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## Second call for Myanmar university staff to attend extra training in the European Union

In January 2020, there is the chance for eight Myanmar staff (from the universities of Mandalay, Mawlamyine and Myeik) to undertake a study/training visit to one of three European universities:

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Austria
- Göttingen University (UGOE), Germany
- University of Extremadura (UEX), Spain.

The study/training visit will

- last 14 days
- will be focused on two 'core subjects' which are part of the new curriculum in *Biodiversity Conservation and Environmental Protection* (see Section 3, 'Core Courses' in Item 19 of MuEuCAP website at <https://www.myanmar-edu.org/downloads>). These two subjects are:
  - **scientific writing (to be taught at BOKU, Austria)**
  - **ecology, biodiversity and conservation biology (to be taught in UEX, Spain).**

If you want to apply, please read all the text below. It is IMPORTANT.

To apply for one of these eight study visits, you MUST:

1. be a member of the teaching staff who is based in one of the following universities – Mandalay, Myeik or Mawlamyine in a subject related to Environmental Protection (namely Botany, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Marine Science, Physics or Zoology)
2. have submitted a **CV and Letter of Motivation** to Dr Marcela Suarez-Rubio ([marcela.suarezrubio@boku.at.ac](mailto:marcela.suarezrubio@boku.at.ac)) by **1 November 2019**
3. have a commitment to learn and teach one of the following core subjects:
  - a. scientific writing
  - b. ecology, biodiversity and conservation biology
4. have been a regular attendee of training MuEuCAP workshops since March 2018 – based on Attendance record.

Please note that **you will only be considered for selection** if:

- you are interested in teaching either 'scientific writing' or 'ecology, biodiversity and conservation biology'
- you submit your application on time – ie before 1 November 2019
- you include a correct mobile number and a correct email address in your CV
- you put your name in the subject line of the email together with the words 'Application for Study Visit to EUP' – ie *Khin Mie Mie - Application for Study Visit to EUP*.
- you include your CV and Letter of Motivation in one pdf (or Word) document and the file name includes your name, the words 'CV Letter' and 'Application for Study Visit to EUP' – i.e. *Khin Mie Mie – CV Letter - Application for Study Visit to EUP*

We will **strict** about the above conditions since we are looking for candidates who value hard work and attention to detail.

**Selection Process comprises:**

1. candidates submitting written CVs and motivation letters by 1 November 2019
2. an interview, either in person or by phone, with the Project Coordinator, Project Manager and at least one of the principal European university teaching team.

For the letter of motivation and interview, all candidates are advised to think carefully about the following:

- why they want to take part in the study visit to Europe
- why they want to learn and teach:
  - scientific writing
  - OR
  - ecology, biodiversity and conservation biology
- what previous experience they have had in either of both of these two subjects.

There will be more candidates than places available so it is important to think about your answers in advance of the interviews. This will give you the best chance to be selected. **We are particularly keen to see good quality candidates from Mawlamyine University.**

**Background information to 1<sup>st</sup> Call:** In July 2019, six Myanmar staff from the Universities of Mandalay and Myeik were selected as a first group to take part in an overseas study visit to one of two European universities in November/December 2019.

Each of the six staff will study intensively one subject of the new curriculum in Biodiversity Conservation and Environmental Protection (see Section 3, 'Core Courses' in Item 19 of MuEuCAP website at <https://www.myanmar-edu.org/downloads>).

Those that attend the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) in Austria will study 'statistics'. Those that attend Göttingen University in Germany will study 'methods in BioCEP'. It is anticipated that on their return to Myanmar, they will be able to start using this knowledge to help deliver the new curriculum in their universities.

The successful candidates were:

- Study visit to University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Austria
  - Dr Nay Myo Hlaing (University of Mandalay: Zoology)
  - Dr Zin Lin Khine (Myeik University: Marine Science)
  - Dr Khin Swe Oo (Myeik University: Zoology).
- Study visit to Göttingen University, Germany
  - Professor Soe Soe Aung (University of Mandalay: Botany)
  - Dr Kyu Kyu Mar (University of Mandalay: Geology)
  - Dr Aung Aung Aye (Myeik University: Marine Science).

In addition, the MuEuCAP Outreach Officer, Daw Saw Myat Ohnmar from Myeik University will undertake a study visit to the University of Extremadura (UEX) in Spain for intensive training in 'Communication and Outreach'.