

ANNUAL REPORT
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WORK WELL DONE WHICH IS ORIENTED TOWARDS RESULTS AND THE GENERATION OF VALUE

We are pleased to present the 2016-2017 annual report. Once again, the figures show the strength, vitality and leadership of the Bages University Foundation (FUB) that has allowed us to expand, deepen and consolidate the offer of higher education in the central regions of Catalonia.

In Manresa we know that fostering drive, innovation and knowledge is a winning bet, and year after year, thanks to the good management of its Board of Directors and the work and the capacity of an excellent teaching and administration and services team, the FUB shows the will to seek the excellence that will allow it to grow and achieve a recognised cultural and academic status.

The data of last year’s annual report ratifies this growth, with new degrees and with the number of students and services. Only a few days ago at the last graduation ceremony, this university reported that it had already surpassed the number of 5,000 graduates throughout its history: a very symbolic figure which corroborates the success of a fully consolidated project.

On this path that exudes optimism, we are adding the latest steps we have taken to dedicate new areas to facilitate teaching and research. Likewise, the approval of the degree of medicine, achieved last May, consolidates the prestige of the FUB in the whole of the Catalan university map reinforcing the role of the UVIC-UCC.

The good health of the FUB is the result of work well done, oriented towards results and the generation of value, and always in parallel to the needs of its surroundings. Let’s not forget that the ultimate goal is to ensure that our young people have the right tools to take full advantage of all the knowledge, experiences, emotions and relationships to build better cities and a better country. Between us all, I am confident that we can achieve this because the future is in our hands.

VALENTÍ JUNYENT I TORRAS
Mayor of Manresa

HARD WORK AND RESULTS WHICH HAVE LIVED UP TO THE CHALLENGE

The *2016-2017 Annual Report* brings an intense year to the end in which a lot of projects have been launched. Some have materialised after many years of discreet but tenacious work such as the green light for the new degree in Medicine of the University of Vic - Central University of Catalonia, or the implementation of the Master’s degree in Simulation Methodology, a pioneer in the Spanish State. Others are the result of the ability of the Bages University Foundation to detect opportunities and needs and shape initiatives that respond to them, such as the UniversiMés programme for a more diverse university, or the Lab on Wheels which expands the potential of the Lab 0-6 to bring science closer to the younger children.

Committed to the city, we managed the 2017 Festival of the Light with the intention of contributing content and reflection to the celebration. Moreover, with the Aigües de Manresa Foundation, we created the Sèquia Prize to give value to the attitudes that made the construction of the medieval channel possible; attitudes that are still fully in force today. Innovators by vocation, we have advanced in the incorporation of simulation methodology in different fields to such a point that we have become a reference point for the whole state; or we have also promoted our research activity with the creation of different research groups and the management of competitive funds. With a broad view, we have made progress in the consolidation of international relationships and alliances that help us take our expertise and knowledge beyond our borders, to different continents around the world.

The university community as a whole has worked hard all these months to make the results that we are presenting possible: in different areas, internally and externally, each of us from our level of responsibility. These results are a sum of efforts that make sense under the umbrella of the values that we share as an institution: the firm commitment to our region and its people, our vocation for innovation and a vision of the world with broad horizons.

VALENTÍ MARTÍNEZ I ESPINOSA
Managing Director

FUB UNIVERSITY IN FIGURES



STUDENTS		GROWTH IN NUMBER OF DEGREE STUDENTS AT THE FUB (1998-2017)	
> 1,479 undergraduate students			
Faculty of Healthcare Sciences: 1,243 · Nursing: 376 · Physiotherapy: 669 · Podiatry: 104 · Speech therapy: 94	16-17	1,479	
	15-16	1,432	
	14-15	1,427	
	13-14	1,546	
	12-13	1,578	
Faculty of Social Sciences: 236 · Business Studies: 85 · Early Childhood Studies: 151	11-12	1,381	
	10-11	1,358	
	09-10	1,210	
	08-09	1,110	
	07-08	1,092	
> 1,369 postgraduate, Master's degrees and lifelong learning students > 267 postgraduate and Master's degree students > 15 University Master's degree students > 553 lifelong learning students > 449 students in company training programmes > 64 students in the FUB+GRAN programme (university studies for people over the age of 55) > 21 students in the UniversiMés programme (university studies for people with an intellectual disability)	06-07	1,055	
	05-06	989	
	04-05	972	
	03-04	994	
	00-01	993	
865 language students 41 CFGS students (1st year of dental prosthesis)	97-98	725	
STUDIES			
> 6 degree titles > 1 advanced vocational training diploma > 1 university Master's degree > 16 postgraduate and Master's degree programmes > 1 MBA > 54 lifelong learning programmes > 66 language courses > 3 FUB+GRAN programme courses > 1 UniversiMés programme course			
TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF			
> 314 undergraduate teachers > 386 postgraduate courses, Master's degree and lifelong learning teachers > 18 advanced vocational training teachers > 28 language service teachers > 68 administration and services members of staff > 37 University Clinic members of staff			

