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**CEI Balkan Summer School
*Leaderships Skills of Young Researchers as Drivers for
Innovation in Higher Education*
Romania
27 August – 1 September 2012**

Babeş-Bolyai University, in Cluj-Napoca (UBB), Romania, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (AMU), (Poland), and the University of Trieste (UT), Italy in collaboration with the Santander Group European Universities' Network (SG) are organising the Balkan Summer School (BSS), an event funded by the Central European Initiative University Network (CEI).

This year's CEI Balkan Summer School's is for doctoral students and will focus on **Leaderships Skills of Young Researchers as Drivers for Innovation in Higher Education**.

Regarding the individual perspective, leadership skills are becoming crucial for the career development of the academic staff, both researchers and teachers. The impact of the leadership skills on the improved and effective teaching and learning has been proved by the study carried out by the Wallace Foundation in the USA that indicates leadership's mechanism such as setting clear directions, developing people, and measuring organisational performance as crucial to transform schools and universities.

While teaching continues to be the centre of attention at universities, research production is becoming a factor that conditions a competitive position in global rankings. Researchers worldwide are facing challenges to lead and manage international research teams, secure new research grants, liaise with stakeholders, publish, respond to with institutional issues and agendas, and maintain and develop their own research expertise. It becomes indispensable for researchers to acquire a wide range of leadership and management responsibilities and for that they need to be provided guidance and support in the following areas:

- Fostering academic entrepreneurship
- Building creative and innovative environment in the academic community
- Leading research teams
- Identification of leadership styles
- Development of leadership techniques
- Communication and work approaches in an international environment

The event will take place between 27 August - 1 September 2012. The introduction and wrap-up sessions will be at Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The school will move to the mountains in Transylvania for the main sessions.

REGISTRATION

Should you wish to attend the Balkan Summer School 2012, please express interest at the contact below. The deadline for expression of interest is 10th July 2012. Remember to give a contact email and the organisers will get in touch with you with further details about application procedure.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Candidates for the Summer School must come from partner universities of the project consortium listed below. Several places have been foreseen for the Santander Group members from countries that do not belong to the CEL.

Albania

- Fan S Noli University
- University of Shkodra
- Polytechnic University of Tirana
- University of Gjirokastra "Eqrem Çabej"

Belgium

- *Ghent University **
- *University of Liège **

Bosnia-Herzegovina

- University of Sarajevo

Bulgaria

- Sofia University
- College of Tourism in Bansko
- *Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv*

Croatia

- University of Zagreb

Cyprus

- *University of Cyprus **

France

- *University of Pau et Pays de l'Adour **
- *University of Rennes 1 **
- *University of Rennes 2 **
- *University of Rouen **
- *University of Le Havre **
- *Joseph Fourier University of Grenoble **

FYRO Macedonia

- South East European University
- SS Cyril and Methodius University
- University of St Kliment Ohridski Bitola

Germany

- *University of Bayreuth **
- *Justus Liebig University in Giessen **

Greece

- *University of Patras **

Italy

- *University of Catania*
- *University of Trieste*
- *Sapienza University of Rome*

Kosovo

- *University of Prishtina*

Malta

- *University of Malta **

Montenegro

- *University of Montenegro*

Norway

- *Norwegian University of Science and Technology **

The Netherlands

- *Eindhoven University of Technology **

Poland

- *Adam Mickiewicz University*
- *PWSZ Leszno, Higher Vocational State School in Leszno*
- *Silesian University of Technology*

Portugal

- *University of Minho **
- *University of Porto **

Romania

- *Babeş-Bolyai University*

Serbia

- *University of Novi Sad*
- *University of Belgrade*
- *University of Kragujevac*
- *University of Niš*
- *University of Mitrovica*

Slovenia

- University of Ljubljana

Spain

- *University of Cantabria **
- *University of Las Palmas Gran Canarias **
- *University of León **
- *University of Valladolid **
- *Rovira I Virgili University **
- *Polytechnic University of Valencia **

United Kingdom

- *University of Kent**

Ukraine

- Uman State P.G. Tychna Pedagogical University
- Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University

*Universities marked with an asterisk: a registration fee of 120 Euros will be applied because these are non-CEI countries, and therefore, a contribution is asked to cover the participants' costs which will not be paid by the CEI.

Italics: Santander Group Universities.

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