



European Higher Education Fair India 2014 attracts

World Top-Ranked European Universities

NEW DELHI, 4 November, 2014: The European Higher Education Fair India 2014 (EHEF) being organised by the European Union Delegation to India has attracted the participation of more than 75 higher education institutes from 23 EU member states. The EHEF will be held in New Delhi on 30 November – 01 December followed by Bengaluru (03 December) and Kolkata (05 December).

The EHEF India 2014 will showcase some of the best educational institutions in Europe - including several which appear in the internationally renowned Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2014-2015. Twenty three of the European Universities exhibiting in EHEF India 2014 are ranked in this year's Times Top 400 – and 6 are in the Times World Top 100. The fair is aimed at Indian graduate students looking to go abroad for higher education including masters and Ph. D. courses as well as parents and the academic community.

Speaking about the fair **H.E. Dr João Cravinho, Ambassador of the European Union** said, "We are proud to have participation from a number of world-ranked European universities at the EHEF India 2014, as well as many other globally recognized higher educational institutions from across the European Union."

"Europe has always been one of the leading study and research destination for international students, offering world class educational and research institutions, high standards across disciplines, wide variety of tertiary-level courses along with the global exposure. However, it is my impression that Indian students have not yet fully realised the vast opportunity available along with the career potential of studying in Europe, and that so many courses offered across the EU are delivered in English. We hope this fair will bridge the gap by providing the students an opportunity to interact first hand with the leading universities across Europe," he added.

The primary aim of the fair is to highlight what Europe has to offer in terms of high quality and competitively priced post-graduate level education to students in India – a country with the second highest number of internationally mobile students travelling abroad for tertiary level education. Only China has more students than India travelling abroad for post-graduate studies.

Top Universities Participating in EHEF

The highest overall ranking EHEF exhibitors are Sweden's Karolinska Institute (ranked 44), Leiden University (64) from the Netherlands, and Germany's University of Gottingen (67). Other top-rated exhibitors will include the Delft University for Technology (71) from the Netherlands, Germany's Freie Universitat Berlin (81) and Sweden's Uppsala University (98).

Many of the EHEF India 2014 exhibitors are also ranked world class by discipline. For example, the Delft University for Technology is ranked 19 in the World Top 20 universities for Engineering and Technology, while Germany's Technische University at Berlin (60), Sweden's Lund University (79), and Finland's Aalto University (100) are among the World Top 100. Freie Universitat Berlin and Leiden University are ranked 24 and 25 respectively in the World Top 100 universities for Arts and Humanities.

In Clinical-Pre-Clinical and Health, EHEF participants - the Karolinska Institute (15), Leiden University (61), Uppsala University (70), University of Barcelona (76), and Sweden's University of Gothenburg (85) and Lund University (86) all rank in the World Top 100; and in Social Science, the Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona is amongst the World's best ranking at 67, along with Leiden University (65) and Freie University Berlin (75).

Meanwhile, students of Life Science need not be disappointed, with the educational fair attracting five leading European institutions considered world class in this category - Uppsala University (39), Lund University (60), the University of Gottingen (61), the Karolinska Institute (79) and Freie Universitat Berlin (89).

The EHEF 2014 will also feature Alliance 4 Universities, a strategic partnership between four leading Spanish public universities, three of which – the Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona (UPF), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), make the Times Higher Education World University Rankings Top 400.

Overall EHEF India 2014 will feature European Higher Education Institutions (EHEIs) from 23 European countries including the UK, Germany, and France – the three most popular European destinations for Indian tertiary level students studying abroad. Collectively these three countries will have 17 exhibiting institutes, while Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Portugal, Spain, Malta and Lithuania will all have four or more EHEIs exhibiting. EHEF will also host information stands by the EU member states embassies and national education authorities. Parallel information sessions will be held during the fair to cover issues such as choice of courses available, scholarships, visas, employment and career prospects.

In Delhi, the fair will be held at the NSIC Exhibition Ground, Okhla Phase 3, Near Govindpuri metro station, and will be open from 11.00 am to 06.00 pm on Sunday, 30th November and from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm on Monday, 01 December. The EHEF website has already attracted a large number of online registrations. Those interested to visit the fair can register online free of cost at:

<http://www.ehef-india2014.org/visitors/visitor-registration/>

Notes for Editors

The annual **Times Higher Education World University rankings** are the most accurate of the ranking systems and are the only global university performance tables to judge world-class universities across all of their core missions - teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. Published in October 2014, the Times Higher Education World University rankings put Europe ahead of other regions including North America, Asia, and Australasia on the number of universities ranked in the World Top 200 and World Top 400. Moreover they showed that 15 of the 28 individual countries that have 1 or more universities in the global Top 100 are European.

Further Information

For further details on the EHEF: <http://www.ehef-india2014.org>; “Like” us on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/EHEFIndia2014>

The European Union's Delegation to India: http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/india/index_en.htm

Times Higher Education World University Rankings: <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2014-15/world-ranking/region/europe>

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Karolinska Institute: <http://ki.se/en/startpage>

Leiden University: www.leiden.edu/

University of Gottingen: www.uni-goettingen.de/en

TU Delft (Delft University of Technology): www.tudelft.nl/en/

Freie Universitat Berlin: www.fu-berlin.de/en/

Uppsala University: <http://www.uu.se/en>

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