NEW
METHODOLOGIES
AND MODALITIES
FOR THE DEGREE
STUDIES

The complicity with the surrounding region provides value to the undergraduate degrees

Together with the UOC, UManresa makes the degree in speech therapy blended

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> UManresa presents its increased higher educational programme in the “Saló de l’Ensenyament” (Education Fair) with the new blended degree in Speech therapy, with interuniversity certification from the UVic-UCC and the UOC. The new degree in Medicine is also announced which will be available from the 2017-2018 academic year on the Manresa and Vic campuses.

> The Faculty of Healthcare Sciences incorporates simulation as a tool for learning in Physiotherapy studies. With the implementation of this programme, UManresa has become a pioneer in the use of simulation in this degree. Its objective is to enhance the integrating vision of students between the theoretical aspects and the necessary skills to develop themselves professionally in terms of patient care.

> The Experimentation Fair for children from 0 to 6 years old, which is organised by Early Childhood Studies, is visited by 250 children. In addition to the undergraduate students, 60 teachers, who are interested in learning more about how to include science and experimentation in the classroom, actively take part.

> A hundred people participate in the annual symposium organized by UManresa to commemorate the Day of Speech therapy. The day focuses on childhood dysphasia and is coordinated by Tània Dias, a speech therapist who works at the Special Care Unit for the Newborn and Child Development Centre of the Castelo Branco Local Health Unit (Portugal).

> Students of the Degree in Early Childhood Teaching participate in the educational project of Sallent, *Sallent Educa* (Sallent educates). The Town Hall of this Bages town and the university institution sign a collaboration agreement so that the students of the subject *Family, school and local area* can participate in this municipal project, as part of their training as teachers.

> Three students of the Business studies degree win the *CompanyGame Challenge* in the category of finances within the framework of the V Ibero-American Challenge in Business Simulation. Organised by CompanyGame, the competition is the benchmark competition in the field of business simulation for university students in Latin America, with the participation of more than 2,000 students, 270 teachers and 200 universities from countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal and Spain.

> Podiatry studies organise a conference by Australian chiropodist, Angela Evans, of La Trobe University, a world reference in the treatment of flat feet in children, which fills the auditorium.

> Expert patients who have undergone an osteotomy participate in a clinical case seminar on nursing care for these types of surgery aimed at fourth year Nursing degree students.



GROWTH IN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS PER DEGREE

Academic Year	Nursing	Physiotherapy	Podiatry	Speech therapy	Business Studies	Early Childhood Studies
03/04	144	393	195	81	181	–
04/05	117	471	153	72	180	–
05/06	137	493	116	90	151	–
06/07	181	537	87	113	134	–
07/08	224	530	75	124	149	–
08/09	230	502	81	134	163	–
09/10	234	502	92	138	163	82
10/11	299	497	81	145	173	163
11/12	318	471	80	115	164	233
12/13	416	506	97	111	150	298
13/14	437	516	95	93	134	271
14/15	394	538	110	76	103	206
15/16	382	571	104	80	94	201
16/17	376	669	104	94	85	151

GRANTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

	Sum	Number of beneficiaries
FUB grants	€42,000	25
FUB - La Caixa grants	€30,000	15
Salary - grants (Premium programme - degree in Business Studies)	€13,500	9
FUB grant - Erasmus addition	€6,720	18
TOTAL	€92,220	67

NEW MASTER’S
AND POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMMES
TO RESPOND
TO EMERGING
PROFESSIONAL
NEEDS

The FUB establishes
closer ties with South
America

> The CIFIC of UManresa launches the first edition of the Postgraduate degree in Oropharyngeal dysphagia together with the EPAP at the Pere Virgili Health Park in Barcelona. With practical experience and international lecturers, it has been designed specifically for speech therapists who want to specialise in swallowing disorders.

