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ICORE to Launch Debate on Bridging Open Research and Education at OEB

ICORE to Discuss Connecting Open Research and Education with UNESCO, European Commission at Online Educa Berlin 2013

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Essen, November 2013 – On 5th December 2013, ICORE, the international Council for Open Research and Education, will lead the discussion during Online Educa Berlin 2013 concerning innovation connecting the fields of open research and open education. Representatives from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the European Commission, and the European Distance and E-Learning Network will join ICORE co-founder Christian M. Stracke to discuss examples of projects, papers, and methods, and more regarding this conceptual connection. The international conference Online Educa Berlin (OEB), with more than 2,000 participating experts from over 100 countries, is the unique opportunity to globally debate the connection between open research and open education.

Open research and open education share philosophies, but exchanges or direct collaboration between actors in the two areas are rare. By bringing the agendas of these fields together, ICORE will explore commonalities and possible points of improvement. The collection of best practices advancing the connection of open research and education in the ICORE Wiki will support international cooperation between individuals and groups active in the fields.

All professionals and researchers working to coordinate interaction and communication between the fields of open research and education are thus welcome to join ICORE free-of-charge and present their work through the ICORE Wiki. Insightful contributions will be shared during the session "How to Bridge Open Research and Open Education to Modernise Learning, Education and Training" (GLL03) from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at Online Educa Berlin on Thursday, 5th December 2013.

The ICORE Wiki can be found at <u>http://wiki.icore-online.org</u>.

All ICORE activities and free membership application at <u>http://www.ICORE-online.org</u>.

More details on the session at OEB 2013 can be found at <u>http://www.online-educa.com/ap/programme_detail.php?id=GLL03</u>.

About the International Council for Open Research and Education:

ICORE, the International Council for Open Research and Education (<u>www.ICORE-online.org</u>), is bringing together interested experts and stakeholders from the fields of open education and open research. ICORE is completely non-profit, requires no membership fees to join, and is open to both representatives of organizations as well as individuals. The complete first public draft ICORE's statutes can be found at <u>www.ICORE-online.org/membership</u> and are open to further improvement by ICORE members.

ICORE offers membership to any organizations or individuals who support the association's goals of promoting open research and open education as a fundamental social objective. This promotion is to be accomplished through the fostering of collaboration between relevant stakeholders in open research and education, such as international, regional and national policy makers, researchers, educators of all levels, students, research organizations as well as education include common events with all interested organizations (e.g., conferences, summer schools, etc.), an open and lively online community, the organization of scientific and educational initiatives and the establishment of creative partnerships between ICORE members to advance open research and open education internationally. ICORE will be designed to make collaboration a rewarding experience for all members.

Joining ICORE is easy: interested applicants can visit the ICORE application website (<u>http://www.ICORE-online.org/join-us</u>) and enter their information. A representative of the ICORE management team will contact applicants as soon as possible after said information has been submitted.

Interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to spread the word the new association ICORE and its goals with colleagues and through dissemination channels – ICORE looks forward to your valuable involvement in this new and innovative association.

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