



OPTBANK Exchange of Best Practices Seminar organized at Bangor University

The Exchange of Best Practices seminar of the OPTBANK project was held at Bangor University, Bangor, UK from 3rd to 5th September, 2019. The aim of the seminar is to strengthen and enhance the governance of research activities and PhD programs in Economics and Business by exchanging best practices in place in the Indonesian universities involved in the OPTBANK project and the European partners, which have very different organizational forms.



During their three-day stay in Bangor, six research management staff from Indonesia met their counterparts who shared their experience in *The Doctoral School at Bangor University*, *Research Excellence in Universities*, *University links with Business*, *Universities and the Banking Sector*, *Generating Impact form Your Research* and *Research Management*. Three round-table discussions took place in *Environment and engagement for Research*, *Working with Business in the Regional Economy* and *Links between Higher Education, Banks and Financial Regulators*.

OPTBANK Midterm Evaluation Meeting and Workshop held in Surakarta

The OPTBANK Midterm Evaluation Meeting and the OPTBANK Workshop to Design New Modules was held in Surakarta, Indonesia from 24th to 27th September, 2019. Hosted by Universitas Sebelas Maret, the event was attended by all European and Indonesian partner universities, and associated partners which include regulators and policymakers such as the OJK (Financial Services Authority), the Bank Indonesia (Central Bank of Indonesia) and the Indonesian Deposit Insurance Corporation.

As the OPTBANK project coordinator, **Prof. Amine Tarazi**, reiterated the OPTBANK project should be seen beyond OPTimizing Research & Doctoral Programs in Banking and Finance in Indonesian universities; It is about preparing and organizing the future in Indonesia.



The Workshop to Design New Modules aims to create and update existing modules in PhD programs in banking and finance. During this workshop, eight modules were presented by **Prof. Amine Tarazi** (Université de Limoges), **Prof. Franco Fiordelisi** (Università Degli Studi Roma Tre), **Prof. Jonathan Williams** (Bangor University), **Prof. Laetitia Lepetit** (Université de Limoges) and **Prof. Georgios Atsalakis**

(Technical University of Crete). The ninth module, which tackles the specificities of the Indonesian banking industry, was presented by three Indonesian associated partners. After the Workshop, PhD modules, undergraduate and Master courses will be implemented in two pilot universities: Universitas Sebelas Maret (UNS) and Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB) in 2020.



Research visits of Indonesian senior faculty members in Europe

Five senior faculty members, from six selected senior faculty members, conducted research visits for one month in Europe from October to November 2019. (The sixth selected senior faculty member, Mr. Subiakto Soekarno from Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB), is expected to accomplish his research visit in 2020.). They collaborated with reputable scholars in European partner universities in the field of banking and finance as well as participated in internal research laboratory discussions and presentations.

The aim of their visits is to enhance the senior faculty members' research capability especially at the international level by getting larger networks and more valuable inputs.

These five senior faculty members who conducted research visits in 2019 were:

at University of Bangor in UK

- **Mr. Heru Fahlevi** from Universitas Syiah Kuala (UNSYIAH)
- **Mr. Azwardi** from Universitas Sriwijaya (UNSRI)





at Technical University of Crete in Greece

- **Mr. Mustaruddin** from Universitas Tanjungpura (UNTAN)

at Università Degli Studi Roma Tre in Italy

- **Mr. Muhammad Agung Prabowo** from Universitas Sebelas Maret (UNS)
- **Mr. Arief Mufraeni** from Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta (UIN)



Research training and visits of Indonesian junior faculty members

Eight Indonesian junior faculty members have been selected to participate in 2019 OPTBANK Research Training Program and Visits in Europe during seven weeks.

• Two-week Research Training at LAPE, Université de Limoges (France), from 5th to 16th Nov., 2019

2019 LAPE OPTBANK Research Training Program involves modules of Writing a research paper (by Prof. Amine Tarazi), Introduction to Stata Programming (by Dr. Ruth Tacneng), Handling Bankscope and Orbis Bank Focus (by Prof. Laetitia Lepetit and Dr. Pierre-Nicolas Rehault), Machine Learning (by Mr. Mathieu Mercadier), Bloomberg (by Dr. Emmanuelle Nys), Y-9C reports for US Bank Holding Companies (by Dr. Isabelle Distinguin) and Regression using Stata (by Dr. Thierno Barry).



● Five-week Research Visits in Europe from 18th Nov. to 21st Dec., 2019

Université de Limoges, France

- **Mr. Budi Setiawan** from Universitas Indo Global Mandiri on *Long Run Evolution of the Indonesian Stock Market*;
- **Ms. Atika Irawan** from Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB) on *The Effect of Spin-Off for Islamic Banking Growth and Efficiency in Indonesia*.



Bangor University, UK

- **Mr. Muhammad Hidayat** from Universitas Sriwijaya (UNSRI) on *Financial Decision and Firm Value on Bank Sector in Indonesia*;
- **Ms. Nur Fitriana Hamsyi** from Universitas Tanjungpura (UNTAN) on *Do the Index of Islamic Social Reporting and Sharia Supervisory Board Affect Sharia Bank's Financial Performance? Indonesian Evidence*.



Università Degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy

- **Mr. Ariyanto Adhi Nugroho** from Universitas Sebelas Maret (UNS) on *Clustering and Regional Factor on Housing Loan Evidence From Indonesia*;
- **Mr. Deni Pandu Nugraha** from Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta (UIN) on *Is There Any Benefit to Implementing Branchless Banking? (An Empirical Study in a Developing Country)*.



Technical University of Crete, Greece

- **Ms. Fitriyani** from Universitas Syiah Kuala (UNSYIAH) on *Negative Interest Rate and Economic Growth*;
- **Mr. Alghifari Mahdi Igamo** from Universitas Sriwijaya (UNSRI) on *Good Business Environment to Create New Business (Start-Up)*.



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