



# BULLETIN...

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## **EPEA Bulletin**

### **To all EPEA members :**

*This is the first EPEA Bulletin. It is designed as a means of keeping members updated on developments within the EPEA and around the prison education scene in general, especially in Europe. It is not meant to take the place of the EPEA Newsletter which will continue to feature articles and reports twice yearly. It is meant to be informative and newsy, and will come out between issues of the Newsletter, probably three times a year.*

*The items that are in this edition have been provided by members of the Steering Committee, but it is hoped that in future all members will use the bulletin as a means of spreading information that is up-to-date and relevant.*

*If you have an item of news concerning your country, your branch, your prison or yourself, even one short sentence, please send it to :*

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*Your opinions on what is happening within the EPEA are also valuable and very welcome, so please feel free to voice them and to suggest any ways we can improve either the Bulletin or the Newsletter.*

## **Sweden**

### **♦ School in Ireland**

Birgit Lönn from Österåker in Sweden was at the Port Laoise Spring School in March and will be writing an article for the Newsletter.

## **France**

### **♦ A Step forward in Education in Prison**

A partnership agreement has just been signed between the Home Office and the National Board of Education. Read more in the forthcoming article in the next Newsletter.

## **Scotland**

### **♦ Contracting Out!**

Compulsory Competitive Tendering of prison education is now completed. Contracts commenced on 1 April 1995 and will run for 5 years. Main contractors with more than one establishment are Motherwell College, Falkirk College, Stoke-on-Trent College and Aberdeen College. There are four single contractors.

Staff are in general staying within prison education but some are moving back to colleges or retiring. EPEA members Kay Blackstock and Alexandra Kirkpatrick retired on 31/03/95. Iain Milne returned to work in Stevenson College, Edinburgh.

## **America**

### **♦ The 50th CEA Conference**

The Correctional Education Association (CEA) will hold its 50th annual conference in San Francisco on July 9-12, 1995. The title of the conference is "Celebrate the Past, Prepare for the Future." The conference has the following strands :

1. Program Marketing
2. Professional and Personal Development
3. Technology and the Curriculum
4. Research, Funding and Program Accountability
5. Legislation
6. Public and Private Partnerships.

Every year about 600 of the more than 3000 (mostly North American) members of the CEA participate in this annual conference.

Information : Lindy Khan (Tel. 510/262-4340) and Janie Yûguchi Gates (Tel. 310/940-1812)

## **Ireland**

### ♦ **Spring School**

March '95 saw Ireland's first "Spring School," which ran over 3 days with 40 participants from inside the country and 10 people from outside (Holland, Denmark, Sweden, England and Northern Ireland).

It was an opportunity for teachers and colleagues working in prisons to come together to share ideas, learn something new and have fun!

The themes were pre-release/post-release, isolated prisoners, offenders with addiction and European models, but there was time for Yoga and relaxation, 5-a-side football and lots of singing and dancing!

More to follow in the next Newsletter!!

## **Holland**

### ♦ **Two Hands on One Book**

Recently a national working group in the Dutch prison service produced a report on effective co-operation between teachers and librarians in a prison. The report is called "Two Hands on One Book"

Interested readers of this bulletin can obtain a free copy of this report by writing, faxing or calling - Robert Suvaal, DJI, Postbus 30132, 2500 GC Den Haag, Netherlands.  
Tel. 070-3702576 Fax. 070-3702910

The report is available in Dutch and English.

#### **N.B.**

**'Boss Copies' of the Bulletin will be sent to Liaison Persons for copying and distribution.**

## **EPEA**

### ♦ **From the Chairperson (Kevin Warner)**

Dear EPEA member

The EPEA is now entering its second year of formal existence and I am writing to report on progress so far, to thank you for joining the Association at its inception and to express the hope that you will continue in membership.

In its first year the Association has recruited over 250 members in 19 countries. So far, thanks to the generosity of prison authorities, very little expenditure has been incurred and the balance held in the bank is over £1500.

The Steering Committee met on two occasions in 1994, in Luxembourg in May and in Holland in November and plans have been made for the fifth international conference from 1-4 October 1995. Further details and application forms for the conference have now been issued and it would be helpful if they could be returned by 30th April. However applications will be considered after this date.

Elections were held in 1994 for the post of Chairperson, Deputy Secretary and Treasurer and Kevin Warner (Ireland) Kaj Raundrup (Denmark) and David Marston (England) were elected. Fuller details will be given in the Newsletter. In 1995 elections will be held for Deputy Chairperson and Membership Secretary. Details of the elections and nomination forms will be issued through liaison persons.

Only one Newsletter was published in 1994 and the Steering Committee was disappointed that there were not more issues. Apart from the time pressures on editing newsletters it has been difficult to obtain enough contributions. The Steering Committee decided therefore to aim for three copies each year to include news, updates, themes (related to special interest groups), a country focus, a day in the life of... In order to spread the workload a group of assistant editors is to be appointed. If any member is interested in contributing to the Newsletter or joining the editorial group please contact either your country liaison person or get in touch with Pam Bedford, Marshgate, Doncaster DN5 8OX, England.

Now that the Association is safely launched it is hoped that countries with ten members or more will establish a branch of the EPEA and nominate two persons to serve on the General Council and possibly on the Steering Committee thereby playing an active role in the decision making process. It is also hoped country branches will organise local events, conferences and networking within the country. Your current liaison person should be in touch with you about forming a branch and electing liaison persons.

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