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TEN DOCTORAL GRANTS. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS.

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Call for applications for ten Doctoral mobility Grants entitled to “Sofia Corradi Mamma Erasmus” (the Italian scholar who in 1969 invented the Erasmus Programme of the European Union).

Anticipating the celebrations for the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Erasmus Programme, in 2016 the Foundation of the European Academy of Yuste has conferred on Sofia Corradi the “Charles V European Award”, consisting in an amount of 45.000 Euros and in the funding of ten Doctoral mobility Grants. The President of the Italian Republic has given her the honorary title of “Commendatore al Merito della Repubblica” and the Spanish Government has assigned to her the “Great Cross of King Alfonso X the Wise”. She also received the “Humboldt-Newman Prize” of the Italian Association of University Professors (AIDU).

The ten mobility Grants are offered to persons presently registered in a Doctoral Course and now working on their Doctoral Dissertation, in any discipline, concerning European values such as peace, solidarity or equality. Each Grant features elements that make it very desirable: the sum of two thousand and five hundred Euros, attendance in a very qualified international interdisciplinary seminar, publication of the Doctoral Dissertation with the prestigious scientific publisher Peter Lang as well as participation to the international presentation of the book.

Participation is open not only to European Union citizens but also to citizens of neighboring countries, of Latin America, or of the Mediterranean area as specified in the official Call available on line on the website of the Fundacion Academia Europea de Yuste:

<http://www.fundacionyuste.org> or www.fundacionyuste.org

and on the portal

<<https://ciudadano.gobex.es> or <https://ciudadano.gobex.es/>

Working languages are English and Spanish. The deadline for applications is Monday January 30th 2017.

The ten Grants are co-financed by the Foundation of the European Academy of Yuste, by the Region of Extremadura and by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research. These Grants are intended both as a recognition to Sofia Corradi and as an homage to the memory of the Erasmus students (among which seven Italian girls) who, in 2016, lost their lives in the Tarragona bus accident.

RELATED INFORMATION:

The 2016 edition of the “Charles V European Award” has been the tenth. Previously the Award had been given to Jacques Delors (1995), Winfried Martens (1998), Felipe Gonzales (2000), Mikhail Gorbaciov (2002), Jorge Sampaio (2004), Helmut Kohl (2006), Simone Veil (2008), Javier Solana (2010) and

Manuel Barroso (2013). For the 2016 edition several European institutions had submitted a total of twenty nominations. The Jury included scholars from Germany, Great Britain, France and Spain, as well as executives of the European Union.

The ceremony for the issuing of the Award has taken place on May 9th 2016, as part of the official celebrations of Europe Day, in the historical Monastery of Yuste (in Extremadura). The Award has been presented by the King of Spain, at the presence of the President of the European Parliament, of the President of the Education Commission of the same Parliament and of Ministers from different countries. Italy was represented by the Minister of Education, who delivered to the King a letter from the Italian President of the Republic.

Sofia Corradi has been Full Professor of Lifelong Learning in the Faculty of Education of the State University "Roma Tre" (Rome, Italy). As the winner of Fulbright and Columbia University Scholarships, she studied in New York for one Academic Year at the "Graduate School of Law" earning a Master Degree in Comparative Law. Graduated in Law at the University of Rome "La Sapienza", she has done research work at The Hague Academy of International Law and at the London School of Economics. She lives and works in Rome. Her most recent book is *Student Mobility in Higher Education. Erasmus and Erasmus Plus* (2015). The full text of the book (in English or in Italian) can now be downloaded free of charge from website www.sofiacorradi.eu or one can make a link.

From 1987 the Erasmus Programme has exchanged approximately four million students among four thousand European universities and the figure now increases at the rate of one million every three years. In 2014 the Programme, renamed Erasmus Plus, has been expanded. The financial contribution of the European Union has been increased and now amounts to over two billion Euros a year.

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