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the Online, Open and Flexible
Higher Education Conference

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Please register by the 9th of October (if you haven't done so yet).

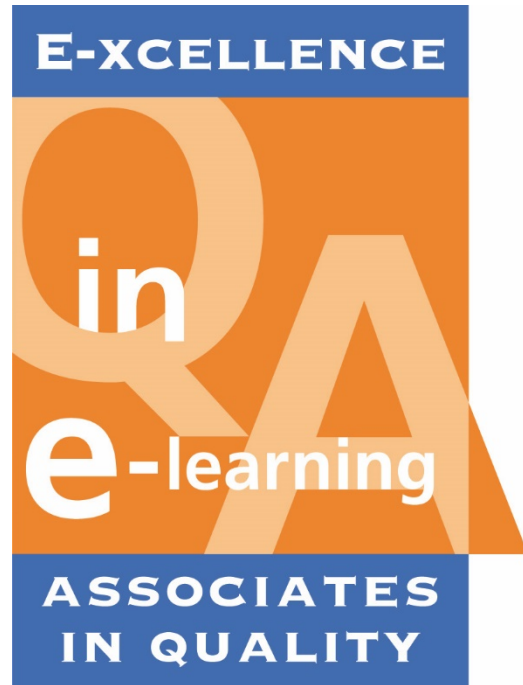
Click [here](#) for registration and join fellow experts and colleagues in innovating education at the OOFHEC2019 Conference.

You will find the full programme of our conference [here](#)

E-xcellence label

We want to congratulate Frederick University and University of Nicosia for achieving their E-xcellence Associates in Quality label for the coming 3 years. Last summer both universities went through the E-xcellence QA review process by benchmarking institutional strategies and support for more accessible, flexible, interactive and personalised education. By achieving the E-xcellence label they demonstrate their university offering quality controlled blended and online education in line with latest developments.

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European Maturity Model for Blended Education

Launching the European Maturity Model for Blended Education (EMBED)

On September 2nd, the EMBED project team launched the European Maturity Model for Blended Education at the ALT pre-conference event in Edinburgh.

EMBED is a reference model for developing and implementing blended education. This model embraces all levels of an institution: the design of blended courses, organisational aspects such as staff support, training and institutional leadership, next to policy development and strategies which enable an institution to innovate continuously its blended education, teaching and learning.

Please find the European Maturity Model [here](#)

The MOONLITE Policy Report on MOOCS for Social Inclusion: Maximising the Potential and Minimising the risks to design

This declaration is one of the final results of the MOONLITE project that has focused on a range of topics relating to the ways in which MOOCs can support refugees (and other vulnerable groups), migrants and students in their access to higher education and employment.

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UNINETTUNO and S.S. Lazio joint Project: Football / Education / Culture

The International Telematic University UNINETTUNO together with Lazio football team launched the Project "Football - Education - Culture", dedicated to the young footballers. Taking

in consideration that in Italy only the 45% of young sport talents become professionals, the Project was born from the urgency to support young men and women to follow their athletic career while studying at the university, thanks to the flexibility of the e-learning model and platform of UNINETTUNO, young footballers will have a great new opportunity to build their future beyond successes in sport.

[Watch the video](#)

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BUKA Project receives European funding

In partnership with [Tampere University of Applied Sciences](#) (lead), the [National Institute for Digital Learning](#) (NIDL) at Dublin City University (DCU) was successful in securing almost €1m of external funding for the BUKA project intended to promote equity and access to higher education through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia. When designing the project, special care was taken to involve the key staff and decision makers in all the local partnering universities to ensure that the project aims and deliverables align with local institutional priorities and the project team helps to develop local solutions for local problems. You can read more about the BULK project in a news item on the [NIDL blog](#).





FernUniversität in Hagen: New Head of Administration elected

On October 1, 2019, the new Head of Administration, Ms. Birgit Rimpo-Repp, will step into office. Elected by an overwhelming majority of the voting body, she is entrusted with the responsibility of heading the central administration of financial and human resources.

Ms Rimpo-Repp has held previous positions at a number of institutions, such as the universities in Clausthal and Kiel. Prior to her position at the FernUniversität, she was Head of Administration at the Hochschule Furtwangen.



Sessions, Season and Samhain!

The team in the [National Institute for Digital Learning](#) (NIDL) at Dublin City University (DCU) is busy preparing for November's [ICDE World Conference on Online Learning](#) in Dublin. The four-day conference programme is packed with some great keynotes and almost 600 individual papers as well as a range of symposia, SWOT fora and action labs, including a special breakout session facilitated by EADTU on "AI and the Future of Education". Other highlights include themed walking tours ending with 'pedagogy in the pub' and the celebration of [Samhain](#) (pronounced 'sow-in') which is a Celtic tradition that dates back thousands of years to mark the end of the pastoral season. It was also believed that this was the best time of year for druids to make predictions of the future. Therefore, the ICDE World Conference is ideally timed for us to discuss the future of online education in the context of the theme of transforming lives and societies. You can read more in the latest [conference newsletter](#).



Accessibility is part of service in JYUOpen

Sanna Nuutinen is studying multidisciplinary family studies online at the Open University of the University of Jyväskylä. Nuutinen's narrow vision enables reading to certain extent and an inner ear implant helps her to hear.

"It is not difficult to acknowledge accessibility, but it must be designed and implemented carefully. I continuously come across fancy websites that not everyone can read. For example, contrast, font, colours, richness and structure affect readability," says Nuutinen.

"The question is about equality and opportunity to use services. Accessibility requires both technical and pedagogical solutions," says **Tarja Ladonlahti**, the coordinator of the accessibility (ESA) subproject of the DigiCampus project.

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OTHER NEWS

New Secretary General of ICDE

The ICDE Board of Trustees has employed Ms. Torunn Gjelsvik as the new Secretary General of ICDE. Gjelsvik is currently the Executive Director of Flexible Education Norway and assumes her new position on January 1st, 2020.



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**ICDE publication GLOBAL QUALITY IN ONLINE,
OPEN, FLEXIBLE AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED
EDUCATION**

Recently ICDE published their latest global publication on QA. This report is building on regional SWOT analyses of QUALITY IN ONLINE, OPEN, FLEXIBLE AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED EDUCATION. EADTU contributed by covering the European SWOT analyses as one ICDE's regional focal points for QA.



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EVENTS 2019

- OOFHEC2019 EADTU Conference, 16–18 October 2019, Madrid (Spain)
- ICDE World Conference on Online Learning, 3–7 November 2019, Dublin (Ireland)
- The International Open and Distance Learning Conference (IODL 2019) Anadolu University 14–16 November 2019, Eskişehir (Turkey)
- LINQ 2019 Conference, “Innovative School Education for Sustainable Development”, 22 November 2019, Roermond (The Netherlands)

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