Networked university: higher education global player

International networking is a must for universities. If they want to keep up with the globalisation of higher education, they have to cultivate and strengthen contacts worldwide. One example: Justus Liebig University Giessen

UKRAINE, KIEV National Technical National University of Institute of the University of Ukraine Kyiv-Mohyla Academy Ukrainian Language 18 December 2009 2 February 2012 31 July 2012 CANADA, CALGARY CANADA, HALIFAX University of Calgary Saint Mary's University 5 July 2012 3 March 2009 **USA, YPSILANTI** Eastern Michigan University 12 March 2010 USA, GRANVILLE ALBANIA, TIRANA Denison University TURKEY, IZMIR Agricultural 7 May 1992 Dokuz Eylül University of Tirana Üniversitesi 27 January 2016 18 October 2000 COLOMBIA TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GHANA. ACCRA Universidad Nacional de Colombia University of the West University of Ghana 1 April 2014 Indies at St Augustine 9 September 2009 16 November 2015 PERU, LIMA Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. BRAZIL, VITORIA 20 June 2011 Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo **BRAZIL, RIO DE JANEIRO** MOZAMBIQUE, MAPUTO 2 July 2013 Universidade do Estado do Universidade Pedagógica. Rio de Janeiro 20 November 2014 15 December 2014

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

JLU partnerships with foreign universities are interdisciplinary and open to students of all departments. Universities in Izmir, Kazan und Łódź are also members of the Giessen Center for Eastern European Studies (GiZo).

USA. MILWAUKEE University of Wisconsin USA, MADISON 16 October 1983 University of Wisconsin 16 October 1983

> USA, MANHATTAN Kansas State University 6 October 1976

KAZAKHSTAN, ASTANA

S. Seifullin Kazakh Agro Technical University 26 April 2013

CHINA, BÉIJING

University of International Business and Economics 26 May 2009

SOUTH KOREA, SUWON Aiou University

20 May 2009 CHINA, HONG KONG City University of Hong Kong

18 May 2012

CHINA, HONG KONG Hong Kong Baptist University

26 October 2010

SRI LANKA, COLOMBO University of Colombo 9 February 2009

5 July 1978 IAPAN, SUITA Osaka University 31 January 2011

> IAPAN, SUITA Kansai University 26 May 2014

JAPAN, FUCHU

Tokyo University

of Foreign Studies

University 11 May 2009

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EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

Institutes at the university exchange students and professors and enable a close network of personal contacts. Exchange within Europe is primarily organised within the Erasmus+ framework. The Erasmus network of the ILU involves 225 partner universities in almost all programme countries.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION, KAZAN Kazan Federal University 16 October 1989

POLAND, LODZ Uniwersytet Łódzki 3 November 1978

> TURKEY, IZMIR Ege Üniversitesi 15 April 1970

his is top international management: Justus Liebig University (JLU) maintains approximately 100 contractual partnerships on all continents. Relations are cultivated from Seattle to Sydney, from St Petersburg to Sri Lanka. The university cooperates with veterinarians in Tennessee and with agricultural scientists in Ukraine. The international exchange of students and professors is a perfectly normal part of academic life in Giessen whether it involves partners in China, Mozambique or Trinidad and Tobago. Important themes are examined in multinational networks - for example, when German experts work with specialists from six other countries on the subject of Cultural Contact and Conflict Zones in Eastern Europe.

One thing is clear: you won't find any ivory towers in Giessen. Instead, as in numerous other German higher education institutions, you will find a dynamic network with ever more nodes and branches that is truly global in scope. In mid-June 2016, the Higher Education Compass of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) counted over 31,500 international partnerships at 299 German higher education institutions with no fewer than 5.205 foreign universities and colleges in 153 countries. The "global player" from Giessen, a town with just 85,000 inhabitants, is a perfect example of what a strong influence internationalisation is having in education and research.

"Internationalisation is neither an end in itself nor a disconnected goal of purely intrinsic value. It represents >

