



University of Shkodra
"Luigj Gurakuqi"



THE 1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

**"RESEARCH AND EDUCATION -
CHALLENGES TOWARDS THE FUTURE"**

(ICRAE 2013)

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THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

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In the capacity of the President of the International Conference on " **RESEARCH AND EDUCATION - CHALLENGES TOWARD THE FUTURE " (ICRAE 2013)** and at the same time Rector of Shkodra University " I have great pleasure in inviting scholars, researchers, Ph. D Candidates and graduate students to participate in this Interdisciplinary Conference and to submit their scientific work.

The previous year marked the 100th anniversary of Independence of Albania and the 55th anniversary of our University. It was a year of results, cooperation and challenges. These achievements gave us the strength and ability to design an even more cooperative activity. One of them is this interdisciplinary conference. The University of Shkodra is one of the oldest Universities of Albania which was established as a Higher Pedagogical Institute in 1957. It changed its status to University in 1991. This conference is being organised by one of the most consolidated Faculties of our University (Faculty of Educational Sciences). Shkodra is seething with artistic and academic activities during May and it is worth a visit to natural and cultural places during this period. Visiting Shkodra during this period would be an unforgettable experience for you.

I would like to thank you in advance for your scientific contribution to the Scientific Conference.

President of International Conference

Prof. Dr. Artan Haxhi

Rector of University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi", Albania

Interdisciplinary preliminary program of orientation areas:

Topics of papers / presentations of participants will focus on the areas that will be realized in the following panels: **Albanology, Arts & Culture, Education, Economy, Higher Education, ICT, Media & Communication, Medicine, Natural sciences, Philology, Research, Social Sciences and Sports & Recreation.**

Areas of interest for this Conference include following topics:

Albanology:

- Archeology
- Linguistics perspectives
- New trends in Albanian Linguistics
- New areas in the science of Albanology
- Albanian Language and challenges in global development
- Anthropology, culture and society in the Albanian context

Arts & Culture:

- History of art
- Heritage in art
- Arts & Education
- Art in social and cultural context.
- The perception and understanding of arts
- Development of arts & culture in the region and the global development

Education:

- Lifelong learning
- Effective pedagogy
- Management education
- Role of Leadership in education
- Embracing the 21st-century skills
- Education is the key to a better future
- Pedagogy, curriculum and instruction
- New methods in teaching and learning
- Evaluation and assessment in education
- New technologies in teaching and learning
- Curriculum development-Finish experience
- Inclusive classrooms and curriculum considerations
- Education challenges and development for the future
- Achievements and challenges in the development of ICT in education, in Albania, the region and beyond
- Essential skill sets: creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, technological proficiency and global awareness.

Economy:

- Social business
- Ethics in business
- Studies on tourism
- Knowledge economy
- Resource management
- Global entrepreneurship
- Economy and business economics
- Research and industry implications
- Business education and employability
- Decision making and statistical analysis
- Research methods in business education
- Entrepreneurship and business education
- Marketing, marketing research and strategy
- Entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial opportunities
- The sustainable tourism development in the region
- Banking system and financial reforms in the region
- Challenges of entrepreneurship in transition countries
- Business management, management in the public sector
- Financing and accounting, public economics and finance

Higher Education:

- Higher education in our region
- Quality assurance in higher education
- Challenges of quality standards in education
- Improvement of standards in higher education
- Research studies in institutions of higher education
- Global trends of development of non public education
- Academic freedom, autonomy and social responsibility
- Policies, good governance and leadership in higher education
- Accreditation and measuring performance in higher education of the region
- Participations of higher education institutions in international/regional scientific projects

Information and Communication Technology:

- ICT in education
- ICT in society
- ICT in humanities
- ICT in economy
- ICT in medicine
- ICT in applicative sciences
- Electronics engineering research
- Information society, knowledge society
- e business, e commerce, e government, e learning, e participation, e democracy

Law:

- Law and politics
- States and informality
- Justice in transition countries
- Environmental law and education
- Law enforcement and citizens' awareness
- Problems of European integration in region
- Political sciences and international relations
- Albanian legal reforms and European integration
- Citizen's rights and public administration services
- Consumer, competition protection and respective state policies

Media & Communication:

- Ethics and media
- Media and education
- Communication and language
- Media, political and social discourses
- The role of mass media in sustainable development
- Mass media and communication in the Albanian reality
- Media today in the region, in context of global development
- Professional communication techniques and innovations today

Medicine & Health:

- Public health
- Health managements
- Nutrition, food safety
- Health and environment pollution
- Pharmaceutical sciences and health care
- Mental health, challenges and perspectives
- Medicine in general, medical care, general and specific nursery

