

## AUSJAL ofrece diplomado en Cooperación Internacional

The universities «Universidad Alberto Hurtado» (Chile), «Universidad Católica de Córdoba» (Argentina) and ITESO (Mexico) will offer a joint AUSJAL Diploma on International Cooperation for Development to provide training on project design, formulation and evaluation for international-cooperation as well as public policies' design in order to seek for overcoming alternatives to some of the problems in developing countries.

The objectives of the program are: to train specialized professionals, on the international cooperation area, who will be able to take the emerging opportunities for cooperation's reception and granting; to enhance the importance of the international cooperation for the countries called «under development»; to offer tools that allow the cooperation projects' design, formulation, implementation, administration and evaluation; and to promote the institutional relations and the formation of networks for public and private support.

The Diploma will be offered through a virtual modality and will be hosted at the Universidad Alberto Hurtado's platform (Chile). The application deadline is April 4,



2008; and the academic activities will go from April until November 2008. The tuition fee is US\$ 700 or, 380.000 Chile's pesos for Chile's residents. The aspirants postulated by AUSJAL universities will be granted with a partial scholarship of 30%. More information on <http://www.ausjal.org/sitios/cooperacion/>

### Monitor de Pobreza se reúne en Caracas



After the approval of the financial request by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany, the coordinators of the AUSJAL Observatory on Poverty in Latin America will hold a meeting in Caracas during January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to start the execution of the project. 104.000 US dollars will be received for the 2008, and it is expected that the contributions will rise until 300.000 dollars during the three years length of the project.

The participant universities are «Universidad Javeriana» of Cali (Project Coordinator), «Universidad Javeriana» of Bogotá, «Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente de México» (ITESO), «Universidad Iberoamericana» - Leon, «Universidad Iberoamericana» - Toluca, «Universidad Iberoamericana» - Mexico City, «Universidad Católica Andrés Bello», «Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos» (UNISINOS), «Universidad Católica del Uruguay», «Universidad Católica del Ecuador», «Universidad Alberto Hurtado» of Chile and «Instituto Filosófico Pedro Francisco Bonó» of Dominican Republic.

The Observatory will start the first edition of the Latin American Social Monitor as one of its major products. This is a periodical publication that brings together the social and economical situation of the continent based on the analysis of a series of common and comparable indicators in Latin America and its qualitative in-depth studies.

### Vía Audioconferencias

**Leadership Program.** The coordinators of the Ignacian-University Leadership Program participated in an audioconference to review the universities that are taking part of the new cohort. The possibility of offering a conference between the program's participants and the Venezuelan young people, who lead the student movement that opposed the Constitutional Reform, was analyzed during the meeting. Also, the «Universidad Católica del Tachira» was confirmed as host for the Latin American Forum in September 2008.

**USR in audioconference.** In order to discuss the modifications included on the document for AUSJAL Policies and Indicators for University Social Responsibility and to reach agreements about the construction of social responsibility indicators in AUSJAL universities, the representatives of the USR Network hold an audioconference where the participants were able to give their opinions on the document. The next audioconference was set for February 14<sup>th</sup>, also an agenda for the April meeting which will take place at the «Universidad Católica de Córdoba» was presented.

**Defining the mission and purposes.** The members of the AUSJAL Network of Peers for Education (Eductic) hold an audioconference to reach agreements on the mission and purposes that will be set for the next two years. In addition, the starting dates for the next editions of the Diploma for Tutors Formation and the Diploma for Teachers Formation were set on February and March respectively. More information on <http://www.ausjal.org/e-ausjal.php>

**Third Tutors Cohort.** The Formation Program for On-Line Programs' Tutors, offered by the AUSJAL Network of Peers on Education (Eductic) through the «Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá», performed a videoconference to celebrate its third graduation. On this opportunity 17 participants, coming from nine institutions and four Latin American countries, graduated. The Diploma's continuation rate overtook 80%, a high number considering the virtual modality of the program.

**The Unisinos' «SecondLife»**. The AUSJAL Network of Peers on Education (Eductic) participated on a videoconference where Unisinos' representatives presented the software for simulation on virtual environments, called «Second Life». The potential of this program, especially for formation purposes, was analyzed during the videoconference.

### AUSJAL breves

**Meeting in El Salvador.** The meeting of the JesuitNet Board of Directors will take place at the «Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas» in El Salvador from March 12 to 14, 2008. The representatives from AJCU Continuous Education and Lifelong Learning as well as AUSJAL Distances Learning and Continuous Education Programs will also attend this meeting.

**The ICHJE met in Rome.** The Institutional Commission for Higher Jesuit Education met in Rome between November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to plan a meeting with the General Father (for 2009 or 2010) about the *Jesuit Higher Education Institutions in a Globalization World*. The participants explored the global dimension of teaching, research and curriculum as well as the service that the church and the society will undertake, keeping in mind the economical implications of this new situation. The AUSJAL Vice-President and the President of the «Universidad Católica de Córdoba» Luis Velasco s.j. represented AUSJAL during this meeting.

**25<sup>th</sup> General Congregation.** On January 5<sup>th</sup> will begin the Society of Jesus' 25<sup>th</sup> General Congregation where the new General Father will be elected and will take the place of Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach s.j. Four directors and one AUSJAL professor will attend the Congregation as voters: Luis Rafael Velasco s.j. (President of the «Universidad Católica de Córdoba», Argentina); Jose Morales Orozco s.j. (President of UIA, Mexico City); Jesus Sariego s.j. (Vice-President of UCA, Managua); Arturo Sosa s.j. (President of UCAT, Venezuela); and Jose Ivo Follmann s.j. (Unisinos, Brazil).

**UNICAP joins the Course on Poverty.** In order to formalize UNICAP's participation (Pernambuco, Brazil) in the «AUSJAL Virtual Course on Poverty in Latin America» Nancy Valero, from the coordination of the Network of Peers, met with the directives and future professors of the course. In addition, she had other activities for promotion among this university's students. The UNICAP representatives expressed their interest on joining this program and building their own country case called «BRAZIL NORTHEASTERN REGION.»

**AUSJAL at ASCUN.** The AUSJAL Executive Secretary Susana Di Trolio attended, in Bogotá, the 9<sup>th</sup> Latin-American Congress on University Extension, organized by the Colombian Universities Association (ASCUN). The conference presented by Professor Di Trolio was titled «Networking and International Cooperation for the Development of the University Extension's Dimension.» She shared the AUSJAL experience on project networking with the participants.

**Meeting of the REDLEIDH Board of Directors.** The REDLEIDH Board of Directors celebrated in Toronto, Canada its annual meeting. The general progress of the project and the actions plan for the fourth year were reviewed. Also, they explored possibilities for interinstitutional cooperation along with the participation of the network's institutions, during the first semester of 2008. AUSJAL was represented during this event by Susana Di Trolio Executive Secretary and Mariela Saetone representative of the «Universidad Católica del Uruguay.»

**BRIDGES-LAC Meeting.** Representatives from OBREAL, FLACSO, ALADI, IPA, MENON, Universidad de Leiden, «Universidad de Deusto» and AUSJAL will meet in Brussels between January 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the context of the Bridges-Lac Project presented by OBREAL and approved by the European Commission. AUSJAL will be represented during this event by Susana Di Trolio Executive Secretary. The project aims to improve the dialogue between Europe and Latin American on higher-education subjects.

**Merry Christmas.** The AUSJAL Presidency and the Executive Secretariat wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, hoping that the divine light from Baby Jesus will bring light to the man of the third millennium so that he will walk through the peace and reconciliation path.