

Title of Partnership**(EMMAPA) Erasmus Mundus Master in Adapted Physical Activity Partnership****Masters Course running the Partnership**

EMDAPA – Erasmus Mundus Master in Adapted Physical Activity

Duration: 2 years

Summary description

In the dynamically changing world, the issues of globalisation influence on the sustainable development of the Adapted Physical Activity (APA) as an academic discipline present a significant challenge for the European APA scientists. In terms of the internationalisation process, the objectives of the Partnership between the Consortium of the Erasmus MUNDUS Master Programme in Adapted Physical Activity and the third country universities are to discuss means of co-operation through exchanging expertise in teaching and research. At the times of increasing demands toward the service provision, our aim is to reach excellence in the preparation of human resources with essential scientific backup in the area of APA.

The mobility co-operation will enable the students and the academic staff to gain experience abroad which in term will enrich our European programme with intercultural aspects.

Keeping in mind that the development of the APA science has longer traditions in North America and Australia than in Europe, the Partnership will contribute in real terms to increase the quality of the European dimension of APA.

By exchanging expertise in APA, the ultimate goal of the Partnership is to increase the quality of life of persons with disabilities across their life-span through participation in quality programmes of APA.

In order to develop all the aspects of the planned collaboration, the initially foreseen duration of the partnership is two years. With the purpose of ensuring the quality and the effectiveness of the Partnership, the common activities were planned and institutional contracts were signed.

The universities involved in this partnerships are the four universities of the Master Consortium: The Catholic University of Leuven (KUL), Belgium; The University of Limerick (UL), Ireland; The Palacky University Olomouc (UP), Czech Republic and The Norwegian University of Sport and Physical Education (NUSPE), Norway. The third country universities, involved in the partnership are: The University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia), The Stellenbosch University (South Africa) and The Curry University of Virginia (USA).

The partnership activities are mainly focused on exchange of teaching methodologies, developing of common evaluation methods for assessment of the effectiveness of the different teaching methodologies, further development of the current e-learning methods used in the master programme, teaching assignments and common research on introducing of ICT in the APA education. The three third country partner universities will offer to the European students a practical training with a specific population of disabled persons, supervision in the research process and expert guiding in the preparation of the master thesis in partnership with a supervisor from the Consortium.

In the scheme of outgoing mobility, 15 outstanding students will be selected to conduct their practical training and part of the research activities for a period of up to three months in one of the partner universities, with respect to the common research activities as well. The outgoing scholars will be selected according their academic records and by issues of common interests between the partners.

The language of instruction is English.

Beneficiary

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Universita Palacheho v Olomouci, Czech Republic
University of Limerick, Ireland

Third-country partner institutions

University of Queensland, Australia
University of Virginia, USA
Universiteit Stellenbosch , South Africa

Grant

198 000 € (30 000 € partnership + 168 000 € scholarships)