

European Doctoral Programme in Career Guidance and Counselling



Dear participants of our first Ecadoc Summer School,

If, on the one hand, the reality in which we live is hard, as Vera Zamagni has reminded us, on the other hand, it became evident the need for significant and incisive contributions, ideas and actions that can help our society to face the challenges of our time.

Here we have an important role: to provide ideas, thoughts, examples, materials, which must be different from those of the past. And to be able to actually help people, we need to conduct high-quality research together.

In essence, we need to demonstrate to our societies that we are able to provide answers, to renew career guidance and counselling and give visibility to our field.

To do this, a way that we can try to follow is to work together in European research groups. We recognized your excitement and interest for this goal and thank you for joining forces with us to overcome the isolation of solitary research and engage in joint research projects in the future. We are attaching the words of Jenny Marcionetti about a European research activity that is already in progress among young European researchers of different nations.

In Rome, on 23rd Sept., about thirty researchers of different universities, belonging to the Italian University Network for Counselling, met, applauding our efforts and highlighting the important role that must be covered by interdisciplinary and collaboration between different universities. Several collaborative research projects that we are now kicking off in Italy are listed below. If anyone of you, or other colleagues of your university is interested in participating in one of them I'd be glad to put you in touch with the Italian researchers so that our and their work has an international flavor.

Research projects in the Italian University Network for Counselling

1. Future and life design of prisoners
2. New ideas for the university counseling
3. Counselling projects in the hospital setting and in the field of medical oncology
4. Career construction and involvement of parents
5. Reflectivity and argumentation in counselling
6. Courage and Life Design
7. Counselling and death education
8. The use of stories in counseling
9. Indicators of effectiveness and efficiency in counselling

Best Regards

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