

CONTACT SEMINAR BETWEEN SPANISH AND INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

Date: 8th July, 2024

The session commenced with the opening remarks and agenda presentation by Dr. Laura Santamaria, Vice Rector of International Relations and Linguistic Policy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. She was joined by Pia Moret, Deputy Director of the Interuniversity Council of Catalonia; Jordie Marin, Technical Advisor at SEPIE (Spanish Internationalization Unit); Prof. Vinay Pathak, President of the AIU; and Prof. Javier Lafuente, Rector of the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

In the next session, Jordie Marin, Technical Advisor at SEPIE (Ministry of Science), discussed the vital role of innovation and universities in the internationalization of Spanish higher education institutions (HEIs). SEPIE oversees the Erasmus+ program and various international study initiatives. Its primary objectives are to promote collaboration, enhance the visibility of Spanish higher education, and attract talent to Spain. To support these goals, SEPIE has been organizing "Study in Europe" fairs for the past three years.

Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of AIU, addressed the audience on the Indian perspective on education, highlighting significant reforms in higher education and AIU's initiatives to promote internationalization in higher education. She emphasized the importance of international rankings, outlining key global rankings, benchmarks for institutional performance, and the criteria used to assess them. Dr. Mittal provided insights into the current status of Indian universities in these rankings, identifying areas for improvement and the challenges they face in meeting global standards. She reaffirmed the Indian government's commitment to establishing world-class higher education institutions and pledged to implement measures that will enhance the global standing of Indian HEIs.

Mr. Luis de Barutell, ATD SEPIE, highlighted the various opportunities for student and faculty mobility, explaining how international credit mobility operates. He noted the consistent participation of Spanish universities in Erasmus+ mobilities and discussed ongoing online mobility projects developed in collaboration with Indian partners. Additionally, he addressed cooperation projects and capacity-building initiatives in higher education, outlining key elements for project development, including regional scope, areas of interest, priorities, and effective practices in capacity building and the Erasmus Mundus program. Erasmus Mundus is available to students worldwide who hold a first higher education degree or equivalent, offering scholarships of up to €1,400 per month.

After a brief coffee break, the next session focused on the role of universities in Catalonia.

Toni Bassaganyas, Project Manager at CERCA, discussed the research ecosystem in Catalonia, highlighting the collaboration among the 42 CERCA centers and the importance of creating win-win synergies. CERCA provides high-level coordination for the entire system.



Toni Bassaganyas speaking about CERCA

Dr. Laura Santamaria, Vice Rector for International Relations and Linguistic Policy at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), presented the intensive research programs being conducted across 11 disciplines at the university. She also explored potential areas for collaboration with Indian universities. Dr. Ivan Martinez from UAB further elaborated on the ongoing research initiatives at the institution.

Prof. Alok Chakrawal represented India and gave a vibrant presentation about the research ecosystem in India. Professor Chakrawal provided a comprehensive overview of India's research ecosystem, highlighting its academic landscape, policies, achievements, and future goals. He emphasized the significant progress of Indian universities, noting their upward trajectory in global rankings such as the QS World University Rankings 2025. This progress is supported by initiatives under the National Education Policy 2020, PM-USHA, AIM, UAY, and IMPRINT, aimed at fostering research and innovation.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal speaking on 'Research Ecosystem in India'

Key areas identified for research focus, Professor Chakrawal elaborated, include agriculture, aerodynamics, semiconductor industry, communication technology (5G/6G), quantum computing, cyber security, defense, healthcare, biotechnology, green technologies, artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure, and space technology. These sectors benefit from robust support from national research laboratories and institutions like ISI, ICAR, IAS, ICMR, ISRO, TIFR, HAL, VECC, NIAB, and PRL.

Over the past five years, India has seen a notable increase in PhD degrees awarded and research publications, particularly in cutting-edge fields. The country has also experienced a surge in intellectual property applications and patents granted, reflecting growing innovation. This academic prowess has bolstered India's position in global rankings, notably ranking 40th on The Global Innovation Index (GII) among 132 economies.

