



#### ISSUE NO. 003/2021 | GCUB'S MAIN ACTIONS IN JUNE/2021



# **EDITORIAL**

Issue 003/2021 of the InfoGCUB Newsletter presents a summary of the main activities developed by GCUB in June 2021.

This newsletter is divided into 6 parts and contains the programs developed in June; the webinars and workshops promoted by the Association during the month; actions aimed at language training (English and Spanish); and the meetings held with national and international partners. Finally, we will introduce the new GCUB Special Consultants.

Enjoy your reading!

GCUB Executive Board and Advisory Committee

### **PROGRAMS**

# **PROAFRI SELECTION**

In June, the GCUB concluded the second and third selection phases of candidates for the second edition of the Training Program for Higher Education Professors from African Countries - ProAfri.

The second selection phase: analysis of the merits and admissibility of candidates was carried out by universities participating in ProAfri. On this phase, 148 applications were recommended, out of a total of 270.





The third phase: Final selection took place from June 28th to 30th, carried out by the Evaluation Advisory Committee, composed of the following members:

- Prof. Dr. Cristina Russi Guimarães Furtado (UERJ),
- Prof. Dr. Fernando Guilherme Perazzo (UFPB),
- Prof. Dr. Pâmela Billig Mello Carpes (UNIPAMPA),
- Prof. Dr. Patrícia Melchionna Albuquerque (UEA),
- Prof. Dr. Paulo César Ghedini (UFG) and
- Prof. Dr. Vinicius Menezes de Oliveira (FURG).

Counselor Fernando Mendonça de Magalhães Arruda and Ms. Beatriz Tembe, from the Brazilian Embassy in Maputo, Mozambique, Ms. Carla Caomba, from the Scholarships Institute of Mozambique - IBE, and the Executive Director of GCUB, Professor Rossana Silva, also participated in the meetings and observed the work of the Commission.

At this stage, the candidates admitted by universities in the previous phase were distributed and classified. GCUB sent the results to the universities participating in the Program for their approval. The final result will be published on July 12, 2021.

For more information access: https://www.gcub.org.br/programas/proafri/.

# **PROLAC SELECTION**

In June, the GCUB began the selection of candidates for the First Edition of the Training Program for Higher Education Professors for Latin America and the Caribbean - ProLAC, promoted by the GCUB in partnership with the Unión de Universidades de América Latina y el Caribe – UDUAL and the support of UNESCO/IESALC.

In this edition of ProLAC, 16 applications were received from candidates from the following countries: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Mozambique, and Peru.



Eight candidates were approved in the first selection phase: document consistency analysis, carried out by GCUB and UDUAL.

On June 30, the universities participating in the Program began the second selection phase: analysis of the candidates' merit and admissibility. This step will be completed by July 16, 2021, and **the final result** will be published on August 9, 2021.

For more information, please visit: https://www.gcub.org.br/programas/prolac/.



# **WEBINARS**

### BRAZILIAN CULTURE, HISTORY, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

On June 2, 2021, the Executive Director of GCUB, Professor Dr. Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva, conducted the webinar: "Brazilian Culture, History, and Higher Education" for professors and students of the partner institution Universiti Brunei Darussaram, Brunei.

The event lasted 1 hour and 30 minutes and was broadcast virtually, in English, through the Zoom platform. This webinar received 19 registrations.





### HISTORY AND CULTURE IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

On June 8, 2021, GCUB promoted the webinar "History and Culture of Brunei Darussalam", in partnership with Universiti Brunei Darussalam - UBD.

The event lasted 1 hour and 30 minutes and was broadcast live, in English, on the GCUB YouTube channel. This webinar received 207 registrations from representatives from 9 countries.

**Speaker:** Professor Noralipah Mohamed (*Universiti Brunei Darussalam* – UBD, Brunei).

Moderator: Professor Rita Maia (Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco – UFRPE).

### U.S. EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

On June 30, 2021, GCUB promoted the webinar "U.S. Educational Experience in Houston, Texas", in partnership with North American University – NAU.

The event lasted 1 hour and was broadcast live, in English, on the GCUB YouTube channel. This webinar received 221 registrations from representatives from 14 countries.

