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To study in 21st Century without boundaries

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Education, culture, dialogue and international cooperation. There are no doubts. For the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO, this is the road to get far beyond the boundaries of a traditional university, allowing to attend (bachelor and specialising) degree courses, research doctorates, master's courses issuing academic titles acknowledged in Italy, in Europe and in some Arab Countries of the Mediterranean Area. Not only video lessons and a cutting-edge teaching model, recognised, as an example worldwide for the enrolled students, but also a satellite channel (RAI NETTUNO SAT), a Web TV, special contents, author's lessons, an orchestra with musicians from the Mediterranean countries, networked events for everybody.

The rector, Maria Amata Garito, who is also professor of teaching and learning technologies at the Psychology Faculty of the University of Rome "La Sapienza", says "In the light of the changes that the new technologies produced in the systems of knowledge coding and transfer and in the process of internationalisation of the economy and markets, it is apparent that traditional educational systems of the various countries of the world have great limits and are not longer suited to meet the educational needs of the students of the 21st Century". UNINETTUNO is the tan-



Above: Last October's ceremony at Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt, for the awarding of the degrees in Computer Engineering in the Arab and English language.
Beside: The Rector Garito with two neo-engineers.



gible proof that the method it uses actually works: we have a distance university that, by overcoming space and time boundaries, becomes naturally engaged in an internationalisation process and offers the citizens an opportunity to access knowledge from anywhere.

All this is carried on in cooperation with traditional educational and training structures, yet by adopting different approaches. "This process, enhanced by computer-based technologies – the Rector Garito continues – tend to

build a global pedagogical society within the information society. The awareness of this fact emphasises the value and importance of cooperation among the academic institutions of different countries which is aimed at producing educational contents to be put on the virtual spaces of the Internet and at jointly realising the systems and structures for new models of distance university and of quality e-learning". So, it happened that, beginning October 2012, in the premises of the Helwan

University in Cairo, the ceremony of awarding of the degrees in Computer Engineering to over 50 Egyptian students, enrolled in the degree course, developed in the Arab and English languages, took place. For the first time, these students, by studying at distance, were able to get a study title recognised in Europe as well as in Egypt, since the e-learning study titles, delivered by UNINETTUNO, are the only ones in the world that are recognised by the Egyptian Government. That is the evidence of an academic institution that, day by day, is ever-increasingly engaged in a constant process of internationalisation of the university, aiming at meeting current educational needs, at coming up to young people's expectations and at giving some opportunities on the ever-more aggressive and competitive new global markets of labour.

UNINETTUNO can rely on the only e-learning portal in the world in which teaching and learning are carried on in 6 languages: Italian, English, French, Arabic, Greek and Polish.

Today this is a great university where students and professors "meet". "Our over 12 thousand students come from 40 different countries of the world and study from their homes thanks to the lectures delivered on the screen by the best European, American and Arab World lecturers. – Garito says – "With no more space

and time limits they are able to attend the university, given that the places where teaching is delivered are no longer only the lecture halls, but open spaces, museums, cultural centres, workplaces, students' homes, cybercafés. From anywhere in the world, you can decide whether to study in Italian, Arabic, English or French, on television or on the Internet, being awarded a study title recognised in Italy, in Europe and the Mediterranean Countries".

UNINETTUNO was established with the decree of the 15th April 2005 by the Ministry of Education, University and Research, and took origin from the teaching model of NETTUNO – Network per l'Università Ovunque, a consortium of 43 Italian public universities and companies, such as RAI and Telecom Italia, through which since 1992 thousands of students obtained a distance university degree using TV and the Internet. "But it took origin – the Rector explains – also from the international success of Med Net'U Project, that stands for Mediterranean Network of Universities, funded by the European Commission in the framework of the EU-MEDIS Programme, and aimed at the realisation of the Euro-Mediterranean Distance University". Thanks to Med Net'U they implemented a network including 31 universities of 11 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Region.