

**MARDS Training workshop in Maribor, Slovenia on
„Quality Assurance of Doctoral Studies“
from 6 – 8 November 2019**

Main target group: Rectors, Vice-rectors and leading personal of the partner Universities from Montenegro and Albania

Venue: University of Maribor, Slomškov trg 15, SI-2000 Maribor, Slovenia, Boris Podrecca Hall.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 6 November 2019

18:00-20:00 Introduction to the concept of training (Elaborating summary of the previous Workshop and clarifying expectations of Maribor's workshop)

Thursday, 7 November 2019

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:05 Welcoming at the University of Maribor
(*Vice-rector for science and research, Prof. Dr. Zoran Ren*)

09:05-09:15 Introduction to the training
(*Assoc. Prof. Dr. Debevc*)

09:15-10:30 Modern structure of doctoral programmes and experience at University of Maribor
(*Prof. Dr. Zoran Ren*)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:00 Importance and establishment of partnership doctoral candidate - mentor(s) – University
(*Prof. Dr. Damijan Mumel*)

12:00-13:00 Systemic quality assurance of doctoral studies
(*Prof. Dr. Nataša Vaupotič*)

13:00-14:30 *Lunch break*

14:30-15:30 Doctoral student's experience

REFORMING DOCTORAL STUDIES IN MONTENEGRO AND ALBANIA – GOOD PRACTICE PARADIGM

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- 15:30-16:30** Workshop – Discussion & Questions
– moderated by Prof. Dr. Zoran Ren and doctoral student
- 16:30-17:00** Coffee break
- 17:00–17:30** Summarizing Day 1

Friday, 8 November 2019

- 09:00-10:00** Development of doctoral programmes in agriculture and agricultural economics
(Prof. Dr. Črtomir Rozman)
- 10:00-11:00** Use of modern digital technologies in agriculture in Slovenia
(Prof. Dr. Denis Stajnko)
- 11:00-11:30** Coffee break
- 11:30-12:00** Increasing employability of doctorates in emerging sectors with soft skills training
(Irena Lovrenčić Držanič)
- 12:00-14:00** Workshop and summarizing Day 2, final discussion

Saturday, 9 November 2019 – departure day

SHORT ABSTRACTS

Modern structure of doctoral programmes and experience at University of Maribor

(Prof. Dr. Zoran Ren)

Modern doctoral programs are focused on comprehensive process of training young doctoral candidates to realise their potentials to become highly proficient researchers in their chosen field. Individuality, internationalisation, interdisciplinarity and intersectorial impacts of their research are foremost orientations of modern doctoral training. To realise this the candidates have to be properly supervised by scientifically active senior researchers and through the training process equipped both by comprehensive scientific and transferrable skills. A university has to provide appropriate environment and mechanisms to observe and evaluate the training process of each doctoral candidate to assure timely and successful completion of their training. The experiences and observations in changing doctoral studies at the University of Maribor will be shared and discussed in the workshop.

Importance and establishment of partnership doctoral candidate - mentor(s) – University

(Prof. Dr. Damijan Mumel)

Interpersonal relationships are an essential dimension of our lives. It is the same in doctoral mentor - doctoral student relationship. In the workshop we will discuss the importance and different dimensions of this relationship.

Systemic quality assurance of doctoral studies

(Prof. Dr. Nataša Vaupotič)

The lecturer will present the formal requirements for the PhD study programmes at the University of Maribor to be approved, the requirements for PhD supervisors, the obligation and rights of PhD candidates and supervisors and the procedures for the thesis approval, its evaluation and defence.

Development of doctoral programmes in agriculture and agricultural economics

(Prof. Dr. Črtomir Rozman)

In the presentation we will show historical development, current state of affairs in potential in the field of doctoral study programs of agriculture and agricultural economics. The basic concepts of studies, history and changes with implementation of Bologna reforms will be presented. The emphasis will be put on the interrelation of PhD study programs and regular research work, project activities, profile and employment opportunities of PhD students. We will also present successful case studies.

Use of modern digital technologies in agriculture in Slovenia

(Prof. Dr. Denis Stajnko)

The presentation summarizes the researches carried out in the Faculty of Agriculture Life Sciences in the field of use of modern digital technologies in precision agriculture such as the application of image analysis for fruit yield estimation.

Increasing employability of doctorates in emerging sectors with soft skills training

(Irena Lovrenčić Držanič)

This lecture will cover research results of a study, recently completed in several European countries. The main findings presented will be the identification of a set of soft skills that employers demand from doctorates, perceived level of these skills and discrepancies between demanded and perceived skills. Additional discussed topics will be reasons for insufficient employment of doctorates and employers' intention to hire doctorates in future.