

## Learning by Walking the Smart Way

University of Santiago de Compostela  
24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### Programme of the CGU's XXI General Assembly

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015

*Venue: Centro de Estudos Avanzados–CEA (Parque de Vista Alegre, rúa Salvadas)*

14.45 – 15.00 Registration to the XXI General Assembly

15.00 – 15.30 Official opening of the XXI General Assembly by the Rector Magnificus of the University of Santiago de Compostela, Prof. Juan M. Viaño Rey, and by the President of the Compostela Group of Universities, Prof. Maurits van Rooijen

### GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

15.30 – 17.00 General Council meeting - Part I

1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous General Council meeting (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2014)
2. Presentation of the applicant member universities and institutions
3. Groningen Declaration
4. Annual Report of the CGU activities
5. Financial report

17.00 – 17.30 Coffee break

17.30 – 18.00 General Council meeting - Part II

6. Presentation of the results of the Poznan Declaration
7. New proposals and initiatives
8. IV Video Contest and awarding of diplomas to the winning student's group (Universitat Jaume I, Spain)

18.00 – 19.00 Elections for the CGU Presidency and presentation of the new President and Executive Committee of the network

19.00 Closure of the General Council

*Venue: Pazo de Raxoi (Praza do Obradoiro)*

20.00 Official reception at the City Hall of Santiago de Compostela

*Venue: San Francisco Hotel Monumento (Campillo de San Francisco, no. 3)*

Buffet dinner and Galician wine

'Music on the Way to Compostela': Performance by the group of traditional Galician music 'Alxibeira'

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08.20 Bus service from the hotel to the venue

*Venue: bldg. CINC - Cidade da Cultura de Galicia  
Simultaneous translation service available during the sessions*

### CONFERENCE 'LEARNING BY WALKING THE SMART WAY'

*Meeting room no. 1*

09.00 – 09.15 Formal opening

Prof. Juan M. Víaño Rey, Rector Magnificus of the University of Santiago de Compostela  
Incoming President of the Compostela Group of Universities  
H.E. Mr Román Rodríguez González, Regional Minister of the Xunta de Galicia for Culture,  
Education and University Development

### FORUM 'UNIVERSITIES IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY'

Joint activity CEA-CGU

*Meeting room no. 1*

09.15 – 11.30 Plenary session

*Chair by Prof Fernando Cabo Aseginolaza, Director of the Centre for Advanced Studies, USC*

***'Learning by Walking the Smart Way: Towards the need to re-think higher education'***

Mr Francisco Marmolejo, Tertiary Education Coordinator at the World Bank

***'Europe and its Universities in a global world'***

H.E. Ms Martine Reicherts, Director-General for Education and Culture at the European Commission

***'Circulation of researchers: a European perspective'***

Prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of the European Research Council

***'Self-regulated evaluation and ongoing progress of the University'***

Mr Miguel Ángel Escotet, President of Afundacion and General Director for RSC and Communication of ABANCA

Debate

*Hall of meeting room no. 1*

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

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## COMPOSTELA DIALOGUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION *'The Way to Santiago: A Smart Learning Route'*

*Meeting room no. 1*

12.00 – 14.00 'Rising intolerance in the European Union'

*Chaired by Prof Mercedes Brea López, Full Professor of Romanic Philology and member of the Steering Committee of the Campus Cidadanía of the USC*

#### Plenary session

##### *'The usefulness of the useless knowledge'*

Prof. Nuccio Ordine, philosopher and professor at the University of Calabria

#### Round table

##### *'Diversity as a strength and a weakness'*

Prof. Maurits van Rooijen, Former President of the Compostela Group of Universities

##### *'Opening minds through education'*

H.E. Ms Martine Reicherts, Director-General for Education and Culture of the European Commission

##### *'Rising intolerance: misfortune or lethargy?'*

H.E. Ms Kateřina Lukešová, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic in Spain

##### *'Mapping out immigration towards Europe'*

H.E. Mr Mark Anthony Micallef, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Malta in Spain

#### Conclusions and proposals

*Reporter: Prof. Xosé Pereira Fariña, Professor of Communications Sciences and Vice-rector of Communications and Coordination of the USC*

*Convention hall*

14.00 – 15.30 Lunch (Optional guided visit to the Cidade da Cultura de Galicia)

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#### 'COMPOSTELA CAFÉ'

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15.30 – 17.45 Thought provoking interventions

*Presided by: Mr Rafael Sánchez Bargiela, Director-Manager of S.A. de Xestión do Plan Xacobeo*

*Chaired by: Mr Jean Pierre Roose, CGU Delegate in Brussels,  
and Prof Inmaculada Fortanet, CGU Vice-president*

***'Erasmus+: successes, challenges and future priorities'***

Ms Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of ERASMUS+ Team of the European Commission

***'GaragErasmus: fly to the place where you dream of working'***

Mr Francesco Cappè, Executive Chairman of garagErasmus Foundation

*Convention hall*

#### Thematic tables: Presentation of initiatives and proposals

1. The Way as an 'Academic Route'

***'The Saint James Way: Cultural patrimony and local development'***

Rafael de Paz Uruña (University of Leon, Spain)

***'International Jacobean Lessons at the USC'***

Paula Pita Galán (University of Santiago de Compostela)

***'Internships and institutional collaboration on the Way'***

Juan Cabado Pou (ABANCA)

2. Using the Way for Innovative Knowledge

***'The small-holder farms in Compostela Way'***

Emilio V. Carral Vilariño (University of Santiago de Compostela)

***'Spanish Cinema Festival CinEScultura'***

Pedro Álvarez Olañeta (University of Regensburg, Germany)

***'Innovating through Internationalization'***

Fernando León García (CETYS University, Mexico)

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*'Spanish and culture courses: ways of knowledge'*

Rocío Barros Lorenzo (University of Santiago de Compostela)

#### 3. Smart Projects on the Way

*'Pórtico Project'*

Daniel Carlos Lorenzo Santos (Fundación Catedral)

*'Medieval Literature on the Saint James Way'*

Santiago López Martínez-Morás (University of Santiago de Compostela)

*'Capacity building actions in the field of engineering: strategic partnerships: the Green TECH and HEEMs experiences'*

Eva Garea Oya (University of Vigo)

17.45 – 18.00 Coffee break

18.00 – 18.30 Presentation of the venue for the XXII General Assembly

Formal closure of the XXI General Assembly

Awarding of the Marble Compostela Shell to the Rector Magnificus of the University of Santiago de Compostela by the President of the Compostela Group of Universities

Awarding of the Golden Insignia of the University of Santiago de Compostela to Prof. Maurits van Rooijen, former President of the Compostela Group of Universities

18.30 Bus service from the venue to the hotel

*Venue: Colexio de Fonseca (rúa do Franco, no. 3)*

20.30



Presentation Ceremony of the XIX International Prize Grupo Compostela-Xunta de Galicia 2015



Performance by the choir *'SondeNós'*

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*Venue: Hostal dos Reis Católicos (Praza do Obradoiro)*

21.45 Gala dinner and 'Queimada'

Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
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10.00 **Excursion: The Way of Saint James: Origins and End**

The last day of the General Assembly is reserved for a visit which aims to put in context the Way of Saint James, one of the seeds of the idea of Europe and the CGU's essence. The excursion will consist on a slight pilgrimage by a stretch of the Portuguese Way passing through the village of Padrón; it is in some locations of this place where Jacobean traditions have their origin. In addition, those attendees who stay until the evening at Santiago on Saturday will have the opportunity of enjoying a guided visit to the cathedral, in order to approach the experience that each year thousands of pilgrims live by walking the Way from all over the world.