> The first edition of the UManresa Master’s Degree in Neuroeducation begins with a good reception from different types of professionals who value above all its approach to the world of education.

> 50 professionals participate in an insurance and company higher education training programme. The programme, which takes place with groups in Madrid and Barcelona, is the result of the agreement between the Bages University Foundation and the Association of Insurance Brokers of the Eje del Ebro (COJEBRO) and has the participation of the main insurance companies, such as Zurich, Generali, DKV, Allianz, Mapfre or AXA, among others.

> The FUB and the Higher Institute of Law and Economics (ISDE) sign a collaboration agreement to promote ongoing training sessions on a joint basis. One of the first agreements establishes that two of the most successful programmes taught at the

UManresa International Lifelong learning Centre will be held in Madrid: the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Simulation and the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Management.

> The FUB, together with the Health and Social Consortium of Catalonia and the PAHO/WHO Pan American Health Organisation, set up a training programme on clinical trials in La Havana, Cuba. It is a blended training course that aims to enhance the development of clinical trials in Cuba in the coming years.

> The UManresa facilities host a new edition of the emergency drill that is used to test the knowledge of the students of the Master’s Degree in Emergencies in the Outpatient Setting. The session mobilises about a hundred people between collaborators and students. They also participate in an emergency workshop on international cooperation, part of which consists of designing and building a refugee camp. The activity was carried out by *La Cooperativa Humanitaria*, formed by professionals with a broad track record in responding to emergencies and humanitarian crises.



MASTER’S AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

	Area	Number of courses	Number of students
Master's degrees	Health	5	110
	Business studies	2	18
	Education	1	25
	Total Master's	8	153
Postgraduate studies	Health	2	33
	Business studies	6	66
	Total Postgraduate	8	99
MBA	Total MBA	1	15
TOTAL (MASTER'S, POSTGRADUATE AND MBAS)		17	267

LIFELONG LEARNING COURSES AND STUDENTS

Type of course	Number of courses	Number of students
Lifelong learning in health	22	342
Lifelong learning in business studies	3	17
Lifelong learning in education	6	114
In-company training	18	449
Entrepreneurship schools	5	80
TOTAL	54	1,002

RESEARCH
AND INNOVATION
ACTIVITIES GROW
IN UMANRESA

Three research groups
give a real impetus to
investigation at UManresa

UManresa benefits from
competitive funds for
research projects

> The Research and Innovation Department manages an economic aid of 412,000 euros from the European Commission for its participation in the CaregiversPRO-MMD research project. This project, coordinated and led by the UPC, involves the joint work of Catalan, French, English, Greek and Italian research centres and SMEs, and aims to create a virtual platform to support Alzheimer’s patients and their caregivers.

> The Manresa Chamber of Commerce and the Entrepreneurship Support Office of the Manresa campus of the UVic-UCC set up the Entrepreneurship programme *Emprèn la teva empresa (Set up your own business)*. It consists of a personalised support programme for young people between the ages of 16 and 29 who want to start up a business. The training programme deals with the initial idea, going through the definition of the project, the process of setting it up, the organisation, the procedures and the business plan, among other aspects.

> UManresa organises the training of the Texinnova programme aimed at people who want to innovate and develop new products and

projects in the textile industry. This is a project of the Development Agency of Berguedà, the technological centre InnotexCenter CTF of the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, the Medical-Healthcare Textile Association of Berguedà and UManresa. The programme is part of the *CatalunyaEmprèn* project of the Ministry of Business and Knowledge of the Catalan government.

> The Manresa Town Hall and the FUB launch a survey to learn about the perception of the citizens of Manresa regarding health. The data obtained will be used to prepare the Manresa Health Plan 2017-2021. The questionnaire is accompanied by a methodological tool, the Method of Appreciation of Health Perception (MAPS), prepared by the Research and Innovation Department.

> Professors linked to the Business studies degree make up about 40 people who participate in summer schools for entrepreneurs in the Ripollès, Berguedà and Moianès regions.

