



III INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IMFAHE-UNIVERSITAT DE VALÈNCIA

“CONNECTING EMIGRATED TALENT TO UNIVERSITIES, BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTS: A NEW SOCIO-ECONOMIC MODEL BASED ON EDUCATION”

Faculty of Medicine, Universitat de València, Valencia, Spain
July 3rd, 2017

General format and aim

This international conference will be attended by government representatives, city officers, Rectors and Vice rectors from Spanish Universities, and Spanish emigrated talent and Spanish students (both of them participants at the International Mentor Program –IMP- at International Mentoring Foundation for the Advancement of higher education –IMFAHE-).

The aim is to mutually learn the best practices in international professional collaboration, professional and skills development, and propose solutions to attenuate the brain drain through innovative educational projects.

The initial keynote speech and the contribution from the host university, Universitat de València, and the Foundation that coordinates the event, IMFAHE Foundation, will help sparking the debate about the relevance of mentoring in any field of the society.

Roundtable discussions will give the chance to all participants to discuss the main questions and develop ideas and solutions to reverse the effects of brain drain in Spain through an ePlatform that connects and drives collaborations between emigrated talent, universities, industry and government.

The final part of the international conference will allow participants to learn about different projects in Spain that aim to attract talent to cities, through the participation of Fomento San Sebastian and Asti, discussing the challenges and solutions with the audience.

Keynote Speaker: Joanne Kamens, Executive Director of Addgene. She will be in charge of running the initial presentation, discussing the relevance of mentorship relationships.

Agenda of the international conference

8.30am: Registration.

9.00h: Introduction.

Esteban Morcillo Sánchez, Rector of the Universitat de València.

TBA. Local Government Representative.

Zafira Castaño, President/Co-Founder, IMFAHE Foundation (Annual report on the IMP program).



9.15h: Keynote Speaker. The Relevance of Mentoring - Lessons Learned from the USA- Joanne Kamens. Executive Director. Addgene, Boston, USA.

10.00h: SESSION 1: Governments and Universities. New Educational Methods with a Socioeconomic Impact.

* D^a Marina del Corral Téllez. General Secretary of Immigration and Emigration from the Spanish Government of Employment and Social Security.

* TBA. Representative from European Commission (TBC).

* TBA. Representative from American Embassy.

* TBA. Representative from CICUE/CRUE (Association of Rectors from Spanish Universities).

* Guillermo Palao Moreno, Vice-Rector for Internationalization and Cooperation, Universitat de València.

* Maria Soriano, Co-Founder/Co-Director, IMFAHE Foundation.

* Antonio Valldecabres, Banco Santander.

Moderator: Guillermo Palao Moreno.

11.00h Coffee break

11.30h SESSION 2: International Mentoring Program: Connecting Emigrated Talent to Governments, Schools and Companies. Results and Future Directions.

* Rosa Bretón, Co-Director, IMP Biomedicine.

* Joaquín López, Co-Director, IMP Engineering.

* Javier Mendoza, General coordinator, IMP-Business/Entrepreneurship.

Moderator: Cristobal Suria, Executive Director University of Valencia Foundation

12.00h. SESSION 3: New Directions at Spanish Universities. Integrating Emigrated Talent. (Round table).

*TBA. Vice-Rector Universidad de la Laguna.

* José Ramón González. Vice-Rector for Internationalization. Universidad de Valladolid.

* David García López. Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs. Universidad Europea Miguel de Cervantes.

* TBA. Universitat Politècnica de Valencia.

* TBA. Vice-Rector UCM/UPM (Campus de Excelencia Moncloa).

* TBA. Vice-Rector US/UMA (Campus de Excelencia Andalucía TECH).

* Julián Fierrez. Vice dean for External Relationships. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

* María José Álvarez Faedo. Director of International Affairs. Universidad de Oviedo.



Moderator: Representative CICUE.

13.00h. SESSION 4: Worldwide Talent: Experiences and Necessities.

- * TBA. Mentor IMP-Biomedicine.
- * TBA. Mentee IMP- Biomedicine.
- * TBA. Mentor IMP-Engineering.
- * TBA. Mentee IMP-Engineering.
- * TBA. Mentor IMP-Business.
- * TBA. Mentee IMP- Business.

14.00h. Lunch and Testimony Screenings.

16.00h New Initiatives for Attracting Talent in Spain.

- * TBA: Fomento San Sebastián.
- * Rubén Martínez García, Asti.

17.00h Speed Mentoring. Receive insight on the everyday lifestyles of professionals within diverse career paths.

17.30h Integrating Novelty and Creativity into Your Work. Arantxa Carballés, Seisques.

18.00h Diploma Distribution to Mentors and Mentees by the IMP Program Directors.

18.15h Fellowships Distribution to IMFAHE Excellent Fellowship Awardees.

18.30h Final Remarks: The Present and Future of International Education and Mentoring.

Guillermo Palao Moreno, Vice-Rector Internationalization and Cooperation, Universitat de València.

Zafira Castaño, President/Co-Founder, IMAHE Foundation.

20.30h Cocktail.

Guiding questions for the discussions

- How we avoid the lost of the talented professionals working abroad?
- What is the strategy at universities and governments in short and long term to attract them? What are the challenges?
- How we can develop a solid and unique socio-economic model that integrates emigrated talent, universities, companies and government?
- What are the challenges that exist when university, companies and governments do want to work together?



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- What are the challenges for the Spanish university to be more international and recognized internationally?
- What are the challenges that the international talent find to reconnect with their country?
- What are the challenges that the national and international talent find to look for a job in Spain and apply their experiences and skills on it?
- How the international talent can be useful for Spain when living abroad?