

>> As our mission is to promote academic excellence, integration and co-operation between member universities throughout Europe, we are launching an electronic newsletter.

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## UNICA G.A.

See the **1 page decisions** of the UNICA General Assembly 2005, kindly hosted by the University of Roma3 last November.

## PROJECTS

### > SUMIT

On 1 March 2006, in the frame of the SOCRATES Program, Accompanying Measures, UNICA -together with the University of Warsaw, the University of Edinburgh and Brussels Education Service—initiated the SUMIT Project: **S**upporting **M**obility through **I**nformation and **T**echnologies. In September we should know if the project has been accepted or not. We will keep you informed!

### > URBAN STUDIES

The UNICA Joint Master Degree initiative 4 Cities: UNICA Euromaster in Urban Studies has submitted a proposal for Curriculum Development Grant, within the SOCRATES programme. The group has been operative since 2004 and includes the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Kobenhavns Universitet, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Universität Wien & UNICA. We wish them luck!

### > STAFF MOBILITY 2006

Mrs. Katarina Nicolaidou Pietroni from the University of Cyprus was granted a study visit (11-17 January 2006) to visit the Université Libre de Bruxelles to observe how the Department of Public Relations manages aspects such as internal communication, media relations, media coverage, promotion of research, optimising social integration, and publications. If you would like to learn more, please read her **report**.

### > UNICA Meets with Mayors from European Capital Cities

As agreed upon during the GA, the UNICA Secretariat has met with **UCUE** (Union of the Capitals of the European Union) representatives on 27 January in order to discuss further cooperation. There is a possibility for UNICA to participate in UCUE GA meetings to contribute to this year's topics, Creativity, with academic point of view. More news is sure to follow.

## NETWORKS WITHIN THE NETWORK:

### 2 new referee clubs!

### > UNICA NETWORK OF EU RESEARCH LIAISON OFFICERS

Following on the **University of Stockholm's proposal** to organize a network of administrative staff dealing with legal, financial, and administrative aspects of EU-funded research projects, (EU Framework Programme), a UNICA Research Liaison Officers group is being organized. The aim is to establish a network for exchange of information and best practices regarding all aspects of EU-funded research. **A first meeting** is planned to be held in Brussels next September or October.

### > PhD

We are organizing a **new working group of UNICA PhD coordinators** and we would like to submit a project within SOCRATES Program. The goal is to bring together people responsible for the development and organisation of PhD programmes at UNICA universities, with the aim of establishing and promoting good practices by sharing views and experience. UNICA plans to prepare a seminar and promote further activities in the field of European Doctoral Studies, as well as to reinforce links with the entire innovation process. A project should be submitted within the SOCRATES Program, by 20 April.

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## UNICA SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS 2006:

■ **Workshop: Admission and Credential Evaluation** will be hosted by the University of Lausanne and chaired by Prof. Wendy Davies (from UCL) on 31 March and 1 April. Three sessions will be held: *Fraud, The Lisbon Convention and Recognising the Specifics of National Systems. It is the first seminar and second meeting of the Recognition group.*

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■ **The 4<sup>th</sup> UNICA Bologna Lab Coordinators meeting** will take place 20-21 April and kindly hosted by the University of Stockholm.

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■ **Seminar: Trends in Education and Research: Developing Skills and Communication across Europe** is a seminar for academics involved in education and research policy, Bologna Laboratory coordinators and senior academic librarians. It will be held in Helsinki, 18-19 May 2006.

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■ **The next IRO meeting** will be hosted by the Universidad Nova de Lisboa on 12-13 May 2006. **IRO observer elections are on the agenda**

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