UMANRESA RESEARCH GROUPS BY FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE

Name of group	Field of knowledge	Number of UManresa members	Number of members from other institutions	Total number of members
Research and Innovation Group in Podiatry, Biomechanics, Physiotherapy and Therapeutic Exercise (GRIBiPoFET)	Medical and healthcare sciences	12	15	27
Research Group on Educational Innovation, Simulation and Patient Safety (GRInDoSSeP)	Medical and healthcare sciences	6	4	10
Research Group on Education, Neuroscience, Experimentation and Learning (GRENEA)	Social sciences	5	0	5

Field of knowledge	Number of groups	%	Number of researchers	%
Medical and healthcare sciences	2	66.7%	37	88.4%
Social sciences	1	33.3%	5	11.6%
TOTAL	3	100.0%	42	100.0%

UMANRESA TEACHING STAFF JOIN OTHER UVIC-UCC RESEARCH GROUPS

UManresa teaching staff taking part	
Medical and healthcare sciences research groups	4
Social sciences research groups	2
TOTAL	6



RESOURCES OBTAINED IN PUBLIC CALLS			
Project	Area	Awarding Institution	Sum awarded
CaregiversPro-MMD	European	European Commission. Horizon 2020	€143,570
Science on wheels. Project to foster creativity and vocation for science	State	FECyT	€22,000
DIALCAT. Diabetes as an accelerator of cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease: a comprehensive approach and adherence to treatment	European - Catalan	FEDER funds of the UE RIS3CAT – Catalan government	€38,217
TOTAL			€203,787



INDEXED PUBLICATIONS (2016)

	Total
WoS	4
Emerging Source Citation Index	1
SCOPUS	3
TOTAL	8

FOSTERING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Area	Activity	Total
Awareness	Conferences	7
Training	Entrepreneurship schools	5
	Students in Entrepreneurship school	80
Support and consultancy	Projects which received consultancy	34
	Companies created	7

Entrepreneurship school	Number of attendees
E.E. Manresa	14
E.E. Texinova	33
E.E. Ripoll	8
E.E. Berga	12
E.E. Moià	13
TOTAL	80

SIMULATION IS SITUATED IN THE HEART OF UMANRESA'S FOCUS ON EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION

UManresa includes simulation methodology in all its different educational courses

CISARC

> UManresa starts the first edition of the Master's Degree in Simulation Methodology taught in Spain. Its objective is to train instructors and facilitators in simulation, although it also gives access to a PhD programme. Students use innovative technologies in their classes, such as 3D or augmented reality, that can enhance the simulation to improve the processes and actions of professionals and ensure the transfer of knowledge in the practical field.

> The Spanish Society for Patient Safety and Simulation (SESSEP) chooses the UManresa-FUB candidacy

to host the 6th Edition of its National Congress that will take place during 2018. UManresa-FUB, through the Centre of Simulation and High Performance Clinic (CISARC), is part of the society since its beginning and has been present in all the congresses held so far.

> The Unió Consorci Formació and the International Centre of Simulation and High Performance Clinic of UManresa launch an on-site simulation programme that consists of a series of workshops for health professionals to develop safe practices in the field of care starting from simulation.

SIMULATION ACTIVITIES AT UMANRESA

	Participants	Simulation Activities
Nursing Degree	427	12
Physiotherapy Degree	736	84
Podiatry Degree	17	3
Speech therapy Degree	30	8
Business Studies Degree	24	3
Lifelong learning	258	29
Master's degree in Simulation Methodology	14	32
TOTAL	1,506	171



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THE LAB 0-6 CAPTURES THE GROWING INTEREST OF SCHOOLS, FAMILIES AND TEACHERS

The mobile version of the Lab 0-6 brings scientific experimentation closer to nursery schools

> 25 children between the ages of 3 and 8 year participate in the first edition of the scientific campus *Enganxa't a la ciència* (*Get hooked on science*) organised by the Lab 0-6. Children carry out activities that are intended to cultivate their curiosity for science and are encouraged to ask questions and become excited by scientific experimentation.

> The director of the degree in Early Childhood Studies, Montserrat Pedreira, talks about the experience of the Lab 0-6 in front of about 700 people, mainly teachers and educators, in the framework of the international seminar dedicated to scientific education in early ages, which is organised by the Faculty of Education of the Catholic University of Santiago de Chile.



