

A workshop on PBL at the National University of Colombia

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Anette Kolmos, Director for Problem Based Learning in Engineering Science and Sustainability under the auspices of UNESCO at Aalborg University, and Nestor Arana from Mondragon University, provided a workshop on PBL (Problem and Project based learning) at the National University of Colombia between 23 and 26 November. The workshop was provided over four days to more than 40 professionals from different fields (health, science, veterinary medicine, education, engineering,...)

They also had the opportunity to meet with the deans of the National University of Colombia. During the meetings they discussed the advantages of said methodologies and about the transformation process produced by their implementation, they also discussed strategies for achieving transformation. Given the interest in the PBL methodology in Colombia, another two sessions were held at the request of the Colombian Association of Engineering Faculties (ACOFI), and were attended by more than 30 professors and 20 deans from Colombian universities.

Lastly, in 2017, the National University of Colombia together with the University of Los Andes will organise the IRSPBL (International Research Symposium on PBL) and REES (Research in Engineering Education Research Symposium) to be held in Bogotá. Mondragon University has handed over the baton to them in organising the IRSPB, as it was the last university to host it. These conferences are necessary to provide scientific support for such innovative methodologies.

The National University of Colombia will continue working with Aalborg University and Mondragon University, as they have become aware of the importance of such student and teamwork based methodologies for sustainability, peace and democracy.

