



Quality Education for All in Europe

Dear all,

We are pleased to invite you to the next Annual General Meeting of the University Women of Europe in Bucharest which will be combined, as usual, with a two day conference. The conference in Bucharest, Romania brings together University Women from all over Europe in a wonderful and inspiring environment.

The Conference theme is "Quality Education for All in Europe". Its purpose is to

- Create a UWE vision of the demands for high quality education in the 21st century;
- Enlarge the knowledge of the legal, political and administrative procedures of the European Institutions (European Union and the Council of Europe).

A variety of viewpoints and approaches will be presented enabling you to contribute to the exploration of Education in different ways and on different levels. You'll meet highly professional women. You will also be introduced to tool kits which help with participation in civil society in public arenas (e.g. 'Living together' and 'Code of Good Practice' created by the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe).

One of the key-note speakers will present an overview of the efforts and results of European schools. The use of new technology, active civil participation and the ability to communicate are important assets required for living together in Europe. The prize winner of MEET (Movement towards European Education Trust; a European Citizens initiative) will present us in her opening speech with her views on that subject.

We are looking forward to meeting you and to the exchange of ideas!



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Invitation

UWE Conference, 4-7 September 2014 in Bucharest, Romania

The Romanian Association is happy to organize and host this meeting in Bucharest. You will have the opportunity to discover the attractions of Romania. The wild life and rural traditions in the Romanian countryside will be part of the additional travel tours after the conference.

The conference itself will take place at the National Library of Romania in Bucharest (see picture). (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Library_of_Romania).



Bucharest was once known as “Little Paris” and boasts many impressive buildings such as the Palace of Parliament, the second biggest parliamentary building in the world after the Pentagon

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palace_of_the_Parliament.

Another place worth visiting is the former Royal Palace, now the National Museum of Art, located right in the centre of the town.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Museum_of_Art_of_Romania (picture below right).

Bucharest has many beautiful, highly-decorated churches, mostly Orthodox. The international music festival “George Enescu”, where well-known conductors, orchestras and singers perform, takes place in one of the most exquisite concert halls, The Romanian Athenaeum. There are many other attractions and we are sure you will enjoy your stay, especially in September when the heat of summer has gone, the evenings are still nice and warm, and the leaves on the trees are turning to gold! Furthermore if you book in good time, prices for hotels and flights will be lower.



Where to stay?

The centre of Bucharest is easy to reach from the Otopeni airport also known as "Henri Coanda" airport. Several well equipped hotels ranging from approximately 35 Euro to 70 Euro are conveniently located near the conference place, the National Romanian Library. More specific information will follow shortly but you might wish to have a look at

Hotel Royal for 50 euro single room and 60 euro for a double including a Jacuzzi. And taxis are quite cheap so it is easy to get around.

Excursions

1. Whole-day excursion to the Prahova Valley with visit to the Peles Royal Castle in Sinaia– www.peles.ro (approx. 75 Euro, cost to be confirmed)

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Photos: The Peles Royal Castle in Sinaia

- 2. Two-day excursion** (approx. 150 Euro cost to be confirmed): Prahova Valley and the Peles Royal Castle with overnight stay in Poiana Brasov (ColibaHaiducilor – if possible). Next day, visit Bran Castle, www.bran-castle.com, known as “Dracula’s Castle” (see below) Return to Bucharest.



WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

Proposals should consist of an abstract (300 words maximum) and an extended summary (1000 words maximum, including references). Proposal formats should be submitted through the universitywomeneurope@gmail.com. Workshops on the theme presented should last maximum 75 minutes. There should be no more than 20 minutes presentation and the focus should be on participation and good educational practices, comparing with at least one other European Country.

Deadline: 15 July 2014.

An alternative way of sharing research/knowledge is:

A paper presentation: consisting of 2 or 3 conceptually linked papers. Each individually submitted presentation should last 15 minutes to be followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion. The papers will be part of a special website for documentation and research by UWE.

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- Thursday 4th September: Arrive. Welcome reception (informal) – time and place to be confirmed.
- Friday 5th September: *Introduction of the Conference Theme* and workshops, followed by an evening event and dinner– time and place to be confirmed.
- Saturday 6th September: *Conference (continued)* and workshops. Conclusions. Festive dinner, including Tombola (Romanian atmosphere)
- Sunday 7th September:
 - Morning: Twinning. Reports on activities by NFAs
 - Afternoon: AGM, with reports, elections, date and place of next Conference and UWE action plan.
- Monday 8th/Tuesday 9th September: Departure or Optional tours (see above)

‘Early Birds’ Reduction

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Participation Fee:

- For Early Birds: Euro 220 (to be paid before 15th July 2014) or
- Euro 250 (to be paid after 16th July 2014)

The three day conference fee is all in and includes all lunches, coffee/tea, conference literature and two special evening events including 3-course meals and beverages.

Payment:

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