> The teacher of the degree of Early Childhood Studies, Gabriel Lemkow, presents Lab 0-6 to ICERI 2016, the International Conference on Education, Research and Innovation held in Seville.

> The Lab 0-6 performs a pilot test of the *Lab on wheels*. The project consists of a van which brings experimentation and science activities to nursery schools throughout Catalonia. In this way, the Lab staff leave their facilities to get closer to those schools that have more difficulty in travelling. The pilot test is possible thanks to the economic support of the Diputació de Barcelona, La Caixa and the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT).



SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE VISITED THE LAB 0-6 BY EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

	Schools	Groups	Children
Nursery Schools	12	24	491
Infant Education	67	204	4,461
Primary Education	2	3	59
Special Education	1	1	10
TOTAL	82	232	5,021

FAMILIES WHO HAVE VISITED THE LAB 0-6

	Visitors
Children accompanied by an adult	564
Other companions	241

INFORMATIVE SESSIONS FOR TEACHERS

	Sessions	Attendees
At the Lab 0-6	8	233
At educational institutions	11	365
During educational workshops	15	1,870
TOTAL	34	2,468

OTHER INFORMATIVE SESSIONS

	Sessions	Attendees
To baccalaureate and Early Childhood Studies CFGS students	24	868
To Early Childhood Studies degree students	4	170
TOTAL	28	1,038

THE CU+ WIDENS ITS SCOPE WITH NEW SPECIALITIES

The CU+ consolidates its collaboration with institutions of the region

UNIVERSITY CLINIC

> The Voice Unit of the University Clinic of Manresa has two courses aimed at both professional singers and amateurs interested in broadening theoretical and practical knowledge about the voice as an instrument. In the first, in addition to the speech therapists Núria Carmona and Asunción Linares and the physiotherapist Olga Borao, the actress and singer Nina participated, who, in addition to being a speech therapist and Pilates teacher, also runs a voice education, training and rehabilitation centre where she has created a comprehensive body and voice training system.

> The APPROP company and the University Clinic of the Bages University Foundation (CU+) sign a collaboration agreement that enables professionals from both institutions to travel to geriatric centres throughout Catalonia to offer them health services. In this way, APPROP, which currently offers dental services in the Bages and Berguedà area, is able to add Speech therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry and Nutrition and Diet professionals to the portfolio of services they currently offer.

> A physiotherapist specialised in neurorehabilitation joins the University Clinic. This specialty deals with patients who have

lost mobility in some part of their body so that they can recover this. It is indicated for people affected by cerebro-vascular accidents, such as an ischemic or haemorrhagic stroke, affected by neurodegenerative diseases (dementia, Parkinson's or multiple sclerosis), affected by cerebral palsy, people with multiple disabilities, people with brain tumours that have an impairment in carrying out activities or movements and patients affected by brain or peripheral nervous system lesions.

> The University Clinic teaches a workshop on basic ergonomics and good back posture to users of Caritas at risk of exclusion in order to train them as home assistants or caregivers of elderly people.

> A collaboration agreement brings the specialties of the University Clinic to the clients of the General Mutual Society of Catalonia.

> The CU+ signs an agreement with the La Caixa Foundation for collaboration in the Caixa Proinfancia Programme, which aims to promote the processes of social integration of minors at risk of social exclusion and their families.



SPEECH THERAPY SERVICE

	Appointments	Sessions	Total visits
Private Health care	78	1,405	1,483
Bages-Solsonès Public Health Service	743	7,653	8,396
Provision of services to third parties	–	451	451
Group workshops on the speaking and singing voice	–	209	209
TOTAL	821	9,718	10,539

PODIATRY SERVICE

	Physical examinations	Chiropody	Foot arch supports	Appointments and pre/post care	Surgery	Total visits
CU+Podiatry Service	1,071	1,774	456	63	13	3,377
Provision of services to third parties	–	2,256	–	1,058	87	3,401
TOTAL	1,071	4,030	456	1,121	141	6,778

PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE

Appointments/Sessions	Workshop group sessions	TOTAL
942	883	1,825

DIET AND NUTRITION SERVICE

Appointments	Workshop group sessions	Fifty-Fifty programme appointments	TOTAL
151	175	80	406

