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Conference in Rome focuses on e-learning for migrants

Ministry and UNINETTUNO, develop technology for integration

A conference taking place in Rome October 19-21 will demonstrate new university models based on digital technologies with teaching proposals that aim to give migrants and refugees a concrete chance to integrate in the countries hosting them.

The conference, titled "The Online, Open and Flexible Higher Education-Enhancing European Higher Education: Opportunities and Impact of New Modes of Teaching", is a collaboration between Antonianum, EADTU (European Association of Distance Teaching Universities), and UNINETTUNO International Telematic University.

Italian Education Minister Stefania Giannini and Uninettuno Rector Maria Amata Garito will open the conference. UNINETTUNO is a leader in the e-learning sector with a didactic portal in five languages. More than 550 institutional representatives, delegates, rectors, teachers and researchers will participate in the conference, representing countries including the United States, Canada, Argentina, South Africa, India, Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Russia, Japan, and Europe. Results from various research projects in the digital technology sector applied to teaching will be presented, while proposals and reports will come together in the Rome Declaration at the close of the conference on October 21.

A portal created by UNINETTUNO, which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary, will also be presented at the conference, titled "University for refugees: Instruction without borders", as well as 50 scholarships for students with international protection status, thanks to which various Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Germany are now university students.

"Just by collaborating in a constructive way with the universities of various countries worldwide, and in particular with the countries of the Arab world and Sub-Saharan Africa, and comparing our histories and cultures, we can build a future of peace," said Maria Amata Garito.

"Giving migrants and refugees the opportunity to obtain a degree means giving them back their dignity and giving them the courage to move forward, with faith in humanity and the hope to build a better future."