#### Speakers:

- President Serif Ali Tekalan (North American University).
- Provost Dr. Faruk Taban (North American University).



Moderator: Professor Vinicius Menezes de Oliveira (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande - FURG).



# LANGUAGE TRAINING



### 2ND SKILL-BASED WORKSHOP FOR THE TOEFL IBT TEST

On June 24, the 2nd Skill-Based Workshop for the TOEFL iBT Test started. The event was promoted free of charge by the GCUB in partnership with the Educational Testing Service - ETS. Two sessions were held, and both of them were broadcast live through GCUB's Youtube channel.

In the first session of the workshop, ETS Directors in Brazil presented an overview of the English proficiency test TOEFL iBT and Reading and Listening skills, which are assessed on the exam. The second session covered Speaking and Writing skills.

A total of **1295 participants** were selected to participate in the workshop: professors, undergraduate students, graduate students, and technical-administrative staff from **42 Brazilian universities** associated with GCUB.

For more information, please visit: https://www.gcub.org.br/agenda/2-skill-based-workshop-for-the-toefl-ibt-test/.

### BENEFITS OFFERED BY CERVANTES INSTITUTE

In June, 11 new interested professors, students, and administrative staff from universities associated with GCUB were registered to receive the benefits of the partnership established between GCUB and **Cervantes Institute,** world's largest institution dedicated to teaching Spanish.

Through this partnership, students, faculty, and staff from universities associated with GCUB can receive exclusive benefits:

- Free placement test.
- Free virtual library booklet.
- 25% discount on all courses.
- 25% discount on taking the DELE proficiency exam.

The benefits will be offered by the eight Cervantes Institutes in Brazil, located in the following cities: Belo Horizonte - MG, Brasília - DF, Curitiba - PR, Porto Alegre - RS, Recife - PR, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Salvador - BA, and São Paulo - SP.

Those interested in receiving the benefits of this partnership should contact the International Relations Sector of their home university and request the inclusion of their data in a specific spreadsheet, whose link was sent via email to the Brazilian universities associated with the GCUB.



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### **MEETINGS**

#### In June, GCUB participated in 6 meetings.

June 7, 2021 Meeting with North American University - NAU.

June 17, 2021Meeting of Institutional Coordinators of the Brazil Scholarships Program<br/>PAEC OAS-GCUB.



Photo: Meeting of the Brazil Scholarships Program PAEC OAS-GCUB with the presence of Institutional Coordinators and Vice-Coordinators of the Program and the Executive Director of GCUB, Prof. Rossana de Souza e Silva.

June 18, 2021Meeting with representatives of universities associated with the GCUB or<br/>the Unión de Universidades de América Latina y el Caribe - UDUAL on the<br/>Training Program for Higher Education Professors in Latin America and the<br/>Caribbean - ProLAC.



Photo: ProLAC meeting with the presence of UDUAL Secretary General, Dr. Roberto Escalante, Rectors, Vice-Rectors, and International Advisors from universities associated with GCUB or UDUAL, and the GCUB Executive Director, Prof. Rossana de Souza e Silva.

June 24, 2021

XVII Meeting of the GCUB Advisory Committee.

June 28-30, 2021

Meeting of the Evaluation Advisory Committee of the Training Program for Higher Education Professors from African Countries - ProAfri.



Photo: Meeting of the Evaluation Advisory Committee with the presence of the members of the Committee, and also Counselor Fernando Arruda and Ms. Beatriz Tembe, from the Brazilian Embassy in Maputo, and the Executive Director of GCUB, Prof. Rossana de Souza e Silva.



June 30, 2021

Meeting with the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Organization of American States - OAS.



Photo: Meeting with the presence of: Secretary Jackson Oliveira (OAS), Prof. Thiago Paluma (UFU), Prof. Iracilda Sampaio (UFPA), Vinícius Oliveira (FURG) and Executive Director of GCUB, Prof. Rossana de Souza e Silva.

# **NEW SPECIAL CONSULTANTS**

GCUB is pleased to introduce the professors who have joined the Association's Board of Special Consultants as of June 2021:



**Prof. Abdeljalil Akkari** Université de Genève Switzerland



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