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Edition

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Events timeline:

January 2015

The Second Call for Applications, open to undergraduate and staff applicants, closes. Applicants are then assessed and selected by the Selection Committee in March.



February 2015

After EACEA extends an additional half a million euros funding for Moroccan nationals to the project, a special Call for Applications-Morocco Edition, opens. The call launches at the master, doctorate, post-doctorate, and staff levels. A Road Show is planned to encourage students and scholars across Morocco to apply.



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Events timeline continued...

March 16-18, 2015

A promotional road show is held across Morocco at the campuses of Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakech, University Hassan I in Settat, University Hassan II in Casablanca, and Mohammed V University in Rabat. University representatives from Sapienza University of Rome, the University of Bordeaux, the University of Zagreb, and the University of Hassan II-Casablanca share information about the programme at multiple sessions and reach between 450-500 students and staff members. The event is very successful, as the call receives the highest number of applicants from Morocco in the history of the project.



**University representatives
speaking to applicants**



**Attendees at the information
session**

April-July 2015

Nominees receive notification of their scholarship and start preparing for their upcoming mobility.



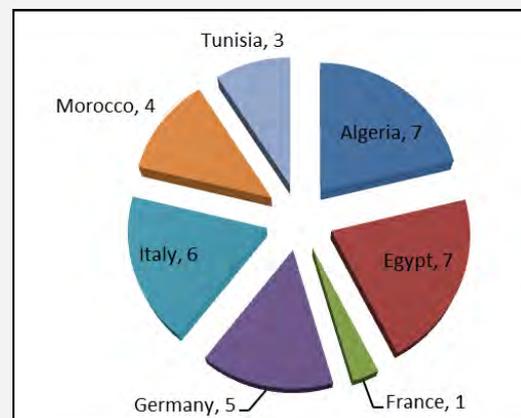
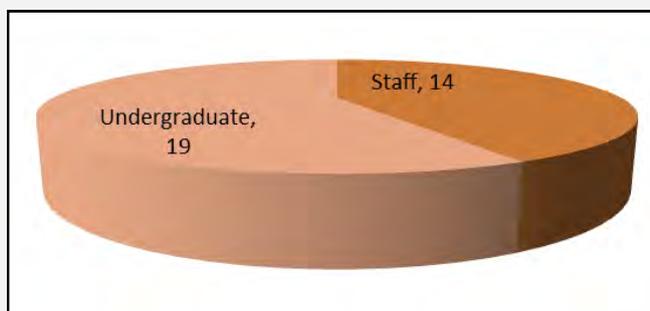
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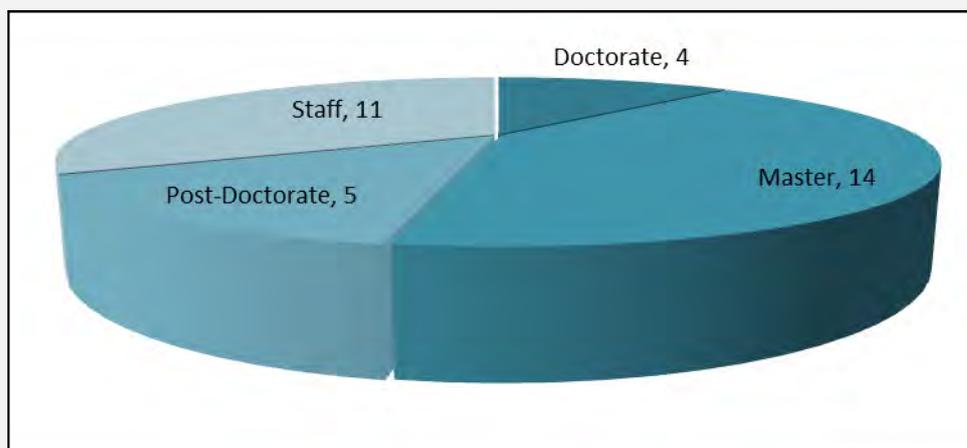
After the Selection Committee meeting for Cohort 2, held on the 30th March 2015, the following 33 scholarships were awarded accordingly by level and nationality:

Cohort 2



The Selection Committee meeting for Cohort Morocco Edition, held on the 13th May 2015, also brought in an additional 34 scholars to the project as follows:

Cohort Morocco Edition



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As a result of these nominations, the Third Call for Applications will open in autumn 2015, most likely only at the undergraduate and staff levels. The Proposed timeline is as follows:

Third Call for Applications – Cohort 3	25/09/2015 – 1/12/2015
Promotional Road show	October 2015
Eligibility Check	By 15/12/2015
Assessment of Academic Quality	By 29/01/2016
Selection and Nomination	By 15/02/2016

Scholar stories

The first year of EU-METALIC II mobilities has proven very successful. Here are several snapshots of our scholars' experiences and achievements to date:

Ghofrane Barka, PhD in Science and Chemical Technology at the University of Santiago de Compostela:

I am in Spain from 20th August 2014 and I am doing my PhD in the laboratory of Biochemistry and I am really proud of my scientific proposal because it is so interesting. I am so glad that I have the chance to be here to work with an excellent research group. I have really learned a lot from this program and I met many great people here. They are so helpful and friendly. We are like a big family. It is very insightful and the knowledge and skills I have acquired will greatly help me in the future.



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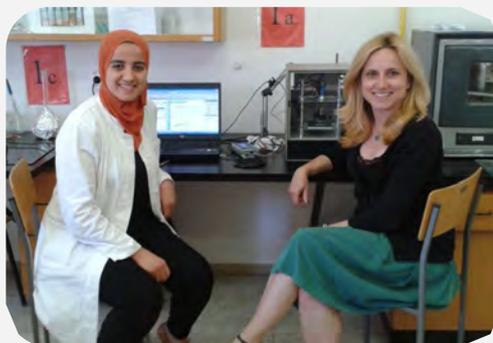
Scholar stories continued...



Doctorate scholar Shaimaa Samy Alstouhy Alsaied and post-doctorate scholar Amr Hassan, both studying Sport Science at the University of Graz, presented an 'Analysis of Interaction Between Offense and Defence Tactics in Team Handball by Means of Artificial Neural Networks' at the '20th Annual Congress of the European College of Sports Science' in Malmö, Sweden (24-27 June, 2015).

Doctorate scholar Noura Touabi, pictured below with her supervisor at the University of Zagreb, Prof. Sanja Martinez:

Now, in my last months with my exchange program, I can say I had the best time of my life! I am more open minded and I have more confidence in myself especially after a lot of success in my work: I got the acceptance for the publication of my work in a good international journal (*International Journal of Electrochemical Science*, volume 10 - 2015); I participated in two international congresses with a poster presentation at the '24th Croatian Meeting of Chemists and Chemical Engineers' and an oral presentation at the 'Fifth Regional Symposium on Electrochemistry – South East Europe RSE- SEE'; and I was invited to the '5th ISE Satellite Student Regional Symposium on Electrochemistry (ISE - SRSSE)' at the Institut Ruđer Bošković in Zagreb. It was a good atmosphere in Zagreb, filled with young researchers to share experiences and knowledge with, especially in the field of Electrochemistry.



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Students at Bordeaux enjoyed the university's trip to Normandy and Brittany, where they visited many historical monuments and sites, including the port city of Saint-Malo.



As we close this academic year, we thank all universities for welcoming and supporting their Cohort 1 scholars.

We look forward to the achievements and successes of our continuing Cohort 1 and new incoming scholars!

