



THE 1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON

**"RESEARCH AND EDUCATION - CHALLENGES
TOWARDS THE FUTURE"**

(ICRAE 2013)

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In the capacity of the President of the International Conference on **"RESEARCH AND EDUCATION – CHALLENGES TOWARD THE FUTURE " (ICRAE 2013)** and at the same time Rector of Shkodra University "I have great pleasure in inviting scholars, researchers, Ph. D Candidates and graduate students to participate, to a broad range of areas in this Interdisciplinary Conference and to submit their scientific work.

The previous year marked the 100th anniversary of Independence of Albania and the 55th anniversary of our University. It was a year of results, cooperation and challenges. These achievements gave us the strength and ability to design an even more cooperative activity. One of them is this interdisciplinary conference. The University of Shkodra is one of the oldest Universities of Albania which was established as a Higher Pedagogical Institute in 1957. It changed its status to University in 1991. This conference is being organised by one of the most consolidated Faculties of our University (Faculty of Educational Sciences). Shkodra is overflowing with artistic and academic activities during May and it is worth a visit to natural and cultural places during this period.

Visiting Shkodra during this period would be an unforgettable experience for you.

I would like to thank you in advance for your scientific contribution to the Scientific Conference.

President of International Conference

Prof. Dr. Artan Haxhi
Rector of University of Shkodra "Luigi Gurakuqi", Albania

Conference Themes:

Topics of papers / presentations of participants will focus on the following panels:

Albanology, Arts & Culture, Education, Economy, Higher Education, ICT, Media & Communication, Medicine, Natural sciences, Philology, Research, Social Sciences and Sports & Recreation.

Albanology:

- Archeology
- Linguistics perspectives
- New trends in Albanian Linguistics
- New areas in the science of Albanology
- Albanian Language and challenges in global development
- Anthropology, culture and society in the Albanian context

Arts & Culture:

- History of art
- Heritage in art
- Arts & Education
- Art in social and cultural context.
- The perception and understanding of arts
- Development of arts & culture in the region and the global development

Education:

- Lifelong learning
- Effective pedagogy
- Management education
- Role of Leadership in education
- Embracing the 21st-century skills
- Education is the key to a better future
- Pedagogy, curriculum and instruction
- New methods in teaching and learning
- Evaluation and assessment in education

- New technologies in teaching and learning
- Curriculum development-Finish experience
- Inclusive classrooms and curriculum considerations
- Education challenges and development for the future
- Achievements and challenges in the development of ICT in education, in Albania, the region and beyond
- Essential skill sets: creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, technological proficiency and global awareness.

Economy:

- Social business
- Ethics in business
- Studies on tourism
- Knowledge economy
- Resource management
- Global entrepreneurship
- Economy and business economics
- Research and industry implications
- Business education and employability
- Decision making and statistical analysis
- Research methods in business education
- Entrepreneurship and business education
- Marketing, marketing research and strategy
- Entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial opportunities
- The sustainable tourism development in the region
- Banking system and financial reforms in the region
- Challenges of entrepreneurship in transition countries
- Business management, management in the public sector
- Financing and accounting, public economics and finance

Higher Education:

- Higher education in our region
- Quality assurance in higher education
- Challenges of quality standards in education
- Improvement of standards in higher education
- Research studies in institutions of higher education
- Global trends of development of non public education
- Academic freedom, autonomy and social responsibility
- Policies, good governance and leadership in higher education
- Accreditation and measuring performance in higher education of the region
- Participations of higher education institutions in international/regional scientific projects

Information and Communication Technology:

- ICT in education
- ICT in society
- ICT in humanities
- ICT in economy
- ICT in medicine
- ICT in applicative sciences
- Electronics engineering research
- Information society, knowledge society
- e business, e commerce, e government, e learning, e participation, e democracy

Law:

- Law and politics
- States and informality
- Justice in transition countries
- Environmental law and education
- Law enforcement and citizens' awareness
- Problems of European integration in region
- Political sciences and international relations
- Albanian legal reforms and European integration
- Citizen's rights and public administration services
- Consumer, competition protection and respective state policies

Media & Communication:

- Ethics and media
- Media and education
- Communication and language
- Media, political and social discourses
- The role of mass media in sustainable development
- Mass media and communication in the Albanian reality
- Media today in the region, in context of global development
- Professional communication techniques and innovations today

