



EPEA Bulletin...



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To all EPEA members :

Now 320 members

This is EPEA Bulletin No.5. This time there is a lot of important membership information, so please read on...

Members' Calendar

The calendar below is provided so that members can anticipate and plan for EPEA events through the year. It is fairly accurate but not absolutely perfect. The period Jan-June has been left in for those who like to plan retrospectively !

Jan 07 - EPEA Membership Fee Due 14 - Bulletin	Jul 01 - New Officers in Place
Feb	Aug 15 - Conference : Payment Due
Mar 04- Elections : Nominations invited for new Deputy Chairman & Treasurer) 31- Cut-Off date for payment of Membership Fee (for right to vote)	Sep 15 - Conference Papers due
Apr 16 - Newsletter 18 - Return of S/Comm Election Nominations 18 - Steering Committee Meeting	Oct 15 - Newsletter
May 15 - Deadline for Conference Applications 16 - Election : Ballot Papers Distributed	Nov 01 - Steering Committee Meeting 02 - Conference Opens 04 - General Council Meeting 05 - Conference Ends 05 - Steering Committee Meeting
Jun 01 - Conference : Confirmation to applicants 13 - Ballot Papers Returned 20 - Bulletin 23 - Election Results	Dec 19 - Members receive EPEA Directory for 1998/99

Election Results

New Treasurer

The New Treasurer of the EPEA, for the next 3 years is Dominic Henry from Northern Ireland. He got 54 votes and the other candidate, James O'Hare from Scotland, got 50 votes. Five empty votes were given. Congratulations Dominic !

So the Steering Committee of the EPEA, which meets every 6 months in some part of Europe now looks like this -

Officers :

Svenolov Svensson (Sweden) - Chairperson
 Paddy Rocks (N Ireland) - Secretary
 Dominic Henry (N Ireland) - Treasurer
 Sonja Kurten-Vartio (Finland) - Membership Sec

Regional Representatives :

Janine Duprey-Kennedy (France)
 Pam Lorenz (Ireland)
 James O'Hare (Scotland)
 Martin Drüeke (Germany)
 Katinka Mannaerts-Reijnders (Netherlands)

Thanks to **Kaj Raundrup** from Denmark and **Dave Marston** from England (outgoing Secretary and Treasurer respectively) for the great contribution that they have made over the past few years to helping the EPEA Steering Committee stay on the right track.

Newsletter

Articles for Publication

Contributions to the Newsletter should be sent to the current Editor in English, preferably on disk and preferably in 'Word' format. In each edition an article may be reproduced in another language (e.g. French, Spanish or German) but only if it is (a) reasonably short and (b) already translated into the 'other' language by the sender.

Note : No.13 is now being produced in Norway - **Deadline is 20 August**. Send articles to Torfinn Langelid, National Education Office, Hordaland County, Box 614, 5001 Bergen (Tel. +47 55 23 75 00 Fax +47 55 23 75 10)

The EPEA has found its way on to the INTERNET. A Web Page is currently being constructed, with a temporary address at :



<http://www.campus.bt.com/CampusWorld/orgs/org1729/epea.htm>

Everyone can now contact the EPEA Secretary by **e-mail**. Feel free to send a message to :

prisoned@campus.bt.com

Subscriptions

Procedures for Payment

Liaison Persons (and single members) are asked to follow one of these options when sending subscription fees -

1. To the Treasurer (Cheque) Send a cheque made out to 'European Prison Education Association' for the total amount together with a list of members in your country. A copy list should also be sent to the Membership Secretary.
2. To the Treasurer (Cash) Send cash (preferably GBP) for the total amount together with a list of members in your country. A copy list should also be sent to the Membership Secretary.
3. To the Bank (Cheque) Send a cheque made out to 'European Prison Education Association' for the total amount. At the same time a list of members in your country should be sent to the Treasurer with a memo that a cheque has been sent to the bank.. A copy list should also be sent to the Membership Secretary.

Please remember that all bank transactions cost money, so cheques for total amounts are best.

Note : A new Treasurer has been elected, so banking details will be held back until the next bulletin)

Netherlands

Far Reaching Changes

For a few years now the management philosophy of the Dutch Prison Service has been towards radical de-centralisation, i.e. penal institutions are now autonomous. There is no place for advisors or co-ordinators, and that is why, from August 1, 1997, the central Work and Education Unit in *The Hague* will be removed.

This means that Joke Holtegreffe (Art), Frank Wagenvoort (Libraries) and Robert Suvaal (Education) will lose their jobs as advisors, despite the protests of the majority of staff working within these areas. Although they will be allowed to continue in their posts until the end of December, efforts will be made to find them alternative work, and they will not be replaced. Prison educators in the service will try to continue with networking etc. but the outlook internally is pessimistic. It is also hard to know what effect all this will have on EPEA activities in the Netherlands. Only the future will tell.

DON'T FORGET FOLKS

Please send your Bulletin articles to



EPEA in Budapest

Conferences

So far the planning for the EPEA's 6th International Conference is on schedule. Letters of confirmation have been sent to applicants (about 100) and the deadline for payment of the fee is 15 August.

40th BAG Annual Conference

The national association of prison educators in Germany is called the 'Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der LehrerInnen im Vollzug e.V.' (BAG). The BAG was founded in 1958 and the 40th annual conference was held in the Justiz Akademie of the state Nordrhein-Westfalen in Recklinghausen on May 4-7, 1997. The conference theme was 'Integration in the Labour Market as the Goal of Prison Education.' The conference was informative, well organised and took place in a good atmosphere. The workshops were especially interesting because that they were real workshops !

Martin Drüeke of Germany (Steering Committee Regional Representative) and Robert Suvaal (Prison Education Advisor, Netherlands) promoted the work of the EPEA.

Note : The 41st conference will take place in Ludwigshafen (Rheinland-Pfalz) in May 1998 (week 21). Naturally it will pay attention to the 40th anniversary of BAG and one of the themes will be Europe. The BAG would be happy to welcome an EPEA delegation in Ludwigshafen.

Answers to Members' Questions

Q. When Can I be a Member?

A. Anytime. An updated membership list is produced twice a year April & October. The October list is used to update the Directory which is produced in December .

Q. What do I get on joining?

A. A Welcome letter, a copy of the Directory, a recent Newsletter & Bulletin, a member's map and details of the voting procedure.

Q. When Can I Vote?

A. Only when fee has been paid.

Q. How are Ballot papers sent?

A. Through the Liaison Person to paid-up members. Votes are sent back to the Membership Secretary. The EPEA Secretary announces results in Newsletter and Bulletin

Q. When are elections held?

A. In May/June of year that post is due for renewal

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