Professor Chakrawal underscored India's role as a global hub for R&D, driven by reforms in education, the commercialization of research, and strategic planning. He highlighted advancements in space technology, medical research, and defense capabilities, emphasizing their contributions to national development and global recognition. Furthermore, he discussed initiatives fostering startups and innovation across various sectors, supported by conducive policies and investments.

In conclusion, Professor Chakrawal outlined India's vision to consolidate its status as a leader in research and development, aiming for sustained growth through comprehensive reforms and strategic initiatives. He expressed his conviction that expansion of these with reaching out and collaborations will yield benefits for India and Spain and even for the whole world.

Given the challenges students often face in obtaining visas for Spain, the following session addressed visa procedures. Luis Alberto Solis Navarro from the Consulate of Spain in New Delhi and Jorge Benitez from UAB provided valuable information about the visa process and highlighted the International Support Services available to students at UAB.

Seven Spanish universities participated in the networking seminar, University of Vigo, Universitat de Barcelona, University Abat Oliba CEU, Universita Autonoma de Barcelona, Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, UIC Barcelona and Obreal Global.



Delegates from Spain and India

For networking with the Spanish universities, 7 groups comprising of 3 Vice Chancellors in each Group were constituted by the Secretary General, AIU as follows:

Group 1:

- Prof Neelima Gupta

- Dr. Parag Sanghani
- Dr. Dinesh Kumar

Group 2:

- Prof SN Singh
- Prof Sushil K Tomar
- Prof Manmohan Singh Chauhan

Group 3:

- Prof Alok Chakrawal
- Dr Ajmer Singh Malik
- Dr Suranjan Das

Group 4:

- Prof Saket Kushwaha
- Dr Somnath Sachdeva
- Dr Mehul R Naik

Group 5:

- Dr. Vijai Kumar Srivastava
- Dr BR Kamboj
- Dr GD Sharma

Group 6:

- Dr Vinay Pathak
- Dr Nilofer Khan
- Dr Sanjeev Sonawane

Group 7:

- Dr Neerja Gupta
- Dr Nazir A Ganai
- Dr Dharmesh J Shah

This was a very vibrant session where these groups got an opportunity to interact with the Spanish university representatives and they discussed the possible areas of future cooperation.



A networking lunch was arranged at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities followed by a guided visit to the UAB.



The Indian Delegation and Spanish Hosts at Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona

A visit to the University of Barcelona, established in the 14th century and one of Spain's historic landmarks, was arranged for the Indian delegation. The Rector, Dr. Joan Guardia, delivered the welcome address and provided an overview of the university's structure, faculties, courses offered, and its commitment to innovation and teaching quality. Dr. Laia Arnal, Director, spoke on the Knowledge Transfer and Society Unit at the Generalitat de Catalunya, which works in the area of knowledge transfer and entrepreneurship policies and to promote cross-cutting and transdisciplinary collaboration.

The Indian delegation was deeply impressed by the rich history and academic excellence of the University of Barcelona.

On July 9th, 2024, the Indian delegation went on a visit to IE University from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Networking Seminar between Spanish and Indian Universities

MADRID

Report

Wednesday/10 July 2024

Master of Ceremony: Jordi Marín Badenes, technical advisor at the Spanish National Public Agency (SEPIE)

9.00 a.m. to 9.25 a.m.

The welcome address was delivered by José Aurelio Llaneza, Director of the Internationalization Unit, SEPIE, who spoke on Spanish Service for the Internalization of Education. In his address he emphasized internationalization of higher education and in this context he reiterated the need for more tie-ups between Indian and Spanish higher education institutions. He also spoke about the possibility of research collaborations between 26 Spanish and 23 Indian universities.

Prof. Vinay Pathak, President, Association of Indian Universities, the next speaker, threw light on the role AIU is playing to bring qualitative change in Indian higher education and to forge partnerships with institutions outside India. He also urged the Indian ambassador to Spain, Shri Dinesh Patnaik and his Spanish counterpart to facilitate such partnerships for education between India and Spain.



In her address, Irene Martín, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), expressed hope for a better collaboration with Indian universities.

Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Spain, His Excellency Shri Dinesh K Patnaik, appreciated the efforts made by Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), in making the event possible. He expressed the view that higher education is all about directing youth towards their goals. In the context of India-Spain partnership in the field

of education, he pointed out that one important reason for less number of Indian students in Spain is that the majority of programmes in Spain are running in Spanish. In other words, courses in English are less. Efforts need to be made in this regard. He gave expectation that in years to come Spanish would become the most spoken language in the world. In order to attract Indian students, Spain would need to work on issues related to visas for Indian students.

In an exchange of views, Mr. Emilio de Miguel, Director of Casa Asia's Centre in Madrid and Ambassador-at-Large for the Indo-Pacific supported the view for greater interaction between Spanish and Indian academia and said that such interaction would be socially and culturally enriching, too. On his part, he said that he was impressed by courses on Yoga and by Indian culture. He underlined the importance of Indian diaspora in Spain.

9:25 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.: Spanish and Indian Universities in World Rankings

The first speaker of the session was Fátima Terol, Deputy Head of the Spanish Internationalisation Unit at SEPIE who spoke on Spanish Universities' performance in the main international rankings. She gave an overview of the Spanish university system with 93 universities, 43 of which are public universities and 50 private, comprising of 1000 faculty and a noteworthy number of schools. She elaborated on how these universities are setting academic standards and some of them belong to the highest-performing group.



Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of AIU was the next speaker. Dr Mittal focused on Indian Universities' performance in the main international rankings. She started with giving some facts about India, which makes the higher education needs for India diverse and unique. In spite of catering to these, Indian universities have shown remarkable performance in world ranking. She also highlighted the concerted efforts AIU has been making in this regard and that it would celebrate its centenary year in 2025.



Dr Pankaj Mittal Speaking about the Performance of Indian Universities

9:45 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.: Good practices in university cooperation between Spain and India: A few Case Studies

Matilde Delgado Chauton, Director International Relations and Mobility Service, UAM, was the first speaker of the session. Her address was on A4U Network and Cooperation with India. She elaborated on how A4U (Alliance for Universities) has been instrumental in funding the exchange of Indian and Spanish staff and students, securing more Erasmus+ funding for exchange. These efforts, Ms Chauton stressed, have especially helped candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds and led to cooperation in teaching and research, with increase in the number of international students and staff, which in turn contributes to diversity and internationalization.

The last speaker of the session was Professor Neelima Gupta, Dr Harisingh Gour Sagar Central University of India. Professor Gupta spoke about the best practices in internationalization by India.

10:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: International Evaluation Service of the Spanish Language (SIELE)

Agustina Francisco, SIELE Sales and Marketing Manager, covered this session. She extended her welcome to everyone in the Spanish-speaking world, the opportunities for higher education and career which knowledge of Spanish can provide, and gave information about certification systems

of Spanish proficiency, in particular about SIELE, the Servicio Internacional de Evaluación de la Lengua Española which certifies electronically the command of the Spanish language proficiency for students and professionals.

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Coffee Break.

11:15 a.m. – 1:55 p.m.: Qualifications Recognition Practices in India

Mr Kuldeep Dagar, Joint Secretary AIU, spoke in this session about the issues of equivalence of degrees in the context of Indian and Spanish education systems.

Networking session between Indian and Spanish universities

The event highlighted the shared vision of Indian and Spanish leaders to foster closer educational ties, enhance mutual cultural understanding, and create more opportunities for students from both countries.

The event underscored the shared commitment of both Spanish and Indian educational leaders to deepen their ties and work together towards advancing higher education through internationalization and collaborative research.

1:55 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Closing remarks

In the closing session, Mr Dinesh Patnaik, Indian Ambassador to Spain had an interaction with the Indian delegation. One important point emerging out of the discussion was to bring improvement in the hostel facilities for foreign students which would lead to more number of students getting attracted for study abroad and student exchange programs. Consensus was also reached on starting a Yoga certification program, which would bring to the fore the ancient knowledge tradition of India. another point of discussion was upgrading the training system whereby the students and teachers from India can be ready to give their best and to procure the best in an international scenario. A related point of discussion focused on the need for more synergized efforts in extending the quality and reach of education consultancy.

