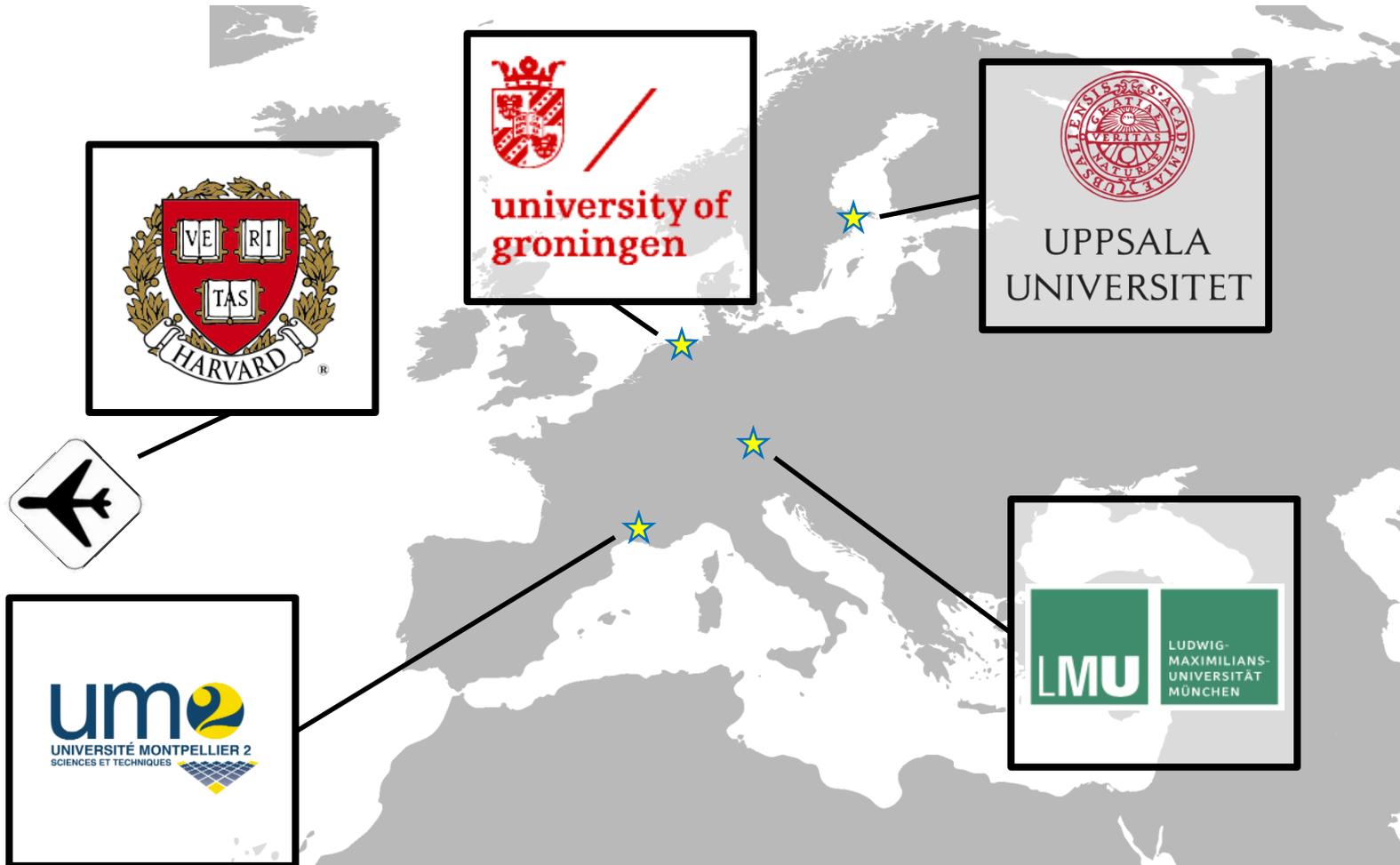




Erasmus Mundus Master in Evolutionary Biology

MEME Summer School Munich, **August 2015**

The partners



History of the MEME programme

- **Evolution of an international programme**
 - local (award-winning) ‘TOP’ programmes (2003: Groningen, 2005: Uppsala, 2007: Munich)
 - 2009: joining forces with Montpellier (Ecology & Biodiversity) to write joint EM proposal
 - **2010**: certified Erasmus Mundus programme
 - 2014: successful assessment (EM Quality Review) implying continuation for 3 more cohorts
 - 2015: start of **6th MEME cohort**