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Russian Federation 147 the connection of local or regional responsibility and Poland 67 international networking," emphasises JLU President People's Republic Joybrato Mukherjee. According to Mukherjee, the "driv-Ukraine 66 of China 144 ing forces" of internationalisation are the global compe-INTERNATIONAL JUSTUS-LIEBIG-UNIVERSITAT GIESSEN tition between higher education institutions and higher **COOPERATION AGREEMENTS STUDENTS** education systems, new centres in the international re-Nearly one tenth of the roughly 28,000 students The JLU cooperation network is also a springboard search system, as well as demographic change and the for further growth: for example, a trilateral at Justus Liebig University (JLU) are from outside resulting "search for talent". Other decisive factors for Austria 60 Turkey 482 Germany: 2,500 international students from 121 memorandum of understanding was signed in April the university president are the responsibility of higher countries are studying at the JLU. Roughly 33% of all 2016 with the Namibia University of Science and education institutions in the face of future challenges, *Italy 113* the study modules at the JLU enable students to Technology and the North-West University such as climate change, the energy crisis and migration be taught in a foreign language, generally English. Potchefstroom in South Africa. - and last, but not least the goal of preparing young people for globalised occupations. Greece 104 International networking is not a luxury for a modern **RUSSIA, ST PETERSBURG** CZECH REPUBLIC. university, but a must. The JLU Giessen has long had a St Petersburg State Polytechnical University PRAGUE POLAND. 21 February 2011 highly differentiated strategy in place; its International Univerzita Karlova OLSZTYN *Iran* 63 17 June 2009 Strategy 2.0 followed in 2016. In it the JLU has committed Uniwersytet BELARUS. India 79 itself not only to internationalisation across the entire Warmińsko-MINSK HUNGARY, FRANCE, RUSSIA, SAMARA university, but also to further raising its profile world-Mazurski Belarussian State GÖDÖLLŐ Samara State University NANTES 16 July 2014 University wide. International learning and research benefits not Szent István of Economics École Nationale 14 December 2011 only students and teachers, but many others. For ex-University 18 May 2007 **USA. SEATTLE** Vétérinaire de Nantes 4 December 1981 ample, when a medical excellence cluster makes major 7 June 1985 University of Washington UKRAINE, BILA TSERKVA progress in international heart and lung research or 1 July 1981 National Agrarian University 7 September 2007 FRANCE when the JLU investigates the warming of the oceans ROMANIA, IASI, Ion Ionescu de la Brad University CANADA. TORONTO TOULOUSE until the end of the century with Colombian partners as Université Toulouse of Agricultural Sciences, 10 November 1976 York University CROATIA. part of the Ocean 2100 project. Undoubtedly, the future 10 June 2015 an Jaurès ITALY. ZAGREB belongs to the networked university. GEORGIA, TBILISI 7 April 2009 USA, KNOXVILLE BERGAMO University vane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University College of Veterinary Università of Zagreb KOSOVO, PRISTINA 30 June 2005 Medicine, University deali studi di 2 December 2010 Universiteti i Prishtinës SPAIN, CÓRDOBA of Tennessee Bergamo 1 October 2012 CHINA, LHASA sidad de Cordoba 7 September 1998 18 August 2014 ISRAEL, HAIFA Tibet University 1 March 2009 TURKEY, Technion - Israel Institute 17 September 2012 MEXICO. BURSA ITALY. of Technology **MEXICO CITY** VENICE Uludağ, 14 October 2012 INDIA, NEW DELHI Universidad Nacional Üniversitesi Università luav Jawaharlal Nehru University Autónoma de México 15 December 1998 COSTA RICA. VIETNAM, HANOI di Venezia 7 May 2014 1 November 2002 SAN IOSÉ 20 June 2006 Hanoi Law University Universidad de Costa Rica 2 May 2013 19 May 1995 ITALY ETHIOPIA, HAWASSA NAPLES Hawassa University Università degl 27 May 2005 COLOMBIA. Studi di Napol MEDELLÍN Federico I AUSTRALIA, Universidad de Antioquia **ECUADOR, QUITO** 5 September BRISBANE UGANDA, KAMPALA 1985 2 November 2011 Pontificia Universidad Griffith University Makerere University Católica del Ecuador 17 January 2008 1 March 2012 COLOMBIA. 11 February 2009 BOGOTÁ **AUSTRALIA. SYDNEY** Universidad de los Andes Macquarie University 3 May 1967 22 September 2015 PERU. LIMA BRAZIL, SALVADOR Universidad Nacional Universidade Federal da Bahia Colciencias Mayor de San Marcos 27 August 2004 31 August 1975 NAMIBIA; 11 September 2001 WINDHOEK SOUTH AFRICA, POTCHEFSTROOM BRAZIL. PORTO ALEGRE Namibia University of Universidad Peruana Universidade Federal do Rio North-West University Science and Technology Cavetano Heredia 12 March 2007 Grande do Sul 8 November 2010 2 February 2007 22 December 2011 CHILE, VALDIVIA Universidad Austral de Chile 15 May 2013 DE Magazin Deutschland 2/2016 DE Magazin Deutschland 2/2016