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NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

EUROSCIENCE OPEN FORUM – TOULOUSE – 9-14 JULY 2018



ESOF (EuroScience Open Forum) is the largest interdisciplinary science meeting in Europe. It is dedicated to scientific research and innovation and offers a unique framework for interaction and debate for scientists, innovators, policy makers, business people and the general public.

Taking part in ESOF is a unique opportunity to: further knowledge on the challenges and breakthroughs in research, innovation and their relation to society; create links, exchange and debate with leaders of the scientific community worldwide in an interdisciplinary context; communicate the latest news on scientific research and innovation to an international audience; develop a network in view of building a research career.

The 8th edition of ESOF will take place in Toulouse, France, from 9 till 14 July 2018.

The MCAA will be well-represented at ESOF 2018, with eight programme sessions coordinated by MCAA members, co-organisation of a Science in the City event, collaboration with the European Commission in the MSCA Satellite event on July 7-8, and promotion of MCAA with an official presence and at the EuroScience booth. As an MCAA member, you can apply for a Micro Travel Grant and save on registration fees.

For more information about the event visit:

<https://www.esof.eu/en/>

<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/news/esof-2018-toulouse-france-july>

GENE2SKIN AND CHEM2NATURE SUMMER SCHOOLS – OPORTO – 3-8 JUNE 2018

The 3B's Research Group – Biomaterials, Biodegradables and Biomimetics from the University of Minho (Portugal) is organizing two Summer Schools in the scope of the European Horizon 2020 Twinning projects Gene2Skin and Chem2Nature.

While Gene2Skin project focuses on advanced genetic engineering-based skin therapies, the Chem2Nature project seeks to enable precision chemical methodologies applied to natural-based systems for the development of multifunctional biomedical devices

Both events will be held in Porto from the 3rd to the 8th of June 2018. Registration to both events is not mandatory.

ACT/UNLIMITED! 2 SYMPOSIUM



The ACT/Unlimited! 2 Symposium will take place in Barcelona on June 6th 2018. It is a joint effort of the ACT project and the Unlimited Symposium series.

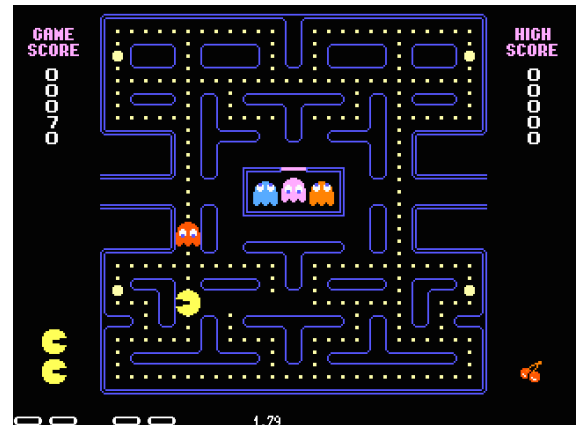
The symposium is the final event of the ACT project, that for three years has been working on the definition of a new professional profile (Media Accessibility Expert/Manager for the Scenic Arts), and also on the various types of qualifications required for this profession in order to provide high quality training for professionals in the field.

Unlimited!, held for the first time at the University of Antwerp in 2016, focuses on accessibility services in live events, both from a professional and research angle.

More information at: <http://pagines.uab.cat/act/content/actunlimited-2-symposium>.

FUN FOR ALL: 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIDEO GAME TRANSLATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

The Fun for All: 5th International Conference on Game Translation and Accessibility - Current Trends and Future Developments aims to bring together professionals, scholars, practitioners and other interested parties to explore game localisation and accessibility in theory and practice, to discuss the linguistic and cultural dimensions of game localisation, to investigate the relevance and application of translation theory for this very specific and rapidly expanding translational genre, and to analyse the challenges game accessibility poses to the industry and how to overcome them.



The conference will take place in Barcelona, on 7-8 June 2018.

More info at: <http://jornades.uab.cat/videogamesaccess>.

MEET THE FELLOWS

GIAN MARIA GRECO

Gian Maria Greco is MSCA Individual Fellow at the TransMedia Catalonia research group (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain), where he carries out the project "Understanding Media Accessibility Quality" (UMAQ, <http://pagines.uab.cat/umaq>).

His research focuses on the theoretical foundation of accessibility and how it relates to human rights, the media, and the performing arts. He holds a MA and a PhD in Philosophy, and an International MA in Accessibility to Media, Arts and Culture. He held university positions as post-doc, research fellow, and honorary research fellow. Most notably, in 2003-2007 he was Junior Research Associate at the University of Oxford (UK). He has published in peer-review journals and encyclopaedias, and co-authored two books. Over the years, he has been working as accessibility consultant for public institutions and private organisations and invited as a speaker in international conferences, round tables and seminars. He is one of the founders of the Media Accessibility Platform (www.mapaccess.org).