Medicine & Health:

- Public health
- Health managements
- Nutrition, food safety
- Health and environment pollution
- Pharmaceutical sciences and health care
- Mental health, challenges and perspectives
- Medicine in general, medical care, general and specific nursery

Natural sciences:

- Water, soil, air pollution
- Environmental education
- Environmental protection
- Biodiversity and ecosystems
- Environment and food safety
- Studies on computer sciences
- Ecosystem, ecosystem ecology
- Environment and human health
- Statistical data analysis and models
- Studies on physics and mathematics
- Studies on life science and chemistry
- Renewable energy and efficient systems
- Studies on physical geography, earth science

Philology:

- History today
- Cultural trends
- Applied linguistics
- Children's literature
- History and tradition
- Language acquisition
- Theoretical linguistics
- Literature in global age
- Linguistics perspectives
- Language and education
- Studies on foreign languages
- History, debate and discourse
- Modernism and postmodernism
- History and tradition in the region
- Anthropology, culture and society
- Translation and interpretation studies today
- Geography (human, urban, regional, political aspects)
- Current language education issues and sustainable solutions
- Development of geography in context in the of technological development

Research:

- Ethics in research
- Innovations and creativity
- Research and innovations in education
- Research, challenges and opportunities
- Research studies in developing countries
- Reform of scientific journals, a challenge to overcome

- Achievements and challenges for research studies in region

Social Sciences:

- Family & marriage
- Social reintegration
- Social network analysis
- Gender politics and discourses
- Ethic in psycho-social research
- Issues of identity and globalization
- Studies on organizations, work and profession
- Social services and support for vulnerable groups
- New social disparities/social and economic change
- Social services and support for vulnerable categories
- Guidance in psychological counseling in education institutions
- Social accountability, collective behavior and social movements
- Researches on psychology of: education, social, health, organization
- Professional communication in social environment and innovations techniques
- Psycho-social development and its impact on individual and collective well-being

Sports & Recreation:

- Disability and recreation
- Tournaments and its problems
- Championships and selectivity
- Sport performance and psychological aspects
- Massive sports and scientific quality selection
- Problems of sports: basketball, football, volleyball
- Assessment of athletics in young ages in the region
- Achievements of development of sports in the region
- Development of curricula from physical education, to sports and recreation
- Evaluation of recreation, a challenge that must be overcome for our societies

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The structure of the Conference:

- Opening Conference
- Plenary Session
- Panel/Section Presentations
- Round tables
- Poster Presentations
- Virtual Presentations
- Conclusion of Conference

Format of the Conference:

Themes of the research will respond to a new format, it is diverse and contemporary for our university and it will be as follows:

Opening International Conference, plenary session and some other session held in the multimedia rooms will be transmitted via the Internet live stream. It will be open, not only to the participants of the conference, but also to the public and it will give the international participants opportunities to pursue presentations. Forms of the presentation in the conference will be:

- **Oral presentations**
- **Poster presentations** through their display papers/presentations in appropriate rooms / facilities together with defending.
- **Virtual participation** through Video Conference, to provide a worldwide forum where the international participants from long distance can share their knowledge and ideas on the recent research and map out the directions for future research and collaboration.

Participant’s Profile:

The International Conference is addressed to academics, researchers and professionals with a particular interest related to the topics from all parts of the world.

- Senior and junior researchers are equally welcomed. As the nature of the conference is intended to be multidisciplinary in nature, different academic backgrounds are welcomed.
- Post-graduate students, doctoral candidates and young researchers are welcomed to submit an abstract.

- Representatives of NGOs and activists willing to present their work or projects with impact on or influenced by specific understandings of policies are welcomed as well to submit abstracts of their contributions.
- Participant have right to present maximum two papers at Conference, as first author.

Abstract:

- The abstract is single paragraph single-spaced, self-contained summary of the most important elements of the paper.
- Beginning with the next line after word “Abstract”, write a concise summary of the key points of your research. (Do not indent.) Your abstract should contain and clearly state the context and aim of your research topic, research questions, participants, applied scientific methods, data analysis, used findings, and conclusions. You may also include possible implications of your research and future work you see connected with your findings.
- It should be written as Microsoft Word 2003, or a later version document.
- You may also want to list keywords from your paper in your abstract. To do this, indent as you would if you were starting a new paragraph, type **Keywords:** (italicized), and then list your keywords (maximum 5 keywords). Listing your keywords will help researchers find your work in databases.
- The abstract should be limited to a maximum of 250 to 300 words
- The abstract document must be as follows: [name_surnameICRAE2013abstract](#) and sent via e mail to Coordinator together with Application Form.

