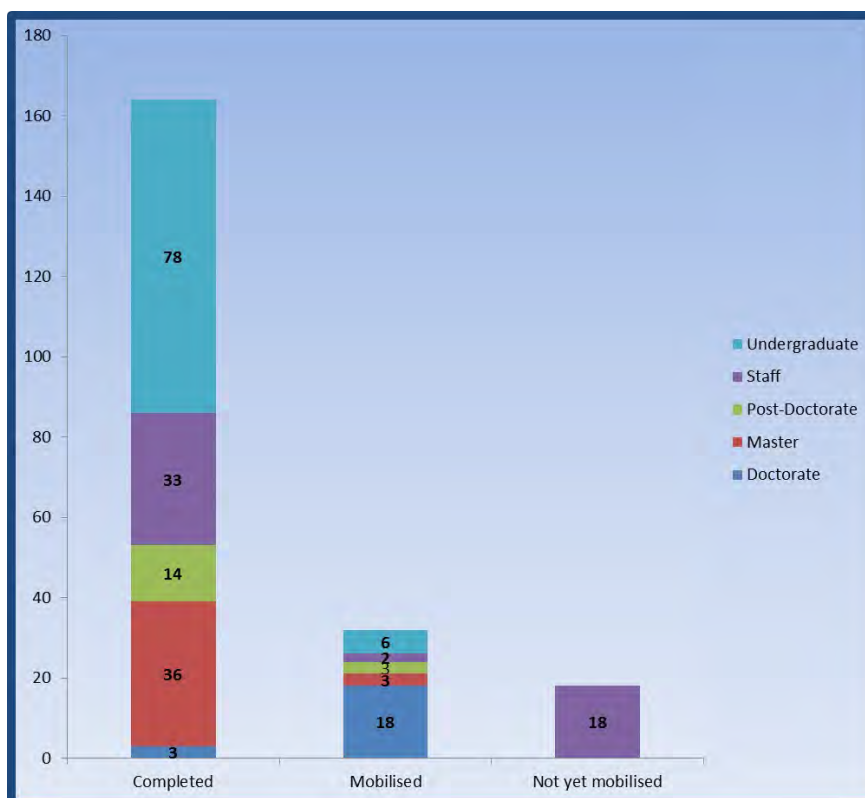
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Staff scholars – we need your help!

We still have 18 staff left to mobilise. Most of these scholars have provided us with dates for their scholarships but there are still scholars who haven't yet done this. Please encourage staff to provide dates for their mobility as soon as possible. If you are unable to contact a scholar or have a drop out, we would be grateful if you could advise us at the earliest opportunity so that we have time to replace them if necessary. We still have staff on the reserve list who could benefit from a scholarship in the event of any dropouts.

If you need more information on whether your university still has any staff to mobilise, please contact Lara at epic@cardiffmet.ac.uk who can provide up to date lists.



Current overall status of the EPIC project's scholars.



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Questionnaires

In preparation for the Final Report that we must submit to EACEA in September 2016, we will soon be sending out questionnaires to scholars who have completed mobility and also those still mobilised.

We will contact all universities to confirm when the questionnaires have been sent out to scholars - we would then appreciate your assistance in encouraging scholars to complete these as their feedback is vital to the Report!

The scholar questionnaires will be followed by a Partner Questionnaire for universities to complete in the Spring.

Dissemination booklet

As part of our commitment towards the sustainability and dissemination of the EPIC Project, we will be putting together a Dissemination Booklet which will detail highlights of the project since its inception and its impact on the regions involved, partners institutions and grantees.

We will dedicate a page to each partner university focusing on the University and its EPIC local coordinating team and the University's participation in the EPIC Project. In order to help us compile this, we have requested that you provide us with a paragraph detailing your experience of the EPIC Project as a partner that we can include in this booklet

If you have not already emailed your quote to epic@cardiffmet.ac.uk , please do so as soon as possible so that we can start creating the booklet.



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Scholar experiences

"I had an amazing time here in Italy, it was both instructive and interesting. I also met many fantastic students and people from all over the world and especially from Italy were they helped me a lot to make my stay very easy and comfortable. I had the chance to travel around in Italy and in Europe in general during the holidays . It was an adventure and great experience for me to see different countries and cites. Needless to say, this was the most valuable chance in my life as a student, so thanks to everyone who gave me this chance, and special thanks to EPIC -Erasmus and to my home and host universities." **Mohammad Abubiah from Palestine** recently completed a Masters qualification at Politecnico di Torino.



"During my stay IRO organized three events I participated in. The first one was a trip to Bekaa valley for international students at USJ. During this event I had a chance to meet the students coming from different countries, talk with them, compare their opinions about the way the exchange programs are organised with the opinions of students participating in Erasmus Mundus program I am working for." **Anna Zakrewska from Poland** spent her staff mobility at University St. Joseph, Beirut.



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Scholar experiences continued...

Yarmouk University sent us this photo of undergraduate scholar Foulques Lenoan from France. Foulques is pictured with Prof A.M.Jarrah, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director of Foreign Projects Management Unit.

Congratulations to our current doctorate and post-doctorate scholars at the University of Liège or University of Lorraine, all of whom have had work published recently and participated in scientific congresses.



And finally, a big well done to Obaida Hanteer, a Syrian Masters scholar at La Sapienza University of Rome, who competed in the television programme The Voice! Our EPIC scholars are a very talented group!

Future newsletters

We would like to have features from universities and scholars in future editions of this newsletter. If you have anything to add or can recommend any scholars who would like to write a short feature then please do get in touch! Email epic@cardiffmet.ac.uk

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the year ahead and thank you for your continued support of the EPIC project.



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