









2nd INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEK **BUILDING HIGHER EDUCATION** WITHOUT WALLS

Polytechnic Institute of **Tomar**

Portugal



We have the pleasure to invite you to our 2nd International Staff Week

Our 2nd International Staff Week aims to:

- Education for interculturality, citizenship, Inclusion;
- Exchange of good practices and experiences;
- Strengthen international cooperation;
- Promote relations between researchers;
- Expand international network;
- Discuss opportunities for future cooperation and participation in joint Masters, conferences and seminars;
- Promote a multicultural environment;
- Promote global understanding.

The IPT

The Polytechnic Institute of Tomar is a relatively young institution. Its history dates back to the beginning of 1973, when it was created by a ministerial decree but it was only in 1982 that installation of the School of Technology was possible. In 1986, the first bachelor degrees were created and classes held in an old building in the centre of town using laboratories located in several spots around the city. Finally, in 1992 it moved to a new Campus, over 10 hectares in size. On 1st January 1997, it obtained permanent independent establishment status, housing three schools: the School of Technology and the School of Management at Tomar and the School of Technology at Abrantes. The Polytechnic Institute comprises of two campuses: the main Campus in Tomar and the Abrantes Campus (in the city of Abrantes). Today, about 3500 members are integrated into our academic community: 3000 of them are students, 300 are teachers and 125 are technical and administrative staff.

Localization

The IPT is located in the center of Portugal, in the city of Tomar.

IPT has a privileged geographical position by the central position and proximity to the administrative capital, Lisbon (about 1 hour drive). In the vicinity of the region also are the Spanish border (about 1h30 drive) and the second most importante city in the country Porto (around 2 hours drive).



The city

Tomar is a médium-size city located on th banques of the river Nabão, , with about 40,677 thousands inhabitantes.

The streets and squares of the picturesque centre of Tomar are organised following a chessboard pattern. Scattered throughout the town there are many interesting houses with Renaissance, Baroque and Romantic façades. On a small Island in the middle of the river Nabão there is a park, the Mouchão gardens, that offers nice views of the city nd its surroundings.

Tomar is also know as Templar city. The Templar Castle / Convent of Christ was seat of the Order of the Temple until 1314, and of the order of the Christ from 1357. It is one of the most significant historical and artistic monuments in Portugal, and that's the reason it has been listed in 1983 in the UNESCO World heritage. Walking in this corridors you can almost feel the past and the way the Templars and Knights of the Order of Christ used to live.



Our 2nd International Staff Week is open to teachers and administrative staff of the following areas:

- International relations;
- Engineering;
- Humanities (Archaeology, History, Conservation and Restoration, and others);
- Arts (Design Graphic; Photography; Cinema and Video);
- Management;
- Tourism;
- Media Studies.

Costs

Our Staff Week has no registration fees. The welcome lunch and dinner are included in the programme as the tourist visit to the city, but the costs with travelling, accommodations and meals shall be supported by the participants. However the participants from our ERASMUS + partner universities can apply, in their own Universities, for an ERASMUS + grant to support these costs.

Accommodations

You have a lot of good possibilities of lodging in Tomar. You can find the different options in http://www.cm-tomar.pt/index.php/pt/visitar-2/onde-dormir. If you want we can help you book a room,

you just need to mention that in your application

Travelling to Tomar:

The airport most closely to Tomar city is the Lisbon Airport. From this airport it is easy to get to Tomar by train, bus or car. You can find information "How to get to Tomar" in our webpage http://www.gri.ipt.pt/download/site/gri/GITownsandhowtogetthere.pdf

Submit your application:

To submit your application please return us the application form attached completed until April 30th 2017 to: gri@ipt.pt

Preliminary programme

12 -16 June 2017

Monday (12-06-2017)

11:00 - 11:30 — Registration

11:30 – 11:50 – Opening session and Welcome address by the President of IPT, Eugénio Pina de Almeida

11:50 - 12:10 - Conceição Catroga, Director of International Relations Office of IPT

12:10 – 12:30 – Musical cultural event

12:30 - 14:00 - Free Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 – Visit to IPT Campus in Tomar

Tuesday (13-06-2017)

9:00-12:30-Sessions on the theme: BUILDING HIGHER EDUCATION WITHOUT WALLS

12:30 - 14:00 - Free Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 – Students presentations – Erasmus Mundus Master

17:00 – Closing session - Musical cultural event

17:00 - 19: 30 - Free time

Wednesday (14-06-2017)

10:00 – 12: 30 – Brief introduction to Portuguese Culture

12:30 - 14:00 - Free Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 – Brief Presentation of participants and partner Universities;

16:00 – 16:15 – Coffee Break

16:15-18:15 — Workshop - Exchange of good practices: "Recruitment international students"

Thursday (15-06-2017)

Holiday – Free day



Friday (16-06-2017)

10: 00 11:00 - Visit to IBM – Best practices on cooperation between Higher Education Institutions and Enterprises

11:00 – 12:30 – Optional individual meetings with teachers, staff, students

12:30 – 14:00 – Free lunch

14:00 – 18:00 – Visit to the Convent of Christ



