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# Fwd: Insa Lyon update: COVID19 - Incoming & outgoing exchange mobility

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------ Forwarded message ------De: INSA Lyon International Relations Office <dri@insa-lyon.fr> Date: qui., 23 de abr. de 2020 às 14:30 Subject: Insa Lyon update: COVID19 - Incoming & outgoing exchange mobility To: dri <dri@insa-lyon.fr>

Dear partner,

We hope you are safe and healthy while we are sadly facing very tough times all around the world.

The situation of the spread of COVID-19 is changing rapidly and we are currently unable to predict what the future may hold. Therefore, we would like to update you on the latest measures that we have put in place for the end of this academic year and the upcoming semester.

## Academic Year 2020/2021 - Semester 1 (Sept-Dec 2020)

• Mobility exchange outside Europe:

Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel both inbound and outbound exchanges outside Europe, for Academic Year 2020/2021, Semester 1 (Sept-Dec 2020).

We will cease processing inbound students' applications and we would appreciate if you could pass on this notification to your students. If they would like to defer their mobility for Semester 2 (Jan – May 2021), please invite them to apply <u>again from September 14th 2020</u>, when the recruitment campaign opens.

We understand this decision is very disappointing, for everyone, but its seems to us that time is running out to set up transcontinental mobility, as students need to make early decisions and large financial commitments.

We hope that this will give your valued students enough time for alternative plans and we look forward to a much safer time to host them on our campus.

However, as double degree programs represent longer mobility projects, we will evaluate how we can adapt the different curricula on a case-by-case basis, for the upcoming semester.

• Mobility exchange within Europe:

Following the French Government announcement on April 13th, France should be stepping out of the lockdown from May 11th and borders should progressively open in the Schengen area.

For that reason, and in line with the French authorities, we are maintaining our recruitment process for exchange students from our European partners, until further notice.

In order to make it easier for students in this complicated period, the submission deadline for applications <u>is postponed to May 15th :</u>

- https://www.insa-lyon.fr/en/exchange-students

- https://www.insa-lyon.fr/en/4th-year-double-degree

Unfortunately, the French Summer Schools scheduled in August are cancelled for logistical reasons relating to the local situation.

If your Institution has also taken measures regarding next academic year 2020-2021, we would appreciate if you could provide us with the following informations:

- Is the start of the next semester in your Institution already postponed? What are the updated dates?

- Has your Institution cancelled international mobility for 2020-2021 ?

- Is your international recruitment process maintained for next year (assuming that inbound students are allowed again in your country) ?

Academic Year 2019/2020 - Students currently studying with us

In compliance with the official guidelines of both national and local authorities, INSA Lyon is closed to public since March 16th, and for students until the end of the Academic Year 2019/2020.

All our teaching Departments have been progressively shifting lectures and activities online. Examinations alternatives are being prepared and will be announced to students by their Department in May.

We have been working with incoming students who have decided to study at INSA Lyon until the end of the year, on a case-by-case basis.

Our campus residences remain open and 400 international students are still housed. Our local staff is keeping a close eye on them to provide any necessary support.

We have been constantly updating all the INSA Lyon community on the situation through several emails and on our website.

At INSA Lyon, we respect all incoming students decisions, our International teams & counselling services support them as much as possible. The Incoming Mobility Office, in particular, is available as usual to respond to any query.

Wishing you and your families good health, please take care and stay safe.

#### Kind regards

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