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*Maurits van Rooijen is the President of the Compostela Group of Universities since 2007*

Innovation in higher education can be hard work yet luckily also fun, but most importantly it is essential to stay relevant and live up to the university’s mission to lead change in society for the benefit of its various stakeholders. The members of the Compostela Group have proven to be well aware of the importance of innovation. I recall one of the conclusions we reached at the General Assembly in Braga (University of Minho) when discussing the various forms of accreditation: good quality assurance stimulates innovation in higher education, bad quality assurance systems explicitly or implicitly discourage it.

When organising the General Assembly we also seek new avenues. This year, at the General Assembly in Poznan, we will launch the Compostela Dialogues. These will be led by none other than Lennart Levi, who later during the Assembly will be awarded the Compostela Prize 2014. The focus of this first Dialogue will be Corruption in Society and more precisely the concrete question, what more can universities and educators do to install the values that will reduce corruption and related societal ‘cancers’. Many well-known persons have agreed to come to Poznan to take part in this Dialogue.

This annual report highlights for you the many successful activities and initiatives the Secretariat of the Group and the different working groups and representatives have undertaken in 2014. It is extremely satisfying to see how so many of our innovations of previous years are bearing fruit and in some cases even have proven to be trendsetting in the sector as a whole, such as the STELLA programme, which is now common across Europe and which successfully reinvented itself as a transatlantic programme, through our collaboration with CONAHEC. It is also great to see that the STELLA Junior programme is becoming ever more interesting to our members.

Growing in popularity is also our Compostela Video Contest for students. Warm congratulations to this year’s winners from the University of Roehampton!

I shall refrain the temptation to list all the important activities, initiatives and meetings that took place last year. The following pages will give you a good impression. But I do want to highlight how special this year’s
General Assembly is: we shall be celebrating our 20\textsuperscript{th} anniversary! Of course I shall not reveal yet how we shall do that, but it certainly will be the perfect moment to express our appreciation to those who have helped to establish the Compostela Group as an organisation continuously in pursuit of new and relevant initiatives, for our members, its constituencies and for the benefit of higher education in general.

And on a personal note, I look forward to a follow-up ‘party’ just a few weeks later in Tucson Arizona, to celebrate the 20\textsuperscript{th} anniversary of our partner network for America, CONAHEC, and then in November, in Taipei, the 10\textsuperscript{th} of QS Asia.

Finally, besides hoping to see you all in person during our General Assembly in Poznan, I also hope you will find an opportunity to promote amongst your colleagues and students, the various opportunities the Compostela Group is offering. I encourage you yourself will take a moment to take part, even in simple forms like nominating candidates for the Compostela Prize 2015 (details about criteria and how to nominate are on the gcompostela.org website). And of course, if you do have some ideas for new activities or want just to share news from your own institution, please let us know. The Compostela Group is a membership organisation, so you as a member actually ensure its real success.

Our network
The Compostela Group of Universities (CGU) is a non-profit international association of universities aimed at fostering cooperation and promoting dialogue in all fields related to higher education. It reinforces the communication channels between its members, organises events for the study and discussion of different issues related to their interests and promotes mobility.

The following pages will provide you with more information about the CGU and its activities in 2013-2014.
The team 2013-2014
One more year of growth

Kinds of membership

- **Full members**: universities. **Associate**: enterprises, publishing houses and other commercial organisations.
- **Mutual**: institutions, associations, scientific complexes, foundations, etc.
- **Collaborators**: agreements with key institutions.

New members in 2013-2014

- Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic)
- Universidad Anáhuac Xalapa (Mexico)
- Turar Ryskulov Kazakh Economic University (Kazakhstan)
- QS Asia Quacquarelli Symonds Pte Ltd (Singapore)
- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities - HACU (USA)
- National Assembly of Rectors - ANR (Peru)

67 universities from 28 countries (full list on page 19)

3 kinds of membership + collaborators

Wide European representation and aiming to expand worldwide

Worth belonging to, dynamic and inclusive network

Membership fee at the same level for the last five years
The academic year 2013-2014 was a bridge between two key CGU General Assemblies. The first one took place on 19-21 September 2013 at the Université de Nantes (France) and the second, where the CGU will celebrate its XXth anniversary is to be held on 25-27 September 2014 at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Poland).

