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ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2023

“Artificial Intelligence & the One Health Triad Challenges for
Life Science Universities”

19 - 20 October 2023

JUNIA grande école d'ingénieurs, Lille, France



The outcomes of the Forum were delivered in the Communiqué

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Announcement



ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2024

‘The Future of Agriculture: Implications for Life Science Universities’

24-25 October 2024

Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb, Croatia

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Achievements in 2023 – 2024

Biodiversity Challenge at European Life science Universities #BioBlitz

- 19 Universities
- BioBlitz Virtual observatory/ Register
- BioBlitz [Communication platform](#)
- Biodiversity photo competition

SAVE THE DATE!

**Closure event on 28 June 2024,
15:00-16:30 CET**

Invite your rector!



BIODIVERSITY PHOTO COMPETITION
27 May – 21 June 2024

STEPS TO TAKE:

1. Take a picture for the Biodiversity Challenge and upload it to the app.
2. Additionally upload your best picture via the QR-code.
3. Vote for your favourite pictures.

The three best photographers have the opportunity to win Geisenheim University wine.

ICA Excellence Awards 2024

Categories:

- ✓ ICA Excellence Award – Life Time Achievements
- ✓ ICA Excellence Award – Networking
- ✓ ICA Excellence Award – Early Stage Academic

The winners of the ICA Excellence Award 2024 will be announced on the 24-25 October, in Zagreb, during the Rectors and Deans Forum.

ICA Excellence Awards 2023



Prof. Martin Gerzabek,
BOKU, Austria

Category of Life time
Achievements

Mattias Tips,
KU Leuven, Belgium,
IROICA

Category of Networking



Achievements in 2023 – 2024

- **Horizon Europe funded project eNaBLS - education and Nature-Based solutionS: enable society to bend the curve for biodiversity (2024-2026)**

Benefits for ICA members

- Experts from CZU, VMU, SLU, Avans University of Applied Sciences are directly involved in the project
- 7 Living Labs across the Europe
- Series of workshops at national and EU levels
- Open Science policy dialogue on NbS and biodiversity loss
- Open Access modules and training guides
- Surveys, reports and recommendations on NbS application in HE curriculums
- ICA Membership at the 2 NbS Task Forces on Education, and Policy.





ICA Board Committee Europe



ICA membership at the European Circular Stakeholders **Leadership groups** on: **Bioeconomy, and Biodiversity and climate**



In a collaboration with LG on Biodiversity and climate, the **policy paper 'Towards a biodiversity-inclusive and climate-friendly circular economy'** were prepared and presented at the World Circular Economy Forum in Brussels



Providing expertise at the **EU project FoodPaths advisory board**



Advocating and representing ICA at the EU level events, conferences



Consulting ICA Board on ICA EU Policy implementation



ICA Community of Practice for Bioeconomy Education (ICA-CoP Bio-Edu)

✓ **Workshop 2023:** “Engaging with industry to ensure that graduates and professionals are well prepared for employment in the Bioeconomy” (26-28 April)

✓ **International Summer School:** “Circular Bioeconomy and Sustainable Development”, together with University Athens (28 June – 1 July)



Chair
Han van Osch

Avans University
of Applied
Sciences

Organized by



6th International Summer School on Circular Bio-economy and Sustainable Development

SAVE THE DATE!	Schedule
28 JUNE-1 JULY 2024	28 June 10:00-19:00 CET
	29 June 10:00-19:00 CET
	30 June 10:00-19:00 CET
	1 July 10:00-19:00 CET

REGISTRATION: ISSCBS@gmail.com
CONTACT PERSON: Prof. Dr. Konstantinos Vorgias, cvorgias@biol.uoa.gr

ICA Network for Innovation in Life Sciences Higher Education (ICA Edu)

5 Webinars:

- ✓ A One Health module: history and evolution at the University College Dublin (7 December 2023)
- ✓ Extracurricular activities and their importance in the academic environment: the EFSET example (22 June 2023)
- ✓ AI can do your students' written assignments, so what now for assessments? (3 May 2023)
- ✓ Engaging students in extra-curricular activities (23 February 2023)
- ✓ Using granular data sets to improve student retention, progression and outcomes and to address awarding gaps (17 January 2023)

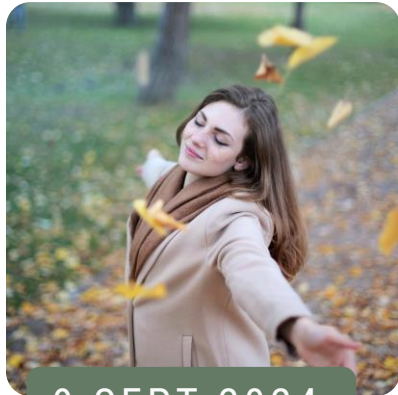
✓ 1 Workshop:

ICA-Edu Online Workshop: The student engagement challenge (27 April 2023)



**Chair Julian
Park**

Pre-Forum workshops chaired by ICA Board Education Committees



9 SEPT 2024

ONLINE

AI and entrepreneurship education, with a focus on social entrepreneurship



25 OCT 2024

University of Zagreb

Engaging with the corporate world to enhance the provision by life science universities of lifelong learning for professionals in the Bioeconomy



24 OCT 2024

University of Zagreb

Developing best teaching and learning practices for the professional use of AI in Life Science Higher Education

Changes in ICA Board

Stepping down

Dean Ivica Kisić

Faculty of Agriculture,
University of Zagreb, Croatia

Nominated for election

Dean Marina Pintar

Biotechnical Faculty, University
of Ljubljana, Slovenia

New ICA members



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