JURE 2014: Learning and Instruction Inside Out

The University of Cyprus is proud to host the 18th Conference of the JUnerg REsearchers (JURE 2014) of EARLI (European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction). We hope that the conference will enable participants to share the progress of their research with both junior and senior researchers, receive productive feedback on critical aspects of their work, and engage in discussion about the pressing issues in learning and instruction research. For more information: http://www.earli-jure2014.org/.

The theme of the conference is Learning and Instruction Inside Out and we are looking for Junior Researchers' Contributions in relation to this theme. The ship, that was chosen to be our logo and captured from a mosaic¹, stands for the ancient Kyrenia ship; a shipwreck that was found deep in the Mediterranean Sea, and whose construction has been estimated around 338 B.C. The history behind this particular ship inspired the theme of our conference. Like sailors facing the unknown, young researchers begin their research journeys aiming for new discoveries, new developments, and new frontiers of scientific knowledge. Sailors always look ahead without fearing the unknown. Likewise, young researchers strive to overcome barriers of any type during their research journeys, while at the same time their focus remains the discovery of new knowledge. It is through these adventurous journeys, the different viewpoints, and the diverse methodological orientations that Learning and Instruction can be explored (or re-explored) Inside Out, and thus new advancements can be achieved. Nevertheless, through the JURE 2014 conference we aim to contribute to the field of Learning and Instruction by re-addressing some of the research questions that have already been raised, and bringing about new methodologies and ideas in the process.

The hosting institution of the JURE2014 is the University of Cyprus, which is located in Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus. Nicosia deserves a visit for its mediaeval walls, its narrow streets and its many taverns, where you can find delicious traditional Cypriot food and wine. It is a rather small city of 250 000 people with hot summer days but cool evenings, excellent services, infrastructure and organization. The city is 40 minutes away from some of the best beaches in the world and only about an hour away from some of the oldest surviving wall and floor mosaics in the world.

We hope the conference will be an enjoyable experience for all participants.

¹ The mosaic is a property of the Cyprus Handicraft Center.