The wonderful meeting held in Nantes last year formed the framework for welcoming some very active new members (see previous page) and to catch up with the CGU’s activities and management issues. Moreover, the universities’ delegates had the chance to attend a presentation on the internationalization of students’ curricula through mobility by Ragnhild Belg (Policy Officer at the International Cooperation and Programmes Unit of the European Commission) and to participate in workshops dealing with different aspects of mobility.

During this General Assembly the CGU also agreed to endorse the Declaration of Santiago de Compostela and awarded the winners of the International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia (the Euronews channel) and of the CGU’s II International Video Contest for Students (Fernanda Flota and Miguel Tafich, from the Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico).

XXth General Assembly and Anniversary
Both the local organizers and the CGU team have thoroughly prepared our next General Assembly. During this event the CGU will celebrate the 1st edition of the Compostela Dialogues on Higher Education, a top-level conference that will henceforth be periodically organized to deal in a monographic way with transversal topics particularly relevant for HEIs. Our XXth anniversary will bring other very interesting surprises. Find out more on our website, www.gcompostela.org.
Lennart Levi, winner of the XVIII International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia

The Compostela Group of Universities announced in June through its President, Maurits van Rooijen, the decision, made jointly with the Galician Government, of giving the XVIII International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia to the Swedish scientist Lennart Levi, as an acknowledgement of his promotion of the European Values through a long career committed and oriented to the improvement of the physical, mental and social wellbeing of entire populations.

As usual, the presentation ceremony will take place during the CGU’s General Assembly, to be held this year at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Poland) on 25-27 September.

Jointly awarded with the Xunta de Galicia, the Prize is conceived as an reward granted to a person or institution that is pre-eminent through their work in promoting the European dimension in education. CGU members, the Xunta de Galicia, other official European institutions and the members of the Jury are invited to send their nominations.
Greater support for the mobility of administrative staff and students through STELLA and STELLA Junior

In 2013–2014 the CGU more than ever supported and invested in mobility between its member institutions. Apart from its participation in projects funded by the European Commission, the Association runs its own mobility programmes, STELLA and STELLA Junior.

Mobility and sharing experience between professionals and students at different institutions are keys to a successful performance at internationalization of Higher Education. Supporting its members in these tasks, the CGU during the past academic year ran two mobility programmes: STELLA (addressing administrative staff) and STELLA Junior (for students).

The STELLA programme, a pioneer initiative of the CGU that has been successfully working for more than 10 years, granted in 2013–2014 a record number of 28 intercontinental visits of administrative staff to other CGU institutions. Participants had the chance to spend one/two weeks with colleagues performing similar tasks to theirs, sharing experience and getting to know techniques to improve their work.

The CGU’s programme for training international students, STELLA Junior, was rather successful in this academic year. The members of our network showed great interest in the activity, offering up to 37 placements at their departments for students from other CGU institutions. The Compostela Group provided economic support for the travel costs of four participants.

In September 2014 the CGU will launch the next edition of both programmes. You will receive all the information through our communications!
A group of five students from the University of Roehampton (United Kingdom) won the IIIrd edition of the CGU's International Video Contest, a prestigious competition which involved 19 participating institutions this year.

Among the videos presented, all of them high-quality, the Jury (composed of 5 representatives of the members of this association and its Vice-President) decided to select this one (“Year Abroad: Make The Most of It”) as the winner because of its outstanding originality and narrative quality. The video represents in one day a student's year abroad. In preparing it, the students put into practice the techniques they had learnt throughout this academic year, whilst studying for a Master degree at the University of Roehampton.

Adding value: Euronews comes on board
A new feature in this year's competition is that at least one of the students in the winning team will be offered training at the European news channel Euronews. This opportunity was foreseen in an agreement signed last February between the CGU and Euronews in Brussels. Apart from this, some other initiatives were planned, such as free broadcasting of Euronews at the CGU campuses, the participation of the CGU members in Euronews Learning World, the use of the channel's materials in teaching at the Group's institutions, etc. Iris Abraham, Head of International Relations and Strategic Partnerships with Universities of Euronews will present these initiatives to the representatives of CGU members during our next General Assembly.

The contacts with Euronews started last year, when the channel was awarded the International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia, an acknowledgement of its work as a creator and transmitter of news stories from a European point of view.

