



- *IAUTA's Executive Board and Reception at Madeira University (Portugal)*
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- *Participation of IAUTA in BIT Milano (Italy)*
- *Pedagogical and Scientific Board in Edinburgh (Scotland – UK)*
- *Preparation of the new IAUTA website with the UDC Foz do Iguaçu (Brazil)*

Executive Board meeting in Madeira



The beginning of the annual meeting of the Executive Board of AIUTA was hosted by the University of Madeira (Portugal) at the initiative of Professors Carlos Santos (Secretary General) and Vitor Ambrosio.



The Rector and members of the University of Madeira with the Executive Board of AIUTA Ms Nadezda Hrapkova (Secretary General), Mr. Ian Funnell (Treasurer) and Paule Vidal (Assistant Treasurer).

During the AIUTA meeting, the 2015 annual program was discussed in details. The discussion addressed the previous participation at the congress of the Asia Pacific Alliance in Brisbane (Australia) and the upcoming IAUTA conferences in Alicante (Spain) and Lublin (Poland).



Launch of University of Third Age in Rodrigues



***Prof. François VELLAS (IAUTA's President)
and Prof. Armoogum Pasuramen (President
of U3A - Mauritius and Rodrigues)***

- Launching of the first University of the 3rd Age in Rodrigues (U3A ROD)

The first University of the 3rd Age in Rodrigues (branch of the University of the 3rd Age of Mauritius), was launched on Monday the 26th of January 2015 by Professor Armoogum Parsuramen GOSK (President and Founder of U3AM) with Ms. Mary Bliss Hermenne (Vice-President of the U3AM) and a delegation of 25 students from U3A Mauritius, Center for the Arts, the Cultural and Recreation of Mon Plaisir, in Rodrigues.

-Mr. Louis Serge Clair, GCSK (Chief Commissioner of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly) was the guest of honor at the ceremony

Other distinguished guests attended the ceremony including Mr. Soopramanien SOOPRAYEN (President of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly), Mr. Louis Daniel BAPTISTE (Commissioner for Social Security and others), Mrs. Fanchette Gaspard (Deputy Chief Commissioner Rodrigues), Mr. Ishmael Vallymamode (Commissioner for Health and Sport), Monsignor Alain Harel, the Bishop of Rodrigues and Mr. Francis Clair (Chairman of the Federation of Senior Citizens Councils - Rodrigues).

Mr. Louis Serge Clair, GCSK and Mr. Soopramanien SOOPRAYEN were appointed as Honorary Presidents of University of the 3rd Age in Rodrigues.

Professor François VELLAS was also the guest of AMITY University of Mauritius at a conference organized on the premises. On this occasion, Prof. VELLAS participated in a Governing Board of U3A Maurice (member of IAUTA).

Invitation of the IAUTA to participate in the BIT Tourism fair in Milan (Italy)



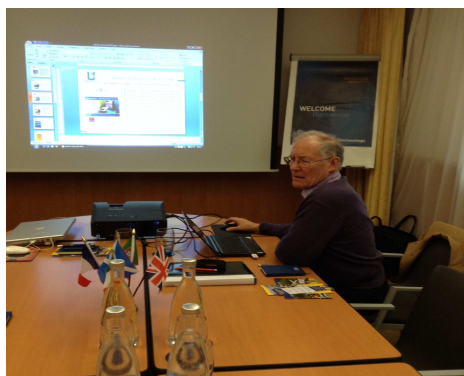
IAUTA represented by Bilal ALI AHMAD participated, at the invitation of Mrs. Giulia Ghelli, in international exhibition of Italian tourism in Milan. During which, the IAUTA's programs were presented to the participants further several notable contacts were established in the framework of the programs on sustainable and seniors tourism. Similarly, contacts have been established to determine the extent of seniors' contribution to the development of tourism and poverty reduction for the locals in the concerned regions. This approach consists of a new program to be formed in partnership with TED / AFL on tourism of seniors and older Volunteering and specifically pensioners in tourism and air transport.

Pedagogical and Scientific Board meeting in Edinburgh (Scotland-UK)

Despite the witnessed difficulties due to air strikes, the meeting held in Edinburgh in both April and May, which was attended by Prof. François VELLAS, (President IAUTA) yet the meeting, addressed vital exchanges.

During the meeting; the working papers in preparation by the IAUTA were reviewed in addition to addressing the educational programs aimed at providing assistance to U3A by the IAUTA. This assistance could include opening new U3A and strengthening the World scientific cooperation.

Mrs. Tamisari Morag (Member of the Governing Board of IAUTA) and Prof Livio Zerbini (Executive Chairman of the IAUTA the Pedagogic Council) alongside members of the Third Age Trust UK in Edinburgh.



