Αγαπητοί συνάδελφοι,


Στο Ενημερωτικό Δελτίο του ACU θα βρείτε πληροφορίες σχετικά με:

• Το Κείμενο της Δρ. Sindhura Lakshmi K.L, MD, από το Πανεπιστήμιο Manipal στην Ινδία με θέμα: «Κινητικότητα σπουδαστών Κατά την Εποχή του COVID-19»
• Την Παρουσίαση της Έκθεσης: «Φωνές του Μπλε Χάρτη: Μια Έκθεση Έρευνας για τα Πλαστικά των Θαλάσσων» | 29/4
• Την 2η Παγκόσμια Έρευνα της IAU για τον Αντίκτυπο του Covid-19 στην Τριτοβάθμια Εκπαίδευση – να συμπληρωθεί μέχρι 15/4
• Το Διεθνές Φόρουμ Τριτοβάθμιας Εκπαίδευσης 2021: Διατήρηση της παγκόσμιας Τριτοβάθμιας Εκπαίδευσης | 13-14/4
• Τη Σύνοδο Κορυφής για τον Αντίκτυπο και την Καινοτομία του THE | 20/4

Τις Ευκαιρίες για να συμμετάσχετε στην ομάδα κοινοπολιτειακού μέλλοντος κλιματικής έρευνας. Συγκεκριμένα:
- Ευκαιρία Παρουσίασης ενός εικονικού εκπαιδευτικού εργαστηρίου [προθεσμία 16/4]
- Έκκληση για διαμεσολαβητή έρευνας προς δράση | 16/4

Άρθρα με θέμα:
• «Στο Δρόμο προς την COP26: Μια Ερευνητική Συνεργασία για την Επιτάχυνση της Δράσης για το Κλίμα»
• «Θεραπεύοντας την Δηλητηριασμένη Γη με την Φύση» – Doris Akachukwu

Ακαδημαϊκές Πηγές για την υγεία σε έναν μεταβαλλόμενο κόσμο:
• Παροχή ποιοτικής εκπαίδευσης και υγειονομικής περίθαλψης σε όλους: Προετοιμασία των περιφερειών για δημογραφική αλλαγή (OECD Αγροτικές Σπουδές) [OECD; 2021]
• Πώς ο COVID-19 αλλάζει τον κόσμο: Μια στατιστική προοπτική (Volume 3) [CCSA; 2021]
• Αντιμετώπιση της πανδημίας COVID-19: καμία χώρα δε μένει πίσω [UNDP; ESCAP; ADB; 2021]

Για οποιεσδήποτε περαιτέρω πληροφορίες σε σχέση με τις δραστηριότητες του Δικτύου ACU, μπορείτε να αποταθείτε στην κα Στέλλα – Μαρία Βασιλείου, Λειτουργό Πανεπιστημίου Α’, Υπεύθυνη Γραφείου Διεθνών Σχέσεων και Προβολής (ηλεκτρ. δ/νση: vassiliou.stellamaria@ucy.ac.cy, τηλ.: +357 22894299).

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Ευχαριστούμε για τη συνεργασία.

Με φιλικούς χαιρετισμούς,
News and opportunities for staff and students at ACU member universities

Each month, an individual at a different ACU member institution is invited to write the introduction for this newsletter, providing an opportunity to highlight perspectives. This month, Dr Sindhura Lakshmi K L, MD, from Manipal Academy of Higher Education in India, writes for us about student mobility in the times of COVID-19.

Dear Ms Vassiliou,

The global outlook of medical education has changed significantly over the past year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. World Health Day (7 April) is an opportune time to reflect on not only the changes in medical education but also the opportunities this period has afforded us. Around the globe, medical educators adopted online pedagogy tools and leaned on their collaborative networks to learn best practices. Alternatives for international student mobility became a necessity to expand student outlook horizons.
In partnership with King’s College London in the UK, Manipal Academy of Higher Education co-designed and delivered a four-week long virtual global health elective course in a collaborative online international learning (COIL) model for students.

The course focused on global health with weekly themes, including the impact of COVID on global health, infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, and maternal health care. Drawing on their experiences, clinician academics from both schools shared insights and reflections on each of these themes. The students were put in smaller mixed groups to work together and build social connections to boost intercultural understanding.

Nine students from each medical school participated in this pilot virtual elective – the first of its kind in India – which was funded by an ACU Medical Student Virtual Mobility Grant awarded in March 2021. Incorporating the feedback from phase 1, the phase 2 pilot is scheduled for May 2021.

Virtual electives make it possible to achieve equity in higher education without being limited by challenges such as the digital divide or travel restrictions. International collaboration plays a key role in overcoming these challenges. Let us work together to overcome the invisible walls between people by reaching out to each other.

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Making the most of your membership
Register for ‘Voices of the Blue Charter: A marine plastics research showcase’

Join us on 29 April 2021 for ‘Voices of the Blue Charter’, a unique showcase event where talented researchers will present their innovative work on marine plastics to a diverse international audience. Their presentations will cover a range of topical issues in the field, such as the impacts of plastic pollution in supply chains, community-based mitigation strategies, behavioural change, and alternative applications of waste materials. The event is free and open for all ACU members to attend. It is an excellent opportunity for students, academics, and those passionate about ocean conservation to engage with emerging research leaders, gain fresh insights into knowledge exchange activities, and discover the latest research driving the fight against marine plastics pollution.