Students from the University of Roehampton win our Video Contest
At the XIX General Assembly of the network (Université de Nantes, 2013), CGU members showed their interest in establishing Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) initiatives at their institutions. Committed to helping them and in order to get information on the latest developments in the field, the CGU Secretariat attended the International Conference “Telecollaboration in University Foreign Language Education”, which was held on 12-14 February at the University of León (Spain). During the event, various professors explained how they implemented COIL initiatives in their courses as well as their outcomes: namely, intercultural understanding and language skills. The platform uni-collaboration.eu was presented as a key starting point.

The CGU also created a COIL Working Group aimed at discussing the possibilities of implementing activities of this kind within the network. The members of the group come from the Universidad de Monterrey (Mexico), University of León, University of Minho (Portugal), UNINETTUNO (Italy) and UNESP (Brazil). If your institution wants to join this group, please write to noelia.martinez. cagiao@usc.es. In the coming months, its activity will focus on establishing COIL initiatives between members and the use of the contents of Euronews for the purpose.
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Communications

Permanent communications along the year

Website and social media
- Every day
- Permanent flow of news coming from the CGU, its members and other institutions.
- Send us your news! 20 lines, in English and interesting to other members.

Newsflashes
- Every Monday
- Containing: main CGU news of the week + Agenda + Last calls
- Available to non-members by subscription on the website

Newsletters
- Every 4 months (Sept/Jan/June approximately)
- Containing the main news of the period
- Available to non-members by subscription on the website
- Always with some space for our members’ news
- The September edition serves as a brief report on the General Assembly

Activities’ communications

Leaflets

Annual report

Extraordinary communications

Urgent announcements via e-mail

Communications on activities

Send us your news for publication!
- 20 lines (aprox.)
- in English
- interesting to other CGU members
- via e-mail to noelia.martinez.cagiao@usc.es
## Relevant coming dates

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<td>13 Deadline to send to Secretariat the Letter of Endorsement&lt;br&gt;- The universities start their internal contests/promote the CGU’s&lt;br&gt;30 Deadline to submit Letter of Endorsement and Offer Form</td>
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<td><strong>January 2015</strong>&lt;br&gt;- <strong>Executive Committee Meeting</strong>&lt;br&gt;25 Reminder: call for nominations International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia</td>
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*These dates may change in accordance with the development of the different activities.*
CGU member institutions

**Full members**

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Erasmus University College Brussels

**Brazil**
UNESP-Universidade Estadual Paulista 'Julio de Mesquita Filho'

**Bulgaria**
University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy

**Chile**
Universidad Mayor

**Czech Republic**
Masaryk University, Brno

**Dominican Republic**
Technological Institute of Santo Domingo

**Finland**
University of Oulu

**France**
University of Bordeaux I
Université de Nantes

**Germany**
International School of Management
Philips-Universität Marburg
University of Regensburg

**Hungary**
Pécs University

**Italy**
University of Foggia
University of Perugia
Fundazione Link Campus University
Kore University of Enna
International Telematic University UNINETTUNO

**Kazakhstan**
Turar Ryskulov Kazakh Economic University

**Kosovo**
University of Prishtina

**Lithuania**
International School of Law and Business

**Malta**
University of Malta

**Mexico**
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Universidad Anáhuac Xalapa
Universidad de Monterrey
University of Guadalajara

**Norway**
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**Peru**
Pontifical Catholic University of Peru
University of Lima

**Poland**
Adam Mickiewicz University
University of Łódź
Pultusk Academy of Humanities

**Portugal**
Catholic University of Portugal
University of Évora
University of Lisbon
University of Minho

**Russia**
Saratov State Socio-Economic University

**Slovakia**
Pan-European University

**Slovenia**
EMUNI University

**Spain**
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Malaga University
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University of Zaragoza

**Sweden**
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**Switzerland**
University of Fribourg

**United Kingdom**
Roehampton University

**United States of America**
Northeastern University
University of Arizona
University of Drexel
University of Massachusetts Lowell

**Associate members**
- CHE Consult-Centre for Higher Education Development Consult GmbH (Germany)
- Going Global (USA)

**Mutual memberships**
- CONAHEC–Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration
- FAUBAI Forum of the Brazilian Universities Assessories to International Matters (Brazil)
- National Assembly of Rectors-ANR (Peru)
- QS Asia Quacquarelli Symonds Pte. Ltd. (Singapore)
- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)

**Collaborators**
The Compostela Group actively collaborates with other networks and entities related to Higher Education such as UNICA, WACE, EAN, Santander Group, Brussels Education Services, UNeECC, Utrecht Network, Fundación Galicia Europa, Fundación Cidade da Cultura, Xunta de Galicia.
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