

Invitation

Saimaa Calling - "UPDATE 2017 on Higher Education" International week

Saimaa University of Applied Sciences, Lappeenranta, Finland 25.-29.9.2017

Dear partner of the Saimaa University of Applied Sciences,

It is our pleasure to invite your teaching and non-teaching staff to participate our annual International Week "Saimaa Calling". The year 2017 is the centenary year of Finland's independence. Finland's one hundred years as an independent country is worth celebrating - come and join us on the beautiful campus of Saimaa University of Applied Sciences!

This year we discuss about the following themes: **Teaching excellence in digital era, Creating innovations in higher education and Performance measurement in higher education**. Beyond the topical presentations, you will have opportunities to share experiences with peers from different higher education institutions. During the week, many leaders and professionals of higher education are networking in the various workshops.

Saimaa Calling International Week is ideal for leaders, teachers and administrative staff in higher education. The participation of teachers and non-teaching staff can be combined with existing exchange programs and their funding criteria. If you are a lecturer, we look forward to your expertise in the teaching sessions during the international week. The topics of lectures are to be connected to some of the five fields at Saimaa UAS: Technology, Business Administration, Tourism and Hospitality, Fine Arts, Health Care and Social Services or Languages and Intercultural Communication.

We are inviting participants to become part of the international week publication "UPDATE 2017 on Higher Education" by writing an article that will be published in a collection publication that comes out in September. More information on the publication: www.saimia.fi/international-week/publication

There is no fee for participating the international week, but participants are expected to cover all their own travel and accommodation expenses. The international week can be included in the Erasmus+ programme.

Saimaa Calling week will take place on the two campuses in Lappeenranta and Imatra. The practical information such as preliminary programme for the week, the registration form, the guidelines for practical arrangements, as well as the contact information can be found on website www.saimia.fi/international-week. Please register by 2nd of June 2017 or 1st September 2017 at the latest.

Join the memorable gathering, take the opportunity to learn and enjoy the beautiful lake Saimaa!

You are warmly welcome!

Yours faithfully,



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