Register

IAU Global Survey on the 'Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education' – complete by 15 April

The deadline to take part in the Second IAU Global Survey on the Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education is fast approaching! The survey aims not only to monitor the impact of the pandemic on higher education around the world, but also to gain insight about responses to the disruptions caused by the pandemic. By taking part, you will be able to share how your university has been affected by the pandemic, how it has responded, and the key challenges and opportunities for the future. Download and read the official survey invitation.

Complete the survey
Applications open for ACU Summer School 2021

We are delighted to announce that applications for the ACU Summer School 2021 are now open for post-graduates or final year undergraduates at ACU member universities. Taking place from 2-13 August, this two-week event will explore the theme ‘Urban disasters: Vulnerability and resilience in a pandemic’ with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India. This is a great opportunity for students to network, take part in challenging group work and learn about the history and culture of Mumbai.

Deadline: 14 April at 16:00 (UTC + 1)

Find out more

International Higher Education Forum 2021: Keeping higher education global

This online conference, organised by Universities UK, will take place from 13-14 April. Bringing together hundreds of higher education professionals, the event will be useful for staff with responsibility for developing international strategies across student recruitment, transnational education, research, and mobility. ACU Secretary General Dr Joanna Newman will join as a speaker in the session ‘Building back stronger: How can the UK support post-pandemic higher education reform in low-income countries?’. Our Interim
Head of Membership, Matthew Hornshaw, will chair a session titled ‘2020-21: the year of virtual mobility?’. This panel will feature two case studies presented by ACU members Coventry University, UK and Durban University of Technology, South Africa providing an overview of the evidence on international student experience and practical tools for building equitable virtual learning partnerships.

Find out more

Join us at the THE Impact and Innovation Summit

The ACU, the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), and the International Association of Universities (IAU) are working in partnership to advocate for higher education and its role in sustainable development. We will be delivering a joint session on ‘Championing higher education for sustainable development: A pivotal year for higher education and Agenda 2030’ at this year’s THE Impact and Innovation Summit, exploring why 2021 is such a critical year for higher education globally, highlighting key risks and opportunities for the sector, and how the ACU, AUF and IAU are working together with member universities to support higher education for sustainable development.

Event date: 20 April at 16:00 (UTC +1)

Register
Opportunities to get involved with the Commonwealth Futures Climate Research Cohort

We have two live opportunities for ACU members to get involved with the training and research-to-action components of the Commonwealth Futures Climate Research Cohort. Organised in partnership with the British Council, the Cohort convenes 26 rising-star researchers from 16 countries to bring multidisciplinary knowledge to a global stage and influence on issues related to climate and environment in the run-up to COP26. The below opportunities offer member universities the chance to engage with emerging research leaders in the sector, and support initiatives bridging the evidence-to-policy gap in a vital sector.

Deliver a virtual training workshop

We are seeking proposals from staff based at member universities to deliver a virtual training workshop on research-to-action for the Cohort. This workshop will equip researchers with the practical knowledge and skills they can apply to design and deliver their own research-to-action projects. A total of GBP 2,500 (plus VAT if applicable) is available to deliver this workshop.

Deadline: 16 April at 09:00 (UTC + 1)

Apply now

Call for a research-to-action facilitator

We are also seeking a senior climate-focused academic based at an ACU member university to support the researchers in developing five peer-led research-to-action
projects. As a core component of the programme, these research-to-action projects will provide the Cohort with an opportunity to work across borders and disciplines, and work towards bridging the evidence-to-policy gap in their communities and beyond.

Deadline: 16 April at 09:00 (UTC + 1)

Apply now

News from the ACU

On the road to COP26: a research partnership to accelerate climate action

In Glasgow this November, one message will take centre stage at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26): to safeguard our planet, we must work together across borders, industries, and academic disciplines. To accelerate knowledge transfer across the Commonwealth, the ACU and the British Council have partnered to establish the Commonwealth Futures Climate Research Cohort, supporting 26 rising-star researchers from 16 countries to bring their expertise to a global stage.
Healing poisoned land with nature – Mrs Doris Akachukwu

As a researcher committed to battling environmental degradation in Nigeria's major oil states, Mrs Doris Akachukwu knows that her work cannot stop at publications and book chapters. She must translate knowledge into tangible solutions to improve the lives of heavily affected people, and mediate the intensifying impacts of oil and gas exploitation on local communities and ecosystems.

Find out more

Sector news

This month, we bring you a selection of resources on health in a changing world.

- Delivering Quality Education and Health Care To All: Preparing Regions for Demographic Change (OECD Rural Studies) [OECD; 2021]
- How COVID-19 Is Changing the World: A Statistical Perspective (Volume 3) [CCSA; 2021]
- Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Leaving No Country Behind [UNDP; ESCAP; ADB; 2021]