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE

Appointments for adults	Appointments for children	TOTAL
45	20	65

PROGRAMME OF EARLY DETECTION OF HEALTH PROBLEMS IN SCHOOLCHILDREN (PDP)

	Children	Physical examinations	Schools
Manresa	838	1,040	14
Artés	122	178	2
Santpedor	17	17	1
La Gleva	15	15	1
TOTAL	992	1,250	18

MORE FUB

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> Students of the programme for people over 55 FUB+GRAN have been working on a thematic block devoted to nanotechnology during the course. The researchers Xavier Obradors and Gerard Tobias, from the Institute of Materials Science of the CSIC, and Belén Ballesteros, of the ICN2, teach the sessions. They talk about the applications of nanomaterials in the fields of energy, the environment, telecommunications and medicine. The course finishes with a visit to the Institute of Materials Science.

> AIJEC Central Catalonia, Chamber of Commerce of Manresa, UManresa-FUB and PIMEC Central Catalonia set up the Business Management and Development Programme, with the aim of responding to specific and sporadic training needs of managers, entrepreneurs and freelancers of small and medium-sized companies in the territory.

THE HEALTHY AND CARING UNIVERSITY



> The Town Hall of Manresa and the Healthy University programme organise the sixth edition of the Heart Week, with the motto *Look after your heart: you will live longer; you will live better* and receive the support of some twenty entities, institutions and companies.

> 1,400 schoolchildren from Manresa go to the UManresa-FUB classrooms to learn how to use a defibrillator. The Town Hall of Manresa, Reanima, TSC, Althaia and the FUB organize the first mini-marathon of cardiopulmonary resuscitation coinciding with the commemoration of the European Day of Cardiac Arrest Awareness.

> 165 people donate blood in the seventh edition of the Blood Donation University Marathon that is carried out on the University Campus of Manresa, at the UManresa and EPSEM facilities. The number of donations exceeds the 145 of the previous year. It is noteworthy that more than half of the donors give blood for the first time in this solidarity event.

> The Catalan Public Health Agency renews the Amed's accreditation at the UManresa-FUB BreiCafè cafeteria, whose purpose is to make visible and identify establishments which value Mediterranean food, especially those that do so with a set daily menu. The university cafeteria already received this distinction in 2013.

> The director of Oxfam Intermón in Catalonia, Francesc Mateu, and the activist and leader of the musical group Txarango, Alguer Miquel, give a conference within the framework of the campaign #VeniuJa, which aims to pressure Spain into receiving more refugees.

THE UNIVERSITY: A HUB OF KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE



> The lobby of the UManresa-FUB main building houses the exhibition entitled *Escombros*. The collection contains illustrations by the illustrator Andrés Rábago, better known as *El Roto*.

> The Memory and History Association of Manresa and UManresa organise different workshops on technological tools applied to historical research: image geolocation, augmented reality and carrying out research work.

> FUB Editions edits the "Mobilisations and Immobilisations" manual, which looks into the analysis of the techniques and materials used by health professionals working in the non-hospital setting to immobilise and mobilise patients, two processes that are essential in the healthcare chain. The book is part of the *Expertia* collection and has been prepared by sixteen authors, coordinated by Rubén Castillo and scientifically directed by Susana Simó.

> The TLB Grup and the Business studies degree set up a joint radio programme, entitled the Economy and Business Classroom. Produced by Sergi Vázquez and with the professor Jordi Franch of UManresa in the role of editor and broadcaster, the programme analyses economic, market and business information with the objective of providing informative, rigorous and proven news.

> Fabián Mohedano, president of the advisory council for the Daily Schedule reform, Pere Casals, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Manresa, Agustí Comas, president of the Consell Comarcal del Bages and Mireia Estefanell, deputy mayor of the Town Hall of Manresa participate in the round table *Daily Schedule Reform: the outstanding conquest*, moderated by the journalist of the newspaper ARA, Elena Freixa. The activity is part of a series of conferences organised by the 3Ct collective, made up of the universities of Manresa, the CTM Technology Centre and Gest! Previously, the series had included conversations between the journalist and writer Natza Farré and the Dominican nun and social activist Sister Lucia Caram on feminism today.

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITY

29-09-2016

The twenty-one students of the UniversiMés programme for the integration of people with intellectual disability into university life receive a scholarship from BBVA CX to participate in this pioneering endeavour in Spain, a result of the collaboration between UManresa - Bages University Foundation, Ampans and BBVA CX.

