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/// BACKGROUND

One of the major barriers to the wide incorporation of matters related to sustainable development at higher education institutions, is the fact that sustainability is seldom systematically embedded in the curriculum. Yet, proper provisions for curricular integration of sustainability issues at part of teaching programmes across universities is an important element towards curriculum greening. Despite the central relevance of this topic, not many events have specifically focused on identifying ways of how better teach about sustainability issues in a university context.

It is against this background that the “**Symposium on Implementing Sustainability in the Curriculum of Universities: teaching approaches, methods, examples and case studies**” is being organised by Manchester Metropolitan University, in cooperation with a number of institutions of higher education active in this field. It will involve researchers in the field of sustainable development in the widest sense, from business and economics, to arts and fashion, administration, environment, languages and media studies.

The Symposium will focus on the means to implement sustainable development in teaching programmes and will contribute to the further development of this central topic.

/// AIMS

The aims of the “**Symposium on Implementing Sustainability in the Curriculum of Universities: teaching approaches, methods, examples and case studies**” are as follows:



- i. to provide teaching staff at universities active and/or interested on teaching sustainable development themes with an opportunity to display and present their works (i.e. curriculum innovation, empirical work, activities, case studies practical projects);
- ii. to foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of teaching courses, especially successful initiatives and good practice;
- iii. to discuss methodological approaches and projects which aim to offer a better understanding of how matters related to sustainable development can be tackled in university teaching;
- iv. to network the participants and provide a platform so they can explore possibilities for further cooperation.

Last but not least, a further aim of the event will be to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences on sustainable development teaching available today. To this purpose, the peer-reviewed book titled “**Implementing Sustainability in the Curriculum of Universities: teaching approaches, methods, examples and case studies**” will be published, with all accepted papers. This will be part of the **award-winning** “World Sustainability Series”, published by Springer, one of the world’s top five scientific publishers.

/// PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Delegates attending the Symposium “**Implementing Sustainability in the Curriculum of Universities: teaching approaches, methods, examples and case studies**” will come from a cross-sectoral range of areas. These are:

- i. teaching staff
- ii. student groups;
- iii. members of university administrations;
- iv. project officers and consultants;
- v. other people interested in the field.

It is believed that this wide range of participants will help to outline the need for integrated approaches towards teaching on sustainable development and, hence contribute towards advancing this field of work even further.

/// STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT

The Symposium will be organised around two main strands:

Strand 1: the displays

Participating universities will be able to put-up displays describing their works and teaching projects, and to distribute the relevant information to the participants. The



displays will be the backbone of the event and will allow close, one-to-one contacts between the participants and the exhibitors.

Strand 2: the presentations

A set of presentations, divided into two main sections will be organised, dealing with issues of strategic value in reviewing the state of the art of sustainability teaching today. These are:

Session 1: Sustainability in formal teaching and education

Session 2: Sustainability in non-formal teaching and education programmes

A tour of the Birley Fields Campus of Manchester Metropolitan University will be offered, with excellent examples of how to implement campus greening initiatives.

/// SCHEDULE

The Symposium “**Implementing Sustainability in the Curriculum of Universities: teaching approaches, methods, examples and case studies**” will be held on Tuesday, 7th March 2017. The schedule is as follows:

08:30-09:00- Arrival and set-up of displays
09:00-09:10- Welcome
09:10-11:00- Presentations and discussion
11:00-11:30 – Break
11:30-13:00- Presentations and discussion
1300- 14:00- Lunch
14:00-15:15- Presentations and discussion
15:15-15:30- Break
15:30-15:45- Hand over of the Best Papers Awards
16:00- Close of the event

In order to ensure an efficient use of the time, delegates are kindly asked to organise their travel in a way that allows them to travel back on or after 16:00 so they do not miss hand-over of the **the best papers awards**.

/// DEADLINES

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30th November 2016

Deadline for submission of papers: 30th January 2017

Deadline for full, revised papers: 20th February 2017

Deadline for registrations: 20th February 2017

Since the book will be launched soon after the Symposium, the deadlines need to be followed.



/// THE VENUE

The event will be held at Manchester Metropolitan University, on the Birley Fields Campus. There is a wide selection of hotels in Manchester to choose from. The ones closest to the University (about 10 min walk) are Holiday Inn (Oxford Road) and Ibis Hotel (Princess Street).

/// FEES AND CHARGES

A fee of £ 100 will be charged to delegates to offset the preparation costs. The fees includes a **free lunch and coffee breaks on 7th March April 2017**. Registrations fees may be refunded (with a 50% processing charge) in case of cancellations until 27th February 2017. After that date, no refunds are possible.

/// REGISTRATION AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Registrations are now open and are possible until 20th February 2017. Regrettably, registrations after the deadline will not be possible. Since the space for displays and the time for presentations is limited, **delegates are advised to submit their abstracts and register as soon as possible**. The organisers will notify any interested delegate or organisation in case there are any limitations with time for presentations, or in respect of space for displays. Registered delegates will then receive further details on the payment of the fees and updated information on the preparations for the event. The decision as to which papers will be accepted for presentation will be taken by the Chairperson, following consultation with the organising committee.

/// ORGANISERS

- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme
- Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany

/// SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Chairperson

- Prof. Walter Leal (BSc, PhD, DSc, DPhil, DL, DLitt), Chair of Environment and Technology, Manchester Metropolitan University



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/// CONTACT POINT FOR SCIENTIFIC INPUTS, STRATEGIC COOPERATION AND GUIDANCE ON PUBLICATION

All questions related to scientific inputs (e.g abstracts, papers) and strategic partnerships, as well as the book, should be sent to:

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/// CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATOR AND CONTACT POINT FOR FURTHER DETAILS

All questions related to registrations should be sent to:

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/// HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

An abstract should be up to 200 words, it should describe the rationale and aims of the paper, and some of its results. General descriptions of broad contexts should be avoided. The full contact details about the author(s) need to be provided. Abstracts should be written in the third person and not in the first or second one (e.g. I, me, or my paper). Please see page 8 for a sample abstract. Authors whose abstracts have been accepted, will receive further details about how to submit their full papers, and further logistical information.



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**PLEASE COMPLETE, SCAN AND E-MAIL THIS FORM TO:
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/// REGISTRATION FORM

1. Surname: _____

2. First Name: _____

3. Title (Prof., Dr. Mr, Ms, etc): _____

4. Institution: _____

5. Address: _____

6. Telephone (please include local code): _____

7. Fax (please include local code): _____

8. E-mail: _____

9. You intend to participate by means of: () Presentation () Display () both

10. Title of presentation: _____

11. Session chosen (please tick): _____

Session 1: Sustainability in formal teaching and education ()

Session 2: Sustainability in non-formal teaching and education programmes ()

11. Title of display: _____

13. Do you have any dietary requirements? () Yes () No

If so, please specify:

A fee of £ 100 will be charged to you via invoice, upon receiving your application. The fees includes the **lunch and coffee breaks on 7th March 2017**. Registrations fees may be refunded (with a 50% processing charge) in case of cancellations until 20th February 2017. After that date, no refunds are possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGISTRATION.