# **STAFF WEEK PARTICIPANTS:**



## **CZECH REPUBLIC**

BRNO: Masaryk University - Centre for International Cooperation





# **Denisa FOLDESIOVA**International programme coordinator

I am the International Programmes Coordinator at the Centre for International Cooperation at Masaryk University, Czech Republic. I am responsible for the Erasmus+ outgoing students. Previously, I was in charge of the outgoing/incoming academic and non- academic staff exchanges. I was also responsible for the short-time exchange programmes such as summer shools and intensive programmes. I am also a Ph.D. student in general linguistics.

**BRNO: Mendel University -** Faculty of Business and Economics





### Petra KRUPALOVA Study Department

I have been working at the Study department since 2004. I am ensuring the organization side of this department. I am mainly responsible for international students enrolled into the English study programmes offered by our faculty. My duties include dealing with the students requests and complains, sorting and distributing mail as well as giving advice. I am also providing support to handicap students.

HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ: University of Hradec Králové - Philosophical Faculty - PR department





Lenka KAŠPAROVÁ Public Relations manager

Managing of social media of the faculty (Facebook Czech and English, Instagram, Youtube)
Main editor of university website for Czech and English websites
Photographer, Graphic design. Event manager (arranging events for Czech students, international students, prospective students, alumni, public). Dealing with media (press releases etc.)
Creator of promotional materials (leaflets, brochures, posters)

PRAGUE: Charles University - Faculty of Arts



# Sylvie BOUMOVA Head of International Relations Office

Our office is in charge of the student and academic/research mobility based on the direct exchange (University and Faculty agreements), European programs (Erasmus+, CEEPUS, AKTION) or Governmental scholarship.

The department is managing two international programs - East and Central European Studies and Czech Studies Programme.



### AACHEN: FH Aachen University of Applied Sciences - International Office

### **Britta RITZAL**

### **Ass.Head International Affairs**



I'm an exchange coordinator at our Campus in Juelich and responsible for the Incomings and Outgoings within Europe. Furthermore I am in responsible for all other international students at our Campus (currently 40%). We do have introduction concepts, but I am sure it can be improved! I'm always interest to learn from others and to discuss experiences and ideas. The integration of international students at our University is a big task and I know that it is the most important thing in order to be successful in your studies.

### **COLOGNE: University of Köln - International Office**





# Esther KUHLES Trainee at the Department for Incoming Students

I am working as a trainee at the International Office of the University of Cologne (Germany) where I am mainly responsible for the university's 20 different international student associations. Their main goals are improving the integration of international students and organizing cultural events in order to create a greater intercultural awareness between the German and the international students. I have a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies and Social Studies and is currently studying in Languages and Cultures of the Islamic World (Arabic) and Portuguese while working part time at the Department for Incoming Students of the International Office.

### **ERFURT: University of Erfurt - International Office**





Marion KRAUSHAAR Incoming Student Advisor - Associate Director

I am the incoming student advisor and associate director of the International Office of the University of Erfurt. I've been working in the International Office for more than 10 years and help interested foreign students with the application procedure, provide information about our study programmes, preparatory language courses, general administration procedures as well as immigration matters. Personal counseling of international Master, Bachelor and exchange/Erasmus students plays an important role in my everyday work.



### **LESVOS ISLAND: University of the Aegean**





### **Piyi KARAVIA**

I hold a first degree in Philosophy and Social Sciences and a master degree in Social and Historical Anthropology. I have participated in several research programmes of the University of the Aegean. She is also a certified teacher of Modern Greek as a foreign language. I am currently employed at the International Office of Academic Programmes of the University of the Aegean (Lesvos island, Greece) as a project officer of the International Credit Mobility programme.



## **ITALY**

SIENA: University of Siena - International Office





Candida CALVO VICENTE Incoming mobility officer

I see myself as a Mediterranean woman: I was born in France, I was raised in Spain where I spent my childhood and youth, and I've been linving in Italy for 23 years. I started working at the University of Siena (Italy) with international mobility in 2002. The experience of coming from a foreing country (Spain) and having studied abroad, helps me in my everyday work with international students and researchers. In my free time I love reading and hiking in the Tuscan countryside.

### VERCELLI: Piemonte Orientale University Central Administration - Accounting Office





**Paolo CARENZO**Chief of Accounting Office

I'm 37 years old and since 2010 I'm working at UPO dealing with national and international taxation (visiting professors and foreign speakers fees, foreign students scholarships, European fundings), cash management, financial accounting and, more generally, bookkeeping issues.



# **LITHUANIA**



### KAUNAS: Lithuanian University of Health Sciences - International relations and study center/ Departement of Health psychology



Jevgenij RAZGULIN Psychologist - Assistant lecturer

I work as a psychologist for the international students at Lithuanian University of Health Sciences. Also I am a PhD student and an assistant lecturer at the Department of Health Psychology. I am more than happy to participate at this Staff Week as I am working with issues of integration of the international students and the programmes and events which helps the international students to adjust at the new cultural and academic environment.



### KAUNAS: Lithuanian University of Health Sciences - International Relations and Study Centre



Agne JASAUSKAITE International Programme Coordinator

I am International Programme Coordinator responsible for incoming Erasmus students and staff mobility (incoming and outgoing) at LSMU and also I am the university representative for UK and Ireland.

The topic of Staff Week: the Events and Communication for the integration of international students perfectly fits on my professional field. I expect to discouss and share the good practices with other colleagues.

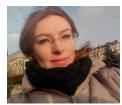
My major talents are writing and communication. I like to travel and discover. I dislike arrogance.

# **POLAND**



WROCLAW: E.Geppert Academy of Art. and Design - International Office





Anna TRZUSKOLAS
Specialist for International Affairs

I have been working in the International Office at the E.Geppert Academy of Art. and Design in Wroclaw for 8 years. I deal with Erasmus+ (both Partner and Programme Countries) students and staff exchange (integration programme, administration student suport, students exhibitions), summer schools and staff weeks. In the past I used to work as a French and Italian translator. I love working in the international environment and learning foreign languages, discovering medieval castles, climbing mountains, ice skating and bike trips.



## **ROMANIA**

IASI: Gheorghe Asachi Technical University of lasi - ViceRector's Office for Didactic Activity





Cristina HANGANU ViceRector's Officer

My Responsibilities are to issue administrative procedures for students: university guidance (choice of study, courses, option), study guidance (learning methods and time management);

I am in charge with all the International Students enrolled at "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of lasi (full-time studies); I promote the image of "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of lasi; collaborates with different services that can help the students during their studies to improve the quality of student life, facilities for students with special needs, Alumni support service, language learning;

Secretary of the Department for Quality Assessment and Quality Assurance of the university - authorization and accreditation of study programs.





### **MARIBOR: University of Maribor - Faculty of Logistics**



Vid MLEJNIK Faculty Coordinator



Born and situated in medieval city Celje, Slovenia, where I've been working at Faculty of logistics for the last 10 years. Academic background in economics but found more challenges working in IT department.

Perhaps my passion for traveling also contributed to being nowadays involved in our International Office as faculty

Erasmus+ coordinator. In free time I try to stay active playing tennis or enjoying some quality time outside wandering nature.



Blaž ŠAMEC Teaching assistant



I'm a teaching assistant at the Faculty of Logistics, University of Maribor, Slovenia, where I deal with the field of technical logistics, including packaging and reverse logistics. I am also part time employee at a mechanical engineering company. In my free time I love to travel and get to know new countries and cultures.

## SPAIN

### BARCELONA: Universitat de Barcelona - Language Services





### **Eulalia PLANAS NIUBO**

### Linguistic technician and Spanish and Catalan teacher - Language Services

I've worked at the Language Services of the University of Barcelona since 1995.

I'm from Badalona, a big town near Barcelona. I work as a teacher.

Introductory courses in Catalan Language are one of the essential parts of the UB's reception programme for visiting students and I have always enjoyed very much teaching these, as I consider them to be a very good way of welcoming the students who come from all over the word. Each language is a unique window on the world and there is a special communion between the participants in the simple and wonderful event that is the act of teaching and learning languages. I do my work with enthusiasm and with affection for the students because I was also once a young woman in a foreign country and I fully understand the feelings of these young people being in that space between the enthusiasm of discovery and the strangeness of being in a country that is not yours.

Although in the last two years I have taken on other duties apart from teaching, like the management and Organization of courses, I still consider myself mainly a teacher: I like teaching, I like young people, I like the university environment.

### VALENCIA: Universitat de Valencia - Tarongers Institutes Support Unit





Gloria ROYO DE LEON PARRA Tarongers Institutes Support Unit

The main objective is the establishment of contacts between administrative and teaching staff in order to share experiences with colleagues from other european universities.

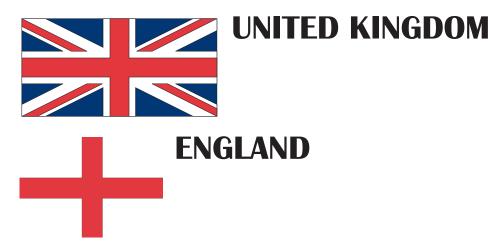
### VALENCIA: Universitat de Valencia - Centre for Education and Quality





Rosa BALLESTEROS
Head of Unit of Economic Department.

I am working in the administration area that belongs to the Center for Education and Quality in which there are two services: The Staff Development and Educational Innovation Service (SFPIE) & the Quality Unit Staff development refers specifically to the training of the staff of the University of Valencia. I am very interested in the Exchange of knowledge between staff of different universities, in order to find better training and especially in matters related to Erasmus students.



### **BIRMINGHAM: Aston University**





### **Modasar RASUL**

**Learner Enhancement Team - Part of Careers & Placements** 

I am a member of the award winning Learning Enhancement Team at Aston University in Birmingham UK where I manage student development programmes. I have over 12 years of experience in student support and transition programmes within schools, colleges and universities in the UK. My experience includes launching a range of highly successful mentoring programmes to support the integration of home, international and exchange students. I sit on a number of advisory boards to support student progression and development, I am a University Adviser for ENACTUS UK and an assessor with Raleigh International where I support the selection process for the International Citizenship Service. I am interested in educational aspirations and international student experience.

### LONDON: Imperial College - International Student Support





Paulina DYL International Student Support Administrator

Imperial College is a world-class university with a mission to benefit society through excellence in science, engineering, medicine and business. We are based at South Kensington Campus, the area which boasts an unbeatable range of free museums and beautiful open spaces (famous Hyde Park is just round the corner and it makes a perfect picnic spot during lunch). Studying at Imperial College is a challenging and rewarding experience. Not all of your time can be spent studying so we organise activities to help you make the most of your student experience. We regularly run trips and social activities for our students, e.g. to see world famous musicals and exciting places around London and the UK. We also help students interested in spending time with British host families anywhere in the UK, in order to learn more about British culture. As well as improving international student experience, the team provides specialist advice on visas to existing and prospective students.

### NOTTINGHAM: Nottingham Trent International College - NTU Global





Chloe BRIDGES
Progression and Mobility Officer

In my role as Progression and Mobility Officer, I support students at Nottingham Trent International College as they prepare to progress to university, and assist students taking part in the International Student Exchange Programme.

By attending this staff week, I hope to learn new ways to encourage the integration of our international students and how to help them settle into life in a new country. I'm part of NTU's Global Student Experience Team, which organises the university's annual Global Week festival, so I am really looking forward to attending the International Day and seeing how the University of Reims celebrates the cultural diversity of its students. I look forward to meeting everyone soon in Reims!

### NOTTINGHAM: Nottingham Trent International College - School of Art and Design

### **Charlene CROSS**

Subject Administrator for Design for Film and Television BA; Subject Administrator for Theatre Design BA



My role is course administrator for Theatre Design and Design for Film and Television. I am support staff based within a School. I am interested in attending because it is important to consider ways to best support students once they join us, as well as how to recruit them. The programme of events at Reims is interesting because it coincides with International Week and the Turbo film Festival. NTU has won the Good University Guide 2018 'Modern University of the Year' and Time Higher Education 'University of the Year 2017' - a destination delegates may consider as a location for their students on a semester exchange.

### PORTSMOUTH: University of Portsmouth - International Office





Joanna ROGASZ Exchanges and Study Abroad officer

My interest is in the integration of our incoming exchange (Erasmus and International) students with our home student population and ensuring the quality of their mobility. I would like to find out more about good practices and share my knowledge related to the student exchanges, with colleagues from other European institutions. I would like to see what do and what does not work at their institutions when it comes to promoting mobilities and getting students involved into the Erasmus+ programme.



# **GIBRALTAR**



GIBRALTAR: University of Gibraltar - Events and Campus administration / Enrolment and Academic Records



Jihane NEHHAS
Campus Administrator and Events Co-ordinator

As Campus Administrator and Events Co-ordinator of the University of Gibraltar, I have a range of responsibilities. I arrange and provide support for all kind of events. These include conference, launches and seminars. I also have other responsibilities such as overseeing the university merchandise, answering student enquiries and contributing to the quality and safety of the student communal facilities and campus space.



GIBRALTAR: University of Gibraltar - Events and Campus administration / Enrolment and Academic Records



Michelle BLAGDEN
Senior Student Experience Officer (SSEO)

I am the Senior Student Experience Officer (SSEO) for the University of Gibraltar. I am responsible for pre-University and early student journey experience. As SSEO I am the first point of contact for student enquiries, student registration and will be responsible for recruitment and outreach as well as attending/organising fairs and open days. I am the key contact/advisor for all matters relating to visas and immigration and advise applying students accordingly. Part of my role is also managing the student information system.



# **SCOTLAND**

PAISLEY: University of the West of Scotland - School of Media, Culture & Society





### Suzanne GALLACHER Education Guidance Adviser

I am working as part of the Creative & Academic Development Team within the School of Media, Culture and Society at the University of the West of Scotland. I am developing and operationalising strategies for student success, including recruitment, progression & retention, student surveys and marketing. Prior to this I was the former Admissions Team Leader, overseeing centralised Admissions processes for domestic and International applications to the University.

I have a BA (Hons) in Sociology, MSc International Management and am looking forward to commencing her PhD in October. I have a profound interest in gender studies, and recently completed a project in how national culture dimensions can affect gender representation in University leadership in Scotland and Croatia.



## **WALES**

BANGOR: Bangor University - International Exchanges Office





# Charlotte FAIRCLOUGH International Exchanges Assistant

I was originally a student of French and German at Bangor University for four years and subsequently I am now completing an Internship at the University in their Exchanges Office. In my administrative role, I answer emails from students, process application forms and sign Learning Agreements. I also organise and co-ordinate our semi-annual Welcome Meetings and Mini-Graduation Ceremonies. I have been on one previous International Week in Helsinki and I hope that the Staff Week in Reims will further broaden my previously gained knowledge. We have a good integration scheme for International Students at Bangor but I hope to learn more over the course of the week.







