

## **The Compostela Group of Universities invites higher education institutions to analyse the role of social responsibility in its general assembly**

**Salamanca, 6 September 2018** – The Compostela Group of Universities brings together more than 30 international institutions for two days of reflection on social responsibility in higher education at its general assembly in Salamanca. An event organized in collaboration with the University of Salamanca, which this year celebrates its eighth centenary with a series of institutional meetings.

The main innovation of this year's general assembly is the Compostela Connection, an activity aimed at facilitating the establishment of professional contacts between attendees, who will also have the opportunity to present their initiatives and projects.

The discussion forums Compostela Dialogues in Higher Education and Compostela Café are already a constant element in the annual meetings of the Compostela Group of Universities. In the V Compostela Dialogues, various experts will illustrate the present, past and future of corporate social responsibility in higher education. The roundtables of the IV Compostela Café will deal with topics such as universal access to higher education and multilingualism, equality and sustainability in the university sphere.

Once again this year, the general assembly will be the venue for the award ceremony of the International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia, which in its XXII edition went to María Pilar Alonso Abad, doctor in Humanities with a specialisation in Art History and lecturer in the department of the same name at the University of Burgos. In its decision, the jury highlighted her contribution to the dissemination of the values embodied by the Camino de Santiago as a lecturer and his research into the cultural heritage of the pilgrimage route.

In addition, the CGU annually recognizes the audiovisual and scientific talent of students and researchers from its member universities through its contests. In the VII International Video Contest, two students from the University of Guadalajara (Mexico) won both awards. The II Research Pitch Contest rewarded short presentations by researchers from the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain), University of Pécs (Hungary) and Universitat Jaume I (Spain). The representatives of these academic institutions will be responsible for collecting the awards.

### **Compostela Group of Universities**

The Compostela Group of Universities (GCU) is a non-profit international organisation that works for fostering cooperation and promoting dialogue in all areas of higher education. The GCU took its first steps in 1994 and since its creation, it has grown to unite more than 60 universities from all over the world. All the pilgrims of the Compostela Group of Universities share the values of cooperation and integration developed around the Camino de Santiago.