ANNA RUDNICKA



Anna Rudnicka is a PhD student at the University of Murcia, Spain. She was born in the capital of Poland, Warsaw. Many years after that she graduated from the Warsaw University of Life Sciences with a major in Dietetics & Nutrition. During the master studies she had an opportunity to take part in two student exchanges, so she spent one semester at the LaSalle Polytechnique in Beauvais, France and then another one in National Chung Hsing University in Taichung, Taiwan.

Currently she is part of Rep-Biotech Project (<http://www.um.es/rep-biotech/>) where she focuses on improving male reproductive parameters by analyzing influences of vitamin D. As part of her doctorate she has been accepted for a fellowship at the Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston; and at the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York.

ANTONIO SERRANO

Antonio Serrano-Mislata is a researcher in the field of plant development. He holds a BSc in Biology (1999) and in Biochemistry (2001) both by the Universitat de Valencia (Spain). His PhD research project (2010) was supervised by Dr. Francisco Madueño (IBMCP, Valencia, Spain) and focused on the study of the transcriptional regulation of TFL1, a key regulator of inflorescence development in the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*.

In 2012, Antonio joined the group of Prof. Robert Sablowski (John Innes Centre, Norwich, UK) with a post-doctoral fellowship from the Spanish government. There he studied how DELLA proteins regulate cell growth and cell divisions in the inflorescence of *Arabidopsis*.



In 2017, Antonio was granted with a Marie Curie Individual Fellowship to join the group led by Prof. Miguel Blázquez and Dr. David Alabadí (IBMCP, Valencia, Spain). The main aim of Antonio's current research is to continue studying DELLA activity in order to develop novel DELLA-based biotechnological tools for a sustainable agriculture.

KNOW THE PROJECTS

RUNIN: THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN INNOVATION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Role of Universities in Innovation and Regional Development (RUNIN) is a European Training Network for Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs) in the field of science and innovation studies, funded by European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - UAB- (Spain) and Universidade de Aveiro -UA- (Portugal) are academic partners and beneficiaries of this network, together with University of Lincoln (UK), University of Twente (The Netherlands), Linköping University (Sweden), Aalborg University (Denmark), and University of Stavanger (Norway), where the project is led from by Prof. Rune Dahl-Fitjar.

Additionally, Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera and Parc de Recerca UAB (Spain), and the Intermunicipal Community of the Region of Aveiro -CIRA- (Portugal) are regional non-academic partners of the project, together with Lincolnshire County Council (UK), Regio Twente (The Netherlands), East Sweden Region (Sweden), North Denmark Region and Think Tank DEA (Denmark), and Greater Stavanger (Norway).

RUNIN aims at training researchers on how universities contribute to innovation and economic growth in their regions. Research seeks to examine how universities fulfil their third mission in relation to regional industry and explore the range of university engagement with regional firms and institutions. The network program focuses on how universities can contribute to innovation and regional development through four main themes: 1) People and Networks, 2) Policies and Interventions, 3) Places and Territories and 4) Practices and Governance. The network program runs for a 4-year period from September 2016.

UAB and UA host two ESRs each permanently and receive visiting research fellows from the other five universities in the project, which host other ten ESRs. The four PhD projects taking place in Spain and Portugal are:

ESR 5 - "The role of universities in regional innovation policies and practice", conducted by Portuguese MSC fellow Liliana Fonseca at UA under the supervision of Prof. Carlos Rodrigues.



**The Role of
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Innovation and
Regional Development**

ESR 11 - "Assessing the impact of university-firm collaboration on firm performance and regional development", conducted by Colombian MSC fellow Sergio Manrique at UAB under the supervision of Prof. Emili Grifell-Tatjé.

ESR13 - "Culture, the evolving nature of innovation and institutional challenges to universities", conducted by Turkish MSC fellow Ridvan Çinar at UA, under the supervision of Prof. Artur da Rosa Pires.

ESR 14 - "From triple to quadruple helix: the role of society/citizens/customers in innovation", conducted by Vietnamese MSC fellow Huong Nguyen at UAB under the supervision of Prof. Pilar Marquès-Gou.

The aim of the training programme is to equip the next generation of researchers with the skills required to work across employment sectors, collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders and find the practical relevance of their specialist knowledge, in the process creating new knowledge on universities' role in innovation and regional development.

More information at <http://www.innoresource.org/runin>.

COLLABORATE WITH US!

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Send us your news and upcoming event (1200 characters + links), your profile for the meet the fellows section (1300 characters + photo), or information on your MSCA project (3100 characters).