Natural sciences:

- Water, soil, air pollution
- Environmental education

- Environmental protection
- Renewable energy systems
- Biodiversity and ecosystems
- Environment and food safety
- Studies on computer sciences
- Ecosystem, ecosystem ecology
- Environment and human health
- Statistical data analysis and models
- Studies on physics and mathematics
- Studies on life science and chemistry
- Studies on physical geography, earth science

Philology:

- History today
- Cultural trends
- Applied linguistics
- Children's literature
- History and tradition
- Language acquisition
- Theoretical linguistics
- Literature in global age
- Linguistics perspectives
- Language and education
- Studies on foreign languages
- History, debate and discourse
- Modernism and postmodernism
- History and tradition in the region
- Anthropology, culture and society
- Translation and interpretation studies today
- Geography (human, urban, regional, political aspects)
- Current language education issues and sustainable solutions
- Development of geography in context in the of technological development

Research:

- Ethics in research
- Innovations and creativity
- Research and innovations in education
- Research, challenges and opportunities
- Research studies in developing countries
- Reform of scientific journals, a challenge to overcome
- Achievements and challenges for research studies in region

Social Sciences:

- Family & marriage
- Social reintegration
- Social network analysis
- Gender politics and discourses
- Ethic in psycho-social research
- Issues of identity and globalization
- Studies on organizations, work and profession
- Social services and support for vulnerable groups
- New social disparities/social and economic change
- Social services and support for vulnerable categories
- Guidance in psychological counseling in education institutions
- Social accountability, collective behavior and social movements

- Researches on psychology of: education, social, health, organization
- Professional communication in social environment and innovations techniques
- Psycho-social development and its impact on individual and collective well-being

Sports & Recreation:

- Disability and recreation
- Tournaments and its problems
- Championships and selectivity
- Sport performance and psychological aspects
- Massive sports and scientific quality selection
- Problems of sports: basketball, football, volleyball
- Assessment of athletics in young ages in the region
- Achievements of development of sports in the region
- Development of curricula from physical education, to sports and recreation
- Evaluation of recreation, a challenge that must be overcome for our societies

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New format of the Conference:

Themes of the research will respond to a new format, it is diverse and contemporary for our university and it will be as follows:

Opening International Conference, plenary session and some other session held in the multimedia rooms will be transmitted via the Internet live stream. It will be open, not only to the participants of the conference, but also to the public and it will give the international participants opportunities to pursue presentations.

Forms of the presentation in the conference will be:

- Oral presentations
- Poster presentations through their display papers/presentations in appropriate rooms / facilities together with defending
- Virtual participation through Video Conference, to provide a worldwide forum where the international participants from long distance can share their knowledge and ideas on the recent research and map out the directions for future research and collaboration.

Publications:

We express our willingness to adapt the standards of conference to higher requirements.

- On the day of the Conference, the Proceedings of Abstracts of Conference will be distributed and other conference materials. It will have ISSN and will be published on line.
- Publication of complete materials will be carried out later in July-September, 2013 (in order to give participants opportunities to meet the scientific criteria).

- A Special Edition of Conference Proceedings (ISSN) will be distributed after being reviewed by the Editorial Board.

Other possibilities of publication:

- Publication in the Journals of University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi” in hard copy & on line:
 1. Journals of Social Sciences (with ISSN)
 2. Journals of Natural Sciences (with ISSN)
 3. Journals of Education Sciences (with ISSN)
 4. Journals of Law & Economy Sciences (with ISSN)
- Publication in Journals of Partners

All above publications will be accessible via internet through the web site of the University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”: <http://www.unishk.edu.al>.

Important Dates:

- Launching of International Conference: January 10th 2013
- First Call of International Conference: January 20th 2013.
- Launching of Web site of International Conference: February 5th 2013.
- Second Call of the International Conference: February 20th 2013.
- Submission of Abstract (length 250- 300 words): March 10th 2013 (via e-mail to the Coordinator)
- Notification of acceptance of Abstracts: March 20th 2013.
- Submission of draft paper: May 5th 2013 (via e-mail to the Coordinator)
- Date of International Conference: May 24-25th 2013

Official Language of Conference:

Abstracts in English
Presentations in English or Albanian

Registration:

Registration fees:

50 EUR, before May 10th 2013.

40 EUR, before May 10th 2013 for Ph. D Candidates & Graduate students

70 EUR, after May 10th 2013.

Further Information:

Detailed information will be sent to potential participants, in the Second Call and will be ongoing on web site of the Conference

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