IV European Conference on Learning Innovations and Quality

The 4th annual international conference ?**Learning Innovations and Quality**? (**LINQ 2015**) has extended the deadlines of its three calls to 4 March, 2015 after a clear demonstration of interest by the community. After the successful conference from 2013 in Rome and 2014 in Crete, LINQ has decided to return to its birthplace of **Brussels** to investigate the theoretical and practical potential of openness in education as a widespread default. **From 11 to 13 May 2015**, LINQ will convene international learning experts and practitioners from all educational sectors.

The main goal of LINQ 2015 is to bring together a variety of experts and professionals active in the field of **innovations** and **quality** in **lifelong learning** (LLL). LINQ will support an innovative exchange of the latest developments in **learning**, **education** and **training innovations and quality** on both a European and international level. Potential points of access to this field include **new learning methods and design**, **open learning and education**, **technology-enhanced learning** (TEL), **quality standards and certification**, **human resources** development, **competences and skills**, **digital resources**, **learning materials**, and **online collaboration and communities**.

LINQ 2014 attracted hundreds of submissions from throughout Europe, as well as Asia, America, and Africa. LINQ 2014 thus showed a continuation in the high level of interest which made LINQ 2013 such a successful conference with more than 200 participants from four continents.

"We are very pleased to continue this trend and the exciting debates with our community at LINQ 2015 and to return to the birthplace of LINQ in 2012 in Brussels, Belgium", says the LINQ Conference Chair **Christian M. Stracke**.

Interested parties are invited to submit research papers, project overviews, and workshop proposals on the following themes by 4 March, 2015:

 Vision and needs for change in education through open learning worldwide
 Strategies and implementations of openness in learning processes
 Global aspects of high-quality open education
 Quality indicators and methods to describe, measure and evaluate quality for open education, OER and MOOCs
 Conceptual contributions on new and innovative quality models, methodologies, standards and approaches for open education and e-learning
 Practical experiences and reports with implementations of quality approaches for open education
 Competences required by institutions as well as by learners for designing, practicing and improving the quality of open learning
 Methodologies for and experience of increased recognition of open learning in formal, non-formal and informal learning, education and training
 Certification of open education and e-learning in institutions, programs & courses
 Integrated innovation and quality approaches for opening up education
 International, national and regional quality projects related to the themes of the conference

Submissions to all three calls must be sent by 4 March, 2015, using the official LINQ templates available on the conference website (see below). All submissions to the Call for Papers are limited to a maximum of eight pages and will be reviewed by the international scientific LINQ Programme Committee through double-blind peer review. All submissions of research project descriptions to the Call for Projects are limited to one page and all submissions to the Call for Workshops have to answer all questions on the template completely.

Submitters will be informed of their acceptance by 20 March 2015. All accepted papers and project descriptions can be presented at the LINQ conference, will be published in the official proceedings (with ISBN) and distributed to all conference participants worldwide and online under open access guidelines. Selected papers will be invited to be published in an international journal. Attendance at the LINQ 2015 is subject to a conference fee and requires registration through the LINQ website, as space is limited. The conference fee includes all provisions, including warm lunches, coffee breaks, the conference bag, and a copy of the official conference proceedings. At least one author has to register for the conference for the publication of an accepted paper or paper in the proceedings.

Overview of the important dates:

- Paper submission deadline: 4 March 2015
- Notification of acceptance: **20 March 2015**
- Camera-Ready copy due: **31 March 2015**
- LINQ Conference days: **11-13 May 2015 in Brussels**

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