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Lunch followed by a guided visit to Madrid Prado Museum for the Indian delegation



Indian Delegation on a Guided Visit

Report on the Signing of the MoU between the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the Conferencia de Rectores de las Universidades Españolas (CRUE)

Date: 11 July 2024

Location: Valladolid, Spain

Attendees:

Association of Indian Universities (AIU):

- Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, Association of Indian Universities and Vice Chancellor, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur
- Dr. (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities
- 27 representatives from 23 Indian universities (mostly vice-chancellors)
- 11 accompanying persons of the representatives of the Indian delegation

CRUE Spanish Universities:

- Ricardo Mairal, Delegate of the Presidency of CRUE for International Affairs, President of Crue-Internationalisation and Cooperation, and Rector of the UNED
- María Teresa Lozano, Secretary General of CRUE
- Paloma Castro Prieto, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation of the University of Valladolid
- Laura Alba Juez, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Multilingualism, National University of Distance Education (UNED)

EMBASSY:

- Aman Chandran, Representative of the Embassy of India in Spain, Second Secretary

SEPIE:

- Fátima Terol, Technical Adviser, Unit for the Internationalisation of Higher Education (SEPIE)

Delegation Arrival and Reception in Valladolid

Date: 11 July 2024

Time: 10:24 a.m.

Location: Valladolid-Campo Grande Train Station

Arrival Details: The delegation arrived at Valladolid-Campo Grande train station at 10:24 a.m., following their departure from Madrid Chamartín at 9:25 a.m. Upon arrival, a transport coach was ready to facilitate the transfer for the entire delegation, including María Teresa Lozano, Secretary General of CRUE. Paloma Castro was present to assist with the delegation's transportation.

Reception Event: At 11:00 a.m., the delegation attended a formal reception at Valladolid City Hall. The event was marked by welcoming remarks from the Mayor, Jesús Julio Carnero, who extended a warm welcome to the visitors. The venue for the reception was Plaza Mayor, 1, Valladolid.

MEETING FOR THE SIGNING OF THE MoU BETWEEN AIU and CRUE

On the 11th of July, 2024, a significant meeting took place in Valladolid, Spain, for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the Conferencia de Rectores de las Universidades Españolas (CRUE). This event marked a crucial step towards enhancing cooperation and collaboration between Indian and Spanish higher

education institutions. The event underscored the shared commitment of both Spanish and Indian educational leaders to deepen their ties and work together towards advancing higher education through internationalization and collaborative research.

There were 45 attendees at the signing of the MoU. These included Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, Association of Indian Universities and Vice Chancellor, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, Dr. (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, 27 representatives from 23 Indian universities (mostly vice-chancellors), and 11 accompanying persons of the representatives of the Indian delegation.

From the Spanish side were Ricardo Mairal, Delegate of the Presidency of CRUE for International Affairs, President of Crue-Internationalisation and Cooperation and Rector of the UNED, María Teresa Lozano, Secretary General of CRUE, Paloma Castro Prieto, Vice-Rector for internationalisation of the University of Valladolid, and Laura Alba Juez, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Multilingualism, National University of Distance Education (UNED).

Also present were Mr Aman Chandran, Representative of the Embassy of India in Spain, Second Secretary, and Fátima Terol, Technical Adviser, Unit for the Internationalisation of Higher Education (SEPIE).

Report on the Reception at Valladolid City Hall, Spain

Location: Valladolid City Hall, Spain

Overview

A formal reception was held at the Valladolid City Hall to welcome a delegation from India, consisting of prominent representatives from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and various Spanish educational institutions. The event was marked by a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect, highlighting the importance of international partnerships in higher education.

