

AUSJAL *al día*

Executive Secretary Newsletter. Latin American Universities Entrusted to the Society of Jesus

What's next?

The AUSJAL's networks of peers have scheduled a series of events and meetings that will help them to speed up the work for the last quarter of the year. Universities' representatives, from Mexico to Colombia, will also define their work for next year

Vem aí as TIC's

The Network of Peers on Education and Technologies (EDUTIC-AUSJAL Network) will hold a meeting on September 18th and 19th at the «Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogota» (Colombia), to shape the agenda for the next two years and to enhance the present programs. This meeting will allow them to review the lessons learned from the Teachers' Training Diploma on Information and Communication Technologies ICT and the Tutors Training Course on ICT, based on the evaluation results of these programs' cohorts (three cohorts and two cohorts respectively); to analyze the mechanism defined to offer to the Network's members the CADE Course (Competence Evaluation on Distributed Learning); to identify cooperation areas between the EDUTIC-AUSJAL Network and other AUSJAL networks; and to define an investigation outline about «Leaning as a conceptual change through ICT».



Engineers meet in Bogotá



The Network of Peers on Engineering will celebrate its next meeting in Bogotá City on October 29th and 30th. The activities include a professors' meeting for the Course on Environment and Sustainable Development in order to present and analyze the evolution of the Course and future actions; the presentation of the results on the work for Industrial-Engineering equivalencies; and the analysis on the project for a double degree program on this area. The new initiatives include the presentation of proposals for advance technology courses in each university, and the exploration of an equivalencies project for the Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering Programs.

Leadership Seminar

The activities carried out during the pilot experience of the AUSJAL Training Program for Jesuit University Leaders in Latin America will also include a seminar where three different activities will take place: an evaluation of the pilot experience; an induction course for trainers; and a meeting held by students of the program and representatives from CPAL and from the «Jesuit Service for Refugees of the Latin American Forum of Ignacian University Students». During this meeting the participants will define actions to create and maintain an AUSJAL network of students committed to the transformation of their societies. The seminar will take place in the «Universidad Latinoamericana de Leon» (Mexico) between September 16th and 21st.



AUSJAL Sports



From August 13th to 19th, the «Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Cali» (Comoblia) will host the 9th Version of the Loyola Cup with competitions of soccer, indoor five-a-side football, basket, volleyball, water polo, swimming, grass-court tennis, table tennis, chess, and kung fu. 24 higher-education institutions and 1,500 sportsmen and sportswomen coming from the region, the country and four international delegations, including «Universidad Centro Americana José Simeón Cañas» from El Salvador, «Universidad Católica

Andrés Bello» from Caracas and «Universidad Iberoamericana» from Mexico City will participate during 7 days in this event.

Strengthening bonds

The «Universidad Rafael Landívar» in Guatemala City will receive the AUSJAL universities' representatives during October 15th and 16th. The agenda for this event will focus on the strengthening of the AUSJAL network and on the 2007-2009 action plan for this group, which first task is to support the connection between their university president and the association, as well as to promote and coordinate AUSJAL activities in their universities.



CARI's meeting

Taking advantage of the fact that most of the AUSJAL universities' representatives are also members of the Network of International Cooperation and Interinstitutional Relations (CARI), a meeting for this network of peers will be also held on this occasion. The diagnosis of the state of relations between AUSJAL universities and AJCU, UNIJES, and other Jesuit universities, made in 2006, will be presented during this event as well as the progress on the AUSJAL Diploma on International Cooperation for Development; and also the action plan for the next two years will be approved. At the same time, there will be two training workshops designed to satisfy the needs related to agreements matters and student mobility.



Human Rights in Guatemala

The coordinators of the Diploma on Human Rights will hold a meeting at the «Universidad Rafael Landívar de Guatemala» (Quetzaltenango campus) from November 7th to 9th. The team will evaluate the results of the model that has been already implemented for the specializations on Participation, Citizenship and Human Rights in order to establish whether these innovations might be applied also to the rest of the specializations.