

SLAMIT 4

Lifelong learning - School Libraries and new learning

Course to be held in Costa da Caparica, Lisbon, Portugal

27. September – 3. October 2009

Background

The two previous Minerva projects, SLAM and the GrandSLAM, together demonstrated that the school library, as a multimedia and learning discovery centres staffed with media specialists, ICT teachers and specialist teacher school librarians, could become an essential focus within curriculum planning and a central beacon promoting new learning styles and new processes within the institutions.

Objectives

The SLAMIT courses disseminate and spread the experiences of SLAM, GrandSLAM and SLAMIT, together with those of recognised centres of excellence across Europe. The courses use tools and learning materials from the projects including workshops, practical work, lectures and group works, presentation and debate to provide a concentrated and in-depth introduction to the management of school libraries and the use of information literacy and multi media systems.

The fourth SLAMIT course intends to focus on learning centres as important catalysts for promoting the introduction of new learning styles and methods and on school libraries as workshops for learning.

The main goals for the fourth course will be to

- Demonstrate and share best practice between SLAM/GrandSLAM/SLAMIT partners and the course participants
- Foster a sense of community among school librarians and teachers from all parts of Europe.
- Exchange professional and cultural experiences among course participants.
- Encourage course participants to include the European/international dimension in their future projects and actions plans for their local school libraries.
- Inspire participants to develop local action plans or projects both individually and through reflection groups. Work supported by experienced mentors.

Target groups

The proposed course is purposely targeted at local, regional and national education and learning centres, heads, staff, advisors and governors, school librarians, media specialists and ICT teachers, political and pedagogical decision makers.



Conference Venue

The training event will take place at **Hotel Costa da Caparica, Costa da Caparica, Lisbon**. The hotel is located on the most extensive and famous beach setting of Lisbon.

<http://www.hotelcostacaparica.pt/>

Cultural events

The conference will offer a programme of cultural events providing an essential introduction to Portuguese culture and history included in the conference fee.

Draft Programme

- Key note speakers:
 - Dr. Ross Todd, Associate Professor at Rutgers University, NJ, USA
School Libraries and Learning – what are the challenges?
 - Lourense Das, Director of Meles School Library Service, Netherlands
School libraries in a European context.
- Building capacity in education.
- LLP - European cooperation on school education.
- School improvement plans – tools for action planning in your school library.
- WEB 2.0 – what´s that?
- Introduction to the educational system of Portugal. School visits.
- An overview of SLAM/GrandSLAM activities, experiences and outcomes.
- School libraries – workshops for learning - the Scandinavian way.
- Professional papers sessions – presentations of 'best practice' from participants in relation to course theme. Criteria for selection: relevance to course themes and target group. Proposals will be independently reviewed by course organizers before acceptance.
- SLAMIT marketplace – an opportunity for delegates to present and share own experiences and details of home institutions.
- Ice-breaking activities.

Course Fee / Accommodation and Subsistence

Total: **€ 1300**

Course fee: € 480

Includes course materials and cultural visits

Accommodation & Subsistence: € 820

Includes six days in single room at Hotel Costa da Caparica including all meals and a social & cultural evening.

Cancellation fee (after 20 August 2009): € 300



How to get funded

Grants are available to enable teachers and other categories of staff working in school education to take part in in-service training activities.

The fixed application deadline for all countries is **30/04/2009**.

For more details please contact your national Comenius agency:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html

Comenius Training Database

You are able to find all information about the SLAMIT course at the Comenius Training Database. That also includes bank- and payment details.

Link: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/>

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