Paper:

- Paper should be typed, single-spaced on standard-sized paper A4 with 1" margins on all sides. You should use 12 pt. Times New Roman font.
- Paper should include four major sections: the Title Page, Abstract, Main Body, and References.
- **Title Page:** It should contain the title of the paper, the author's name & surname, institutional affiliation (which should indicate the location where the author (s) conducted the research), full address, and E mail address, (Do not use titles Dr. or degrees Ph.D. etc) and continue next row with “body” of abstract. We recommend that your title be no more than 12 words in length and that it should not contain abbreviations or words that serve no purpose. Your title may take up one sentence, one or two lines.
- **Abstract:** as was explain above.
- **Main Body:** It is important part of paper and will include indent of all issues that are reflected in summarizing abstract from introduction, aim of your study/research together with research topics, detailed research questions, participants, applied scientific methods, tables, graphs, data analysis, used findings, and conclusions. Suggestion and recommendations are another key point of paper.
- **References:** It will be done related APA citation guidelines.
- Recommended paper length: 6-10 pages.

Publications:

We express our willingness to adapt the standards of conference to higher requirements.

- On the day of the Conference, the Proceedings of Abstracts of Conference will be distributed and other conference materials. It will have ISSN and will be published on line.
- Publication of complete materials will be carried out later in July-September, 2013 for selected papers. (in order to give participants opportunities to meet the scientific criteria)

Other possibilities of publication:

- Publication in the Journals of University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi” in hard copy & on line:
 1. Journals of Social Sciences (ISSN 2221-6855)

2. Journals of Natural Sciences (ISSN 2221-6847)
3. Journals of Education Sciences (ISSN 2221-6863)
4. Journals of Law & Economy Sciences (ISSN 2221-6871)

All above publications will be accessible via internet through the web site of the University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”: <http://www.unishk.edu.al>.

- Publication in Journals of Partners and other recourses.

Important Dates:

- Launching of International Conference: January 10th 2013
- First Call of International Conference: January 20th 2013.
- Launching of Web site of International Conference: February 5th 2013.
- Second Call of the International Conference: February 20th 2013.
- **Submission of Abstract (length 250- 300 words): March 20th 2013 (via e-mail to the Coordinator)**
- Notification of acceptance of Abstracts: March 30th 2013.
- **Submission of draft paper: May 5th 2013 (via e-mail to the Coordinator)**
- International Conference: May 24-25th 2013

Language of Conference:

Abstracts in English
Presentations in Albanian or English
Draft paper in Albanian or English
Final paper in English

Registration:

- Registration will be done through **Application Form** (for all format types of Conference: Oral/ Poster/ Virtual Presentation and types of participation as: Participants author/ Participants co-author/Attending participants) and together with **Abstract**, as separate documents will send via e-mail to the Coordinator.
- Registration will be done from first author & payment.
- The Application Form document must be named: **name_surnameICRAE2013application**.
- **Registration fees:**

50 EUR, before May 10th 2013.

40 EUR, before May 10th 2013 for Ph. D Candidates & Graduate students

70 EUR, after May 10th 2013.

- 1- Above fees are for each accepted paper of the Conference (not for each author). This fee includes: Certificate of presentation for paper in Conference, Conference materials, coffee break, lunch, ceremonial dinner and excursion.
- 2- If participants want to present a paper with colleagues as co-authors, they have to pay extra 20 EUR. This fee includes: Certificate of co-authorship paper presented in Conference, conference materials.
- 3- For attending participants and accompanying person of the conference, fee is 25 EUR. This fee includes: Session attendance, certificate of conference, coffee break and conference materials.
- 4- For participants of above points 2 & 3, if they want to have lunch, ceremonial dinner and excursion, they have to pay extra 25 EUR.

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Further updated Information:

Other further updated information, after Second Call and will be ongoing on web site of the Conference.
Please check it carefully time by time.

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