



Summer Schools 2012

In 2012 the IDEA League offers its students four summer schools, free of charge and including room and board. As seats are limited, students need to qualify in a selection process. The target audience are Master and PhD students in the relevant scientific areas.

IDEAL Renewable Marine Energies at ParisTech, 16-20 July

The summer school provides an overview of Renewable Marine Energy (RME) science and technology and its challenges and success.

Value Sensitive Design for Social Networking at TU Delft, 27-29 August

The summer school caters to the students who are interested in designing social software and understanding its ethical importance.

Cortona Week in Tuscany by ETH Zurich, 8-15 September

A week in Italy under the topic 'No time at all' to bridge the gap between science and arts and to foster interdisciplinary thinking.

IDEAL Mobility at RWTH Aachen, 17-21 September

The summer school identifies the challenges towards future mobility and includes a study trip to Ford production plant at Cologne.

Application process is open until 31 May 2012. You can find the applications and the programmes at <http://www.idealeague.org>

Doctoral School in Ageing

The age of ageing has arrived! Soon, the world, and especially Europe, will go through a demographic transition towards ageing societies. Maintaining a balance between human welfare and economic stability will pose huge challenges.

Research is essential to help societies meet these challenges. Thus, the IDEA League partner universities designed a Doctoral Programme taking up the area of ageing as a collaborative, trans-disciplinary research project. This doctoral programme is the pilot for an envisioned Doctoral School. Financed by the IDEA League the programme will offer places for 25 outstanding PhD students, attending four core modules over two years.

Highlight of the Doctoral Programme is a study trip to Japan, a society at the fore front of the demographic transition towards people having fewer children and living longer. By 2050, the ratio of working age (15-64) to elderly (over 64) will be 1.9 in Europe, 1.3 in Japan. The Doctoral Programme will explore how Japan is engaged in linking sustainability and ageing in policies, technical innovations and research projects. Students will reflect on Japan and identify the needs for transition for Europe. Collaboration in research and joint publications are a long term goal.

The deadline for application is 15 Jul 2012. The programme starts in fall 2012. Information at <http://www.idealeague.org>

IDEA League Sports Event 2012



The much awaited Sports Event of the IDEA League will be hosted by Imperial College London from 13-15 June 2012. Over 200 students from the partner universities are expected to participate. The competitions will include Duathlon, Handball, Olympic Quiz, Table-Tennis, Tennis and Triathlon. In addition, there are various taster sessions for sports including a visit to an Olympic venue and an Olympian Guest Speaker. The competitions, plus party night and BBQ not only bring students together, but also provide opportunities to network and to get information about the opportunities that IDEA League offers.



IDEA League Student Grants

There are 180 monthly grants of up to 1000€ available for 2012. These grants are for short time research stays at the IDEA League partner universities, and are open for Bachelor, Master and PhD students. Please promote this opportunity to the students! <http://www.idealeague.org/education/studentgrant>

Welcome to Ralph Eichler as the new President of the IDEA League



Ralph Eichler, President of ETH Zurich, is serving as the President of the IDEA League for the years 2012 and 2013. Ralph Eichler is a Professor of Physics, and was the Director of Paul Scherrer Institute before he started his term as President of ETH in Sep 2007. He is also a member of the ETH Board and Vice-President of the ETH Zurich Foundation.

Forthcoming Meetings

Sports Event: 13-15 Jun 2012 at IC London
IDEALISTIC: 16-17 Jun 2012 at IC London
Summer School: 16-20 Jul 2012 at ParisTech
Summer School: 27-29 Aug 2012 at TU Delft
OB Meeting: 3 Sep 2012 at RWTH Aachen
Cortona Week: 8-15 Sep 2012 by ETH Zurich
Summer School: 17-21 Sep at RWTH Aachen
Joint Boards Meeting: 18 Oct 2012 at TU Delft
Educational Workshop at TU Delft: Date TBD
Research Workshop at ETH: Date TBD