13-10-2016

The vice president of the Government and Minister of Economy and Finance, Oriol Junqueras, inaugurated the 2016-2017 academic year of the Business studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Manresa campus of the UVic-UCC. In his lecture *The Economic Structure of Catalonia: an historical perspective*, Junqueras affirms that the future capacity and competitiveness of the country depends on how well the educational and university system function, as well as on the reduction of energy, transport and financial costs.



24-10-2016

The Great Hall of the Kursaal Theatre hosts the two graduation ceremonies for the 2016 promotions of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Social Sciences of the Manresa campus of the UVic-UCC. More than 1,500 people, between students and their companions, attend this solemn act that aspires to be an acknowledgment of the effort

of the students throughout their time at university. The farewell speech is given by David Noguera, president of Doctors without Borders in Spain.



10-11-2016

The ICL and the FUB sign a collaboration agreement to foster the activity of the Lab 0-6 in the encouragement of scientific vocation among children. The agreement also provides for the creation of a bilateral pedagogical commission to create new contents about the world of geology, mining and natural resources.

18-11-2016

The president of the Parliament of Catalonia, Carme Forcadell, gives a class to the students of the UniversiMÉS programme. Forcadell explains to them what the function of the Parliament is and answers the students' questions regarding the seating capacity, the process of independence, the personal relationship between politicians of the different parties and the procedure of parliamentary voting.



18-11-2016

The auditorium of the FUB2 building holds the ceremony to award the scholarships for undergraduate and CFGS students from UManresa. The event is attended by representatives of CaixaBank,

the funding organisation for social collaboration scholarships. The representatives are Joaquim Macià, Director of *Banca d'institucions de Catalunya*, and Antoni Noguera, Director of *Banca de Instituciones DT Catalunya Central*.

01-01-2017

Doctor Silvia Mas assumes the responsibility of the vice rectorship of the Manresa Campus, replacing Doctor Valentí Martínez. The change forms part of the strategy of differentiating the academic structure and the management of the FUB in order to maintain and consolidate the growth that has been registered in recent years in both areas.

20-01-2017

The Town Hall of Manresa, the Mysterious Light Association and the FUB present the event programme of the 2017 *Festa de la Llum* (Festival of the Light). The FUB, as the administrator of the Festival, advocates the recovery of the values that made the construction of the Sèquia in the Middle Ages possible as its leitmotiv, and institutes the Sèquia Prize to reward those Manresa citizens who have kept that constructive spirit committed to the community still alive in the twenty-first century. Other important contributions from the FUB to the Festival are the update of the *Ametlles de la Llum* (Almonds of the Light) in collaboration with the artisan confectioners of the city, the installation of the *Font Freda* on the Avenida Universitaria campus, an exhibition of Àngels Freixanet sculptures and the solidarity concert of a choir made up of students from the FUB + GRAN programme with the Escodines Choir, the Font del Fil Choir, Celeste Alías, Rosa Ortega and Jordi Franch.



18-02-2017

The Manresa Museum of Technology hosts the presentation ceremony of the Sèquia 2017 Awards, within the framework of the Festival of the Light. The winners of this first edition are Pere Garcia, posthumously, in the individual category, and the MengemBages cooperative, in the category of companies and organisations.

07-03-2017

The Association of Insurance Brokers, Cojebro, and UManresa-Bages University Foundation sign a collaboration agreement to launch a higher education training programme in risk management for small and medium-sized enterprises.

07-03-2017

The FUB hosts the second edition of the Pinea3 Living Organisations International Congress, with the participation of a hundred people. Throughout the day, nine speakers, from countries such as the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Greece and Catalonia, talked about models of change management, cultural change, leadership models, global leadership movements and conscious capitalism, emotional intelligence and neuroscience applied to management, openness and resistance to change, systems of change measurement or barriers to effective collaboration that can be found in teams and departments.

16-03-2017

A lecture by José M. Gay de Liébana on world economy closes the 2nd Economy Day of Central Catalonia, organized jointly by the Group of Economics Professors of Central Catalonia and UManresa-FUB University. This is a morning aimed at high school students that also includes different workshops and talks on economic and business issues.