Quality Review 2014

- **Student satisfaction survey:**

'excellent' judgment of MEME graduates:

- overall academic quality: **75%**
- enhancement of employment: **82%**
- achievement beyond expectation: **79%**

- **Student statement:**

“I really enjoyed my studies in MEME and I wouldn't wanna have missed it for the world! Best two years of my life, professionally and personally!”



Setup of the MEME programme

- **General setup**

- 2-year Master's programme (120 ECTS)
- spend at least 1 semester (30 ECTS) at **two different** partner universities
- obtain a Master's degree from two different partner universities (**'double degree'**)
- spend at least 45 ECTS on course work and at least 60 ECTS on research



Requirements

- **Requirements on programme as a whole**
 - attend two summer schools (5 ECTS in total)
 - first semester (30 ECTS) course work (UU, RUG)
 - additional 15 ECTS course work elsewhere
 - second semester typically at LMU or UM2
 - two 30 ECTS research projects (one ‘thesis project’)
(recommended: at two **different** universities)

(30 ECTS = 1 semester = 21 weeks of study)



Thesis projects

- **Requirements on thesis projects**

- a research project with a minimal duration of 30 ECTS that demonstrates the student's ability to conduct state-of-the-art research under supervision
- partner universities (slightly) differ in their requirements on a thesis project; all thesis projects have to satisfy the **local rules**
- a thesis project should always result in a **thesis paper**
- in most cases, this paper has to be **defended**



University specific requirements

- **Groningen**

- be registered at RUG for at least 60 ECTS
- 30 ECTS have to be spent on a **thesis project** that has to be conducted **in Groningen** (or at Harvard)
- in principle, students can realize the other 30 ECTS elsewhere (co-supervised from Groningen)
- students have to give a lecture on a general topic (**colloquium**) to a general public (**winter school...**)
- student has to be registered at RUG for final two months of programme (a pure formality...)



University specific requirements

- **Uppsala**
 - be registered at UU for at least one year
 - spend at least 30 ECTS at UU
- **Munich**
 - be registered at LMU for at least one year
 - spend at least 30 ECTS at LMU
- **Montpellier**
 - be registered at UM2 for at least 1 semester
 - spend at least 30 ECTS at UM2



Our associate partner

- **Harvard (OEB)**

- a **maximum of eight** research projects per cohort
- restrictions for students with EMJMD scholarship
- MEME students are selected during their 2nd semester (June) based on brief proposal, cv, invitation letter
- project can be conducted in 3rd or 4th semester
- when at Harvard, students remain **registered at partner university**, where they have a local co-supervisor; the Harvard project has to satisfy the rules and regulations of this ‘home’ university



Double degree/MEME certificate

- **Double degree**

- we did not yet start the accreditation procedure for a ‘joint’ degree (an administrative nightmare...)

- **MEME certificate**

- upon graduation, all MEME students receive a ‘MEME certificate’ and a supplement giving a detailed description of the MEME programme
- they also receive a ‘joint transcript’ including all marks obtained and a specification of places where they were obtained (Harvard...)



Joint transcripts

- **How often?**

- Irma will collect ECTS credits and grades obtained at the end of each semester
- once all results are in, all students will receive a 'joint' transcript of *all* results realized thus far



Tuition fees / Participation costs

- **Participation fee**

- per year: €4,500 (EU) or €9,000 (non-EU)
- included in EMJMD and consortium scholarships
- for other students: partial fee waiver (50%)

- **Local tuition fees (included in participation fee)**

- Groningen: €2,000 (EU) or €13,600 (non-EU)
- Uppsala: €0 (EU) or €16,300 (non-EU)
- Montpellier: €500
- Munich: €0



Additional information

- **More detailed information:**
 - MEME **Study Guide**
 - local study guides

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