EPEA Membership

Apologies for an error in the last Bulletin in which it was stated that the membership stood at 460. This should have been 360. Happily, however, the latest figures from the Membership Secretary show the total individual membership standing at 412, with an additional 10 organisational members. We have representation in most European countries as well as USA, Australia and now India. This is still well on target for the Vision 2006 objective of 800 members worldwide.

N Ireland

The N Ireland branch of the EPEA has recently followed the lead given by FOKO in Norway in establishing its own association of prison education staff, whilst maintaining formal links with the EPEA. The new association - PePs (Prison education Professionals) - has established an interim Working Party to take forward local business until May 1999, by which time a local Steering Group will be appointed. Also agreed was a set of recommended tasks that will promote and develop both local and European issues of relevance to those working in our penal establishments, i.e. teachers, librarians, governors, psychologists and administrators.

CEA Conference

The annual conference of the CEA (Correctional Education Association) will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA in July 12-15. This will be attended by correctional educators from USA and Canada, as well as members from Europe and Australia. A pre-conference symposium entitled 'Towards a Renaissance of Prison Education' will take place 9 - 11 July in Park City, near Salt Lake City, involving a small number of CEA, EPEA and others from the international prison education community. This will cover issues such as:

- Philosophy of Prison Education
- Position, Roles, Range & Goals
- Programmes, Design and Methods
- Evaluation of correctional/prison education

Norway

The Nordic Folk Academy (Nordens Folkliga Akademi) in Gothenburg invites in co-operation with Ministry of Justice in Denmark, Norway, Finland, The National Education Office in Hordaland, Norway, National Prison and Probation Administration of Sweden and representatives from the EPEA, North-West Region, to a seminar on Prison Education in August 21-24 1998, in Sørmarka (outside Oslo) Norway.
The seminar will be held in Nordic languages and is open primarily for prison teachers and administrators in the Nordic countries. However, participants could also come from other countries as long as the language situation is considered. Formal invitations will be sent within the different Nordic countries during the spring.

For more information please write to:
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Northern Ireland

The New Liaison Persons for N Ireland are:

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This space is for anyone who wishes to include an item of interest to the local branch, national or international members. It is your Bulletin...Use it!

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Malta

Developing a Service

We are currently working on developing training and educational programmes for prison officers. We can do with as much help as your good selves are willing to give us. We welcome any contribution in any form, videos, pamphlets, books, worksheets, course descriptions and so on. If any of these are on sale, let us know how much they cost and whom to send the money to.

Members are invited to visit our internet website which may be found on

http://www.edu.um.edu.mt/edu/default.htm

This is part of the faculty of education site (University of Malta). Anything related to prison education in Malta may be found under

Programmes—Education in Corrective Facilities

Tony Vella

Italy

Young Offenders

On May 21st 1998 a meeting with a range of representatives of both the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education was held in Rome. This was a follow-up to a conference which took place in Bagno di Tivoli (Rome) a year earlier.

The main topic was “Adolescents without a Future? Schools and Juvenile Prisons: let's work together for an integrated formative project.”

These discussions, we hope, will eventually lead to the formulation of a new and innovative approach to the treatment of young offenders. School is still seen as a fundamental necessity in the positive development of these young people.

A fuller article will appear in a later Newsletter.

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Steering Committee

Elections

Nominations for the posts of Deputy Secretary and Membership Secretary were sought from all members by 22 May, 1998. Only one nomination was received in each case by the specified date:

Deputy Secretary James O’Hare (Scotland)
Membership Secretary Torlind Langeland (Norway)

This means that both nominees may take up their posts on July 1, James to be Deputy Secretary for one year and then Secretary for the following two years, Torlind as Membership Secretary for three years.

Congratulations to both!

So by July 1 the Steering Committee will look like this -

Officers:
Janine Duprey-Kennedy (France) - Chairperson
Paddy Rocks (N Ireland) - Secretary
James O’Hare (Scotland) - Deputy Secretary
Dominic Henry (N Ireland) - Treasurer
Torlind Langeland (Norway) - Membership Secr

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Carlo Reuland (Luxembourg) - Central
Rosalba Falsanisi (Italy) - Mediterranean
Tony Vella (Malta) - Mediterranean

It is hoped that the next Steering Committee meeting will be held in Malta in October, along with a meeting of Liaison Persons.

We would all like to thank Sven, Sonja, and Pam Lorenz for their very hard work and great contribution to the continued development of the EPEA over the past few years.