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Election of the new RETI President, first meeting of the Scientific and Academic Council (CSA), 3rd Symposium and 4th RETI School

The *Università degli studi di Sassari* (Sardinia) headed by his President, Prof. Attilio Mastino, hosted from June 17th - 21st 2013 4 events of the Excellence Network of the Island Territories (RETI): the Governing Committee during which the new RETI President was elected, the first meeting of the CSA, the 3rd symposium and the 4th RETI School.

Election of the new RETI President and Governing Committee

José Regidor García, President of the Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Canary Islands, Spain) was elected unanimously new President of the RETI during the Governing Committee held on June 20th 2013 at Porto Conte Ricerche. He takes over from Prof. Antoine AIELLO and Prof. Paul-Marie ROMANI (University of Corsica), who had been both successively Presidents of the RETI since July 2010. Prof. José Regidor Garcia's term of office will last from June 2013 to June 2015.



RETI members at Porto Conte Ricerche (Alghero, Sardinia)

During the Governing Committee, the actions led by the network since July 2010 were assessed. Then, the discussion on the necessity to change the RETI bylaws was an important point since 2 new bodies were created after the decisions made in Lesvos during our last Governing Committee of October, 20th 2012: the RETI permanent executive direction funded by the University of Corsica and the Academic and Scientific Council (CSA). The last point concerned the forthcoming actions of the network.

Scientific and Academic Council

Similarly to the Governing Committee, the first CSA meeting was held. The 26 RETI member universities appointed 1 permanent representative and 1 substitute to sit in the CSA and represent their institution (total: 52 representatives sitting in the CSA).

The CSA aims at defining and selecting the forthcoming academic and scientific projects to be brought by the network.

RETI School and Symposium

12 students from the network universities attended the 4th RETI School on «Medieval and Post Medieval Archaeology» that took place from June 17th to 21st 2013 in Siligo and Alghero.

The Symposium "The seas of the islands" was held on June 20th 2013 at Porto Conte. More than 40 students, teachers and PhD students attended the Symposium structured within 2 sessions: humanities and exact sciences.

And now, what's next?

The next RETI Events will be hosted by the University of Prince Edward Island (Canada) at the beginning of July 2014 on the topic «*Livable islands : Culture, Politics, Economy and Environment* ».

Focus on the new President of the RETI



José Regidor García, President of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and new President of the RETI, has been Professor of Cell Biology since 1992 at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

His professional career stands out for having worked as a teacher in various national and international universities: teacher at the University College of Las Palmas (1976-1983), visiting professor at the Faculty of Medicine at Boston University (1979-1980), Associate Professor of Cytology and Animal and Plant Histology at the University of Granada (1983), professor and head of the department of Biology at the University College of Las Palmas (1983-1987) and visiting professor at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Copenhagen (Denmark, 1985-1997). He has developed his research in the field of neuroscience, and in recent years has focused on the study of cell biology of the Alzheimer's disease.