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Editorial

Dear URV member and colleague,

I am very pleased to introduce the first newsletter created by the URV’s International Center. This newsletter will appear every month to keep the URV community up to date regarding the URV’s internationalisation process. It will provide information on the many different events that take place in our university and that are related to the international project. In particular it will provide news on our partners, make grant announcements, and offer profiles of our partners.

Institutional visit by Professor Thandwa Mthembu, Chancellor of Central University of Technology (CUT)

On 10 and 11 July, the URV received a visit from Professor Thandwa Mthembu, who was visiting European institutions with the objective of finding out more about the models of regional development and territorial interaction.

Cajamar Scholarships ceremony held for URV
news on our partners, make grant announcements, and offer profiles of our foreign students, in addition to covering many other interesting news items. Throughout the year many international events are held at our university; however, some of these may passed unnoticed by many URV members. We hope that this newsletter helps you to stay informed about all these events.

However, before we launch into the newsletter’s content, I would like to ask a simple question: what does internationalisation mean? I would say that it is more than just a buzzword used to refer to visits by international students, or even to the trips abroad made by many colleagues from the PDI and PAS. The real meaning of the word is far broader and refers to the international spirit that influences and shapes the whole of the URV from its curriculum to everyday practices.

In this, the first newsletter, I would also like to express my gratitude to all the members of the I-Center who work so hard to stay abreast of the increasing amount of work which our university generates in the field of international relations and in the improvement of its strategic plan.

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Cajamar Scholarships ceremony held for URV students

On 15 July 2014 the Universitat Rovira i Virgili and Cajamar held an award ceremony for all the beneficiaries of the Cajamar scholarship during the academic years 2012/13 and 2013/14.
If you would rather read the I-Center’s newsletter in Spanish you can go to the I-Center’s webpage and there you will find the Spanish version.

If you have any suggestions for improving our Newsletter, have any queries or need more information about any piece of news, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the I-Center. On behalf of the whole I-Center team I wish you a very pleasant summer.

Mar Gutiérrez-Colon Plana
Vice-Rector for Internationalisation

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Experts from Spanish universities analyse the first results of the Erasmus+ programme

Experts and academic managers from the Spanish universities have analysed the initial results of the Erasmus+ programme as part of the conference entitled Erasmus+ Mobility Days for Higher Education, which was jointly organized with the OAPEE and held on 26 and 27 June in the Auditorium of the Rector’s Offices of the URV.

An ex-URV student organizes online courses with 5,000 students

Robert Brunet, doctor in Chemical, Environmental and Process Engineering at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV), has organized four online courses on simulation processes that have received
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The URV is the 66th best university in the world under 50 years of age, according to the ranking "100 Under 50", by "Times Higher Education", the prestigious weekly higher education magazine. It is the first time that the URV has been included in this ranking, which was started in 2012.