20-03-2017

The Control Group company signs an agreement with UManresa granting licenses for the SAGE accounting management software to contribute to the course content of students of both the Business Studies undergraduate degree as well as the Master's and Postgraduate programmes in business management.

18-04-2017

The pedagogue and writer, Eva Bach presents her book *Educar per estimar la vida* (*Educating to love life*) in UManresa. In her work, published by the Plataforma Publishing House, Bach invites readers to reflect on the beliefs and attitudes of parents and educators to convey the love of life to children and infants.



19-04-2017

The awarding of the Science and Children prize, organised by the Early Childhood Studies and the Manresa Bages Rotary Club, takes place during a ceremony attended by the prestigious physicist Jorge Wagensberg. The objective of the award is to recognise scientific education projects aimed at children of Early Childhood Studies and the initial cycle of primary education that have been developed by teachers and help to enliven and improve the teaching of science to young learners.



22-04-2017

485 people visit the UManresa-FUB facilities during the open day to find out about the different educational courses offered. The figure represents an increase of 30% in relation to the number of visits last year.



24-04-2017

The Lacetània Foundation gives official recognition to UManresa-FUB as a collaborating company. The prize is specifically awarded to the Systems Department of the university.

03-05-2017

The Catalan Health Institute, the Department of Health and the UManresa-FUB bring together 170 health professionals in a day about patient safety. The conference includes speakers from the fields of urgent attention, emergencies, primary care, hospitalised acute care, socio-sanitary care and palliative care.

06-05-2017

The FUB, as the Manresa campus of the UVic-UCC, hosts a presentation of the new degree in Medicine, aimed at professionals in the health sector of the Bages county. During the presentation, the new Faculty of Medicine and the contents of the studies are presented: core topics, pedagogical model, teaching methodologies, interrelation with the health care network, teaching staff, teaching rooms and facilities and questions related to being accepted on the degree course.



11-05-2017

The Sociosanitary Foundation of Manresa (FSSM) becomes a collaborating hospital of the UVic-UCC. The general manager of the institution, Manel Valls, the rector of the UVic-UCC, Jordi Montaña, the general manager of the Bages University Foundation, Valentí Martínez, and the Health Councillor of the Town Hall of Manresa, Mercè Rosich, attend a ceremony to formalise the agreement, which will allow the FSSM to give internships to medical students, to provide teachers and to participate in research, knowledge transfer and internationalisation projects.



17-05-2017

The FUB receives the recognition of Ampans as a company committed to policies of social responsibility and the social and occupational insertion of people with disabilities, mental illness and vulnerable situations. This distinction is awarded during the IX Ampans Meeting with companies and has the presence of the Minister of Business and Knowledge, Jordi Baiget.



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30-05-2017

UManresa awards the sixteenth edition of the Prizes to Baccalaureate Research projects, financed by Pirelli, Catalana Occidente and Control Group. 66 students present their projects.



12-06-2017

UManresa hosts a round table on governance at universities, with the participation of Antoni Castellà, secretary of Universities and Research from 2011 to 2015; Màrius Rubiralta, rector of the University of Barcelona from 2005 to 2008 and Secretary of State for Universities from 2009 to 2012; and Francesc Solé-Parellada, academic director of the Research Valorisation Unit and the UPC Park for Research and Innovation. The event, included in the 20-year programme of the UVic-UCC, is moderated by the general secretary of the Balnes University Foundation, Josep Terradellas.



14-06-2017

The FUB, Efhre International University (AIU) and Universidad del Atlántico Medio (UNIDAM) sign a collaboration agreement that includes exchange programmes for students, researchers and teachers.

15-06-2017

Dialogues for the Future of Central Catalonia raise the question: *Artists: living or surviving?* to different artists and professionals linked to the performing arts world. This is the fifth edition of this day organised jointly by Regió 7, the Bages delegation of the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Catalonia Open University), the Town Hall of Manresa and the UManresa-Bages University Foundation.



21-07-2017

The Berguedà Medical-Healthcare Textile Association (MESAB) and UManresa-FUB sign a collaboration agreement through which the university undertakes to work on the promotion of the competitiveness and technology transfer of companies making up this cluster.

27-07-2017

The FUB is part of the Sectoral Work Group on Health, Research and Welfare of the Spanish Association of Foundations (AEF). This working group aims to inform society about the work carried out by foundations in the field of health.



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