Attendees

The reception was introduced by **Paloma Castro**, Vice Rector for Internationalisation of the University of Valladolid, who facilitated the introductions to the Mayor. The delegation from India included:

- **Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak**, President, AIU
- **Dr. Pankaj Mittal**, Secretary General, AIU
- **Sh Kuldeep Dagar**, Deputy Secretary, AIU
- **Aman Chandran**, Representative, Embassy of India in Spain

Additionally, several distinguished Spanish officials were present:

- **Ricardo Mairal**, Delegate of the Presidency of CRUE for International Affairs and President of CRUE-Internationalisation and Cooperation, Rector of UNED
- **María Teresa Lozano**, Secretary General, CRUE

- **Fátima Terol**, Technical Advisor, Unit for the Internationalisation of Higher Education (SEPIE)
- **Laura Alba Juez**, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Multilingualism, UNED

Reception Highlights

The Mayor of Valladolid warmly greeted each representative from the Indian universities, establishing a welcoming atmosphere. The greeting line included **24 representatives from various Indian universities**, showcasing a strong collective presence.

Key Speeches

1. **Welcome Address by the Mayor:** The Mayor expressed gratitude for the visit and emphasized the significance of strengthening educational ties between Spain and India. Paloma Castro served as the interpreter for this address.
2. **Words of Thanks from Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak:** The President of AIU conveyed heartfelt appreciation for the warm welcome and reiterated the commitment to fostering collaborative initiatives between the universities.
3. **Words of Thanks from Ricardo Mairal:** The CRUE Delegate highlighted the importance of internationalisation in higher education and reaffirmed the role of CRUE in supporting such initiatives.
4. **Closing Speech by the Mayor:** In his closing remarks, the Mayor thanked all attendees for their participation and expressed hopes for future collaborations.

Institutional Photo

The event concluded with a group photo to commemorate the occasion, capturing the unity and shared purpose of all attendees.

Conclusion

The reception at Valladolid City Hall successfully strengthened the bonds between Spanish and Indian universities, setting a positive tone for future collaborations in education and research. The presence of high-level delegates from both countries underscores the commitment to fostering international partnerships in higher education.

[Report on the Reception of the Indian Delegation at the University of Valladolid](#)

Date: 11 July 2024

Location: Rectorate of the University of Valladolid, Santa Cruz Palace, Plaza de Santa Cruz, 8, Valladolid, Spain

Overview

On 11 July 2024, the University of Valladolid hosted a significant reception for a delegation from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). This event was a key step in strengthening academic ties and enhancing international cooperation between Indian and Spanish universities.

Schedule of Events

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.: Guided City Tour

The day began with a guided tour of Valladolid, allowing the delegation to explore the city's rich cultural heritage.

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.: Reception at the Rectorate

Arrival and Welcome

At 12:30 p.m., the delegation arrived at the Santa Cruz Palace and was welcomed by **Antonio Largo Cabrerizo**, Rector of the University of Valladolid, in the cloister before moving to the Board Room. The session began promptly.

Presidential Table

The presidential table was comprised of:

- **Antonio Largo Cabrerizo**, Rector of the University of Valladolid
- **Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak**, President of the AIU
- **Ricardo Mairal**, Delegate of the President of CRUE for International Affairs

Welcome Address (12:30 - 12:45 p.m.)

1. **Rector Largo's Welcome:** The Rector extended a warm welcome to the delegation and introduced Prof. Pathak.
2. **AIU President's Remarks (2 minutes):** Prof. Pathak expressed gratitude for the hospitality and emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts.
3. **CRUE Delegate's Remarks (2 minutes):** Ricardo Mairal highlighted the role of CRUE in promoting internationalisation among Spanish universities.
4. **Rector Antonio Largo's Presentation (5-10 minutes):** The Rector provided an overview of the University of Valladolid, outlining its history, achievements, and commitment to international collaboration.

Introductions and Speeches (60 minutes)

1. **AIU Presentation (10-12 minutes):** Rector Largo invited Prof. Vinay Pathak, President of the AIU who spoke about the AIU, detailing its objectives and initiatives.
2. **CRUE Presentation (10-12 minutes):** Rector Largo expressed his thanks to the speaker and give the floor to the CRUE Delegate for International Affairs and President of CRUE-

Internationalisation and Cooperation, Ricardo Mairal, who discussed the role of CRUE and its efforts to enhance cooperation among Spanish universities.

3. **Open Floor for Interventions:** The session of about 30 minutes encouraged contributions from attendees, fostering dynamic dialogue and sharing of ideas.

