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Best-practice examples for international projects



Team EDULIVE at Raumberg-Gumpenstein



Latin-American project partners at BOKU

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In the course of the Erasmus+ project **EDULIVE** – Transforming Higher Education to strengthen links between universities and the livestock sector in Argentina and Peru, 10 South American project partners visited BOKU for a week this October. The project week started with a presentation by DI Bernhard Koch of the service unit »Research Support, Innovation & Technology Transfer« on interactions with industry partners, and a highly beneficial meeting with Dr. Alfons Willam – responsible of the Master's program Animal Science – about teaching strategies at BOKU and the Master program's integration of stakeholders. The project partners took part in the Master and Doctoral Seminar of the animal breeding group and the public Erasmus+ Event at House OeAD, organized by the project, with an overview of Erasmus+ by Martina Friedrich (OeAD), insight on

Erasmus+ at BOKU by Dr. Margarita Calderón-Peter (ZIB-BOKU) and presentations of current projects at BOKU (LaWEEEda by Dr. Roland Ramusch, SEA-ABT by DI Rainer Svacinka and EDULIVE by Dr. Maria Wurzinger). A 2-day excursion took the group to Styria for guided tours at the research station Raumberg-Gumpenstein, research farm Moarhof, Austrian wool textile factory Steiner 1888 and Admont Abbey, as well as dinner and Austrian folk music at the restaurant Krenn in Pürgg. The week was rounded off with a workshop by Mag. Thomas Guggenberger – Head of Quality Management at BOKU – on how to implement the new findings in the home institutions and improvement ideas for the next visit in 2018.

More information: edulive-international.com

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Project SIMPLE Training Course for Asian Alumni Centres

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»This week of very intense training with our Asian partner universities was a major opportunity to demonstrate what our Alumni Association has accomplished in the past few years and to share lessons learned with others.«

Kerstin Fuhrmann

The training course for staff of Asian Alumni Centres was held 9-13 October 2017 at the BOKU University in Austria as part of the project SIMPLE. The aim of the project SIMPLE funded by the Erasmus programme of the European Commission is to establish alumni networks and centres in Asia, practical training/internships and the utilisation of career days by students and prospective employers. The project also seeks to address the capacity building objective of improving the quality of higher education and enhance its relevance for the labor market and society.

Twenty four participants were trained by BOKU experts for five intensive days in the fields of services, advertising, administration, and internships. They received insights into events like »mentoring programme«, »internship day«, seminar »how to apply for a job«, »Career Calling- job fair« and »soft skills week« which are organized by the BOKU Alumni Association. Practical experiences with cooperation between academic and professional sectors were provided from an academic point of view as well as from the EBER GROUP, a leading group of companies in the field of food and feed safety that actively cooperates with the academic sector at the international level; this was presented by Brigit Leither and Franz Waxenecker. Participants also received feedback from students who did an internship abroad and discussed their perspective for cooperation with the professional sector. The final part of the training focused on team building. The task was to set up a career event and to present an event planning time table. The next tasks for the Asian partners are to establish and develop their Alumni/Career Centre and to organize career days.

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