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Network of University Leaders

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Eighteen Rectors, Vice Rectors and Academics from four Arab countries were welcomed by the Ionian University in the beautiful island of Corfu, to participate in the national event of Network of University Presidents as part of the European Project TEMPUS "Leadership in Higher Education Management". Funded by the EU, the Tempus programme encourages convergence between universities and facilitates the exchange of students, researchers and academic and administrative staff between partners. This project involves Europe and four MEDA countries – Egypt, Morocco, Lebanon and Tunisia. It is a three year programme and will result in well equipped Leadership centers in all ten MEDA universities. It also has established two networks – one for the Presidents of Arab Universities and one for Women in Higher Education in the MENA region. It is coordinated by Dr Mohamed Loutfi from Cardiff metropolitan University in Wales, UK.



The consortium was greeted and welcomed by Deputy Mayor of Corfu Mr. Potamitis, who expressed his appreciation in choosing Corfu as the destination for such an important meeting. Mr Potamitis also expressed the interest for the rest for the Greece universities to know more about the Tempus project and how important this meeting is in Disseminating the project in Greece. The meeting was then opened with a speech by the Vice Rector of the Ionian University Association, Prof. Stavros Katsios, who welcomed such a network which aims to put together European leaders with their colleagues from the MEDA region so they can exchange knowledge and expertise to develop a better future in the higher education sector in both Europe and MEDA. Professor D. Tsougarakis from Ionia University chaired and coordinated the meeting as part of an overall commitment to make this network a regional, well recognised link between different decision makers in the higher education sector. Also participating in the work was the current Secretary general of Association of Arab Universities, Sultan Abou Orabi and former secretary general professors Saleh Hashem. The association represents over 250 universities from all Arab countries.



The meeting was covered by www.Corfupress.com , which is the largest news site for island of Corfu. Minutes for the meeting will be available on the Tempus website www.tempus.uwic.ac.uk for more information and press releases on the Tempus LHEM project.



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