Conclusion of the Session

Rector Largo concluded the discussions and invited participants to proceed to the Aula Triste for the signing ceremony where the agreement between CRUE and AIU was to be signed.

Conclusion

The reception at the University of Valladolid was a resounding success, facilitating meaningful exchanges between the Indian delegation and Spanish university representatives. The event not only strengthened existing ties but also laid the groundwork for future collaboration in higher education.

1:45 p.m.: Signing of the CRUE-AIU MoU at Aula Triste of the Palace of Santa Cruz

The event culminated in the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CRUE and AIU in the Aula Triste, formalizing their commitment to ongoing collaboration. Present at the presidential table were Dr Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, AIU, Ricardo Mairal, CRUE Delegate for International Affairs, Antonio Largo, Rector, University of Valladolid, Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU, and Mr Aman Chandran, Representative from Embassy of India.

Opening Remarks:

Rector Largo served as the master of ceremonies for the event, guiding the proceedings and setting the tone for the gathering. He began by introducing the distinguished members seated at the table. After ensuring everyone was acknowledged, Rector Largo invited the CRUE Delegate for International Affairs, Ricardo Mairal, to take the floor.

Ricardo Mairal, Delegate of the Presidency of CRUE for International Affairs and Rector of the UNED, welcomed the Indian delegation and expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership. He underscored the benefits of internationalization and the role it plays in enriching educational experiences for students and faculty alike. He spoke also about the collaborative opportunities it would create and how the MoU aligns with the broader goals of internationalization and academic excellence.

Ricardo Mairal then delivered an insightful address, focusing on the significance of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). He elaborated on the strategic importance of this agreement, outlining the collaborative opportunities it would create and the long-term benefits for both Spain and India. Mairal highlighted how the MoU aligns with the broader goals of internationalization and academic excellence, emphasizing its potential to foster innovation, research partnerships, and cultural exchange.

The meeting commenced with opening remarks from key dignitaries. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President of AIU and Vice Chancellor of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, who highlighted the importance of international collaboration in the evolving landscape of higher education and the long-term benefits of the MoU for both India and Spain. He emphasized the need for knowledge exchange and the development of joint programs to foster academic and cultural understanding between the two countries.

The MoU was signed then by both parties and photos were taken of the signature and of the delegation in the cloister of the Palacio de Santa Cruz.

Significance of the MoU:

Dr. (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of AIU, and María Teresa Lozano, Secretary General of CRUE, provided an overview of the MoU. The agreement aims to facilitate academic cooperation through joint research projects, student and faculty exchange programs, and the sharing of best practices in university governance and administration. Both parties stressed the mutual benefits that such collaborations can bring, including enhanced educational quality, increased global competitiveness, and the promotion of cultural ties.

Discussion and Commitments:

Representatives from the 23 Indian universities and the Spanish universities engaged in discussions on potential areas of collaboration. Topics included joint degree programs, collaborative research initiatives, and opportunities for student mobility. The discussions were productive, with both sides identifying several key areas where they could work together to achieve common goals.

Embassy and SEPIE Contributions:

Aman Chandran, Representative of the Embassy of India in Spain, highlighted the Embassy's role in facilitating educational partnerships and reiterated the support of the Indian government in promoting international collaborations. Fátima Terol from SEPIE provided insights into the technical and logistical aspects of internationalizing higher education and offered support in implementing the initiatives outlined in the MoU.

Conclusion:

The meeting concluded with the formal signing of the MoU by Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak and Ricardo Mairal, followed by a ceremonial exchange of documents. Both sides expressed their commitment to the successful implementation of the MoU and looked forward to a fruitful partnership.

The event was marked by a strong sense of camaraderie and a shared vision for the future of higher education. The collaboration between AIU and CRUE is expected to pave the way for numerous academic and cultural exchanges, benefiting students, faculty, and institutions in both countries.

Closing Remarks:

The signing ceremony was followed by a networking session where attendees had the opportunity to discuss specific projects and build professional relationships. The successful signing of the MoU sets a precedent for future international collaborations and underscores the importance of global partnerships in advancing higher education.