Prof. François VELLAS and Mrs. Maria Chester, UK Third Age Trust

Preparation of the new IAUTAS with the UDC in Foz Iguaçu (Brazil)

WEBSITE

At the initiative of Professor Fabio Hauagge do Prado , Bilal ALI AHMAD AIUTA Secretariat was hosted at the UDC (Foz Iguacu, Brazil) where he participated in the creation of the new website of the AIUTA.

The team of the IT department of the UDC devoted their time to redesign the website and update its content. The new site in both languages (English and French) was fed by new photos and data in the following sections: Administration, Newsletter, News and Conferences. On the other hand, new sections were added:

- Search: The research conducted within the AIUTA.
- Universities: Presentation of various adherent universities.
- Free Courses Online proposed by the UDC Foz Iguacu.
- Video: Key events in the AIUTA.

The team of the UDC and in collaboration with the AIUTA continues the hard work to provide ASAP a website in other languages.



M. ALI AHMAD with the UDC team



ANNOUNCEMENT and PROGRAM of IAUTA Governing Board :

96th IAUTA Governing Board and International Conference « U3A, citizenship and social cohesion » in Alicante (Spain), June 11-13, 2015

**IAUTA 96e Governing Board
Alicante - Spain
Thursday 11th - Friday 12th June 2015
Conference Room - Alicante University
Alicante Venue (C/San Fernando nº 40 - 03001 Alicante)
International Conference: "U3A's, Citizenship and Social Cohesion"**

**Thursday 11th June 2015.
International Conference: "U3A's, Citizenship and Social Cohesion"**

09.00 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.30 Opening Ceremony

Prof. François VELLAS, U3A Toulouse Director and AIUTA President

Prof. Manuel Palomar, University of Alicante President

Prof. Concepción Bru Ronda, Permanent University Director, University of Alicante

10.30 – 10.50 Prof. Concepción Bru Ronda, University of Alicante

Universities of the Third Age promoting social cohesion and citizens' involvement

10.50 – 11.10 Prof. Irene Ramos Soler, University of Alicante

The image of seniors in the 21st century society. Stereotypes and realities.

11.10 – 13.00 Discussion and questions

13.00 Lunch - Catering at Alicante Venue (C/San Fernando nº 40 - 03001 Alicante)

**Thursday 11th June 2015.
IAUTA 96e GOVERNING BOARD**

16.30 – 19.30 AIUTA 96e Governing Board

20.00 – Welcoming Dinner at the Alicante Real Yatching Club

Friday 12th June 2015.
International Conference: "U3A's, Citizenship and Social Cohesion"

Chairman: Prof Carlos SANTOS, U3A Açores, Secrétaire Général Adjoint de l'AIUTA, PORTUGAL

9.00 - Opening

09.30 – 10.00 Prof. Marian Alesson, University of Alicante, SPAIN
"Senior University in the social task to preparation for retirement"

10.00 – 10.30 Mrs. Carmen Stadelhofer, Présidente "Danube-Networkers for Europe (DANET) Allemagne
« Cohesion sociale : le rôle du Réseau International des U3A de la région du Danube »

10h30 – 11h00 – Discussions and Questions

11h00 – 11h30 – Coffe Break

11h30 – 11h50 – Hans Kr Guömundsson, Director U3A Reykjavik, ICELAND
"Social cohesion and experience Iceland and U3A"

11.50 – 12h10 - Tom Holloway, President World U3A, INDIA
"Social cohesion and U3A: the vision from India"

12.10 – 12.30 - Prof. Olga RIVERA, U3A Deusto Bilbao San Sebastian, ESPAGNE

12h30 – 13h00 – Discussions and Questions

13h00 – 15h00 – Lunch, University of Alicante Campus - Restaurant

Chairman: Ian FUNNELL, Trust Age U3A, Trésorier de l'AIUTA, ROYAUME-UNI

15.20 – 15.40 Adriano Rozendo, U3A Matto Grosso, BRAZIL "Social Cohesion and U3A in Brazil"

15.40 – 16.00 Guilia Grosso, Sardina Italian Studies, Cagliari, Sardaigne, ITALIE
"Third Age language teaching and Social Cohesion"

16.00 – 16.30 Discussion and questions

17.00 – 18.00 Mr. Francisco Mayor Zaragoza Lecture. Assembly Hall. University of Alicante Campus

18.00 – 18.30 - Closing Ceremony

Prof. Cecilia Gómez Lucas, Vice President for Studies Planning, Training Action and Quality Standards
University of Alicante

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