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**Hello to all members.** Here is Bulletin No.9 with notes on what is happening within the EPEA, especially issues relating to membership and events.

### **Budapest Report**

□ Extra Copies

The EPEA Secretary has some extra copies of the Report from the 6<sup>th</sup> EPEA International Conference on Prison Education, Budapest 1997. The report contains details of all keynote speeches as well as workshop papers, and includes a list of participants and some photographs.

Write to Paddy Rocks (address below) if you would like to order a copy.

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### **New Steering Committee Officers**

The result of the recent ballot of members for the position of Deputy Chairperson (to become Chairperson in 2000) was –

Paddy Rocks Northern Ireland - 99 votes  
Sean Wynne Ireland - 58 votes  
Tony Vella Malta - 15 votes

The following changes within the EPEA Steering Committee became effective on 1 July 1999 -

James O'Hare, Deputy Secretary is now Secretary  
Paddy Rocks, Secretary is now Deputy Chairperson

Don't forget the **EPEA Internet Website** for basic facts and up to date information :

<http://users.tibus.com/epea>



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## General Council Meeting

Constitution

At the next meeting of the General Council the Steering Committee will be proposing to extend the duration of the office of Chairperson by one year. This would mean that the next EPEA Chairperson would serve for three years. The Steering Committee would like members to consider this proposal and communicate their opinion to their Liaison Person prior to the General Council meeting in Athens in October.

LPs  
Read this

## Research

Malta

The University of Malta, Faculty of Education, has expressed a wish to develop a Research and Resources Centre which will focus on education in prisons. This would eventually concentrate all research articles, books etc. in one central resource and would be a valuable source of information for all those working in the field of penal education.

If you think that a piece of work should be proposed as a contribution to this resource, please contact –

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A more substantial article will appear in the next EPEA Newsletter.

## Liaison Persons

Co-ordinator

The Liaison Person coordinator is **Rosalba Falsanisi** from Italy. Her role is to gather up-to-date information on who are the LPs and to be the first point of contact for LPs. At the moment she is developing a questionnaire that will be sent to all LPs to seek their ideas and views on their role and the problems they face. We hope to get good feedback from this and perhaps improve the communications between members and the Steering Committee.

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## Membership

There are nearly 400 individual members but it is estimated that, when group / institution membership numbers are included, there are over 600 EPEA members across the world. There is no room for complacency, however. We badly need contact points in Belgium, Austria, Portugal and Spain.

Membership fees (in £ Sterling) for 1999 are -

Individual Members	£6
Associate Members	£12
Institution Members	£30

## Prison Education Publication

A new book has been launched on the subject of international prison education. It is called 'Education Behind Bars – International Comparisons' and is compiled by Professor Bill Forster. It features articles by professional contributors from many countries, and you might be surprised by some of the names. An in-depth article is expected in the next Newsletter.

Publisher NIACE (<http://www.niace.org.com>)  
ISBN 1 86201 020 X

## Athens Conference

Despite the recent tremble in the area, the 7<sup>th</sup> EPEA International Conference on Prison Education is set to take place in the Hotel Titania, Athens, 10-13 October. Over 130 delegates are expected to attend this event, which is being organised in partnership with the Greek Ministry of Justice. Several eminent guest speakers from various parts of Europe will participate, and there will also be practical workshops and prison visits within the programme.

If you can't attend look out for the summary and some photographs on the EPEA Web-Site (see next article).

## Internet

For those that have Internet access the EPEA site has pages giving details on the history, constitution and Steering Committee. It also features information on making contact and a page that allows members (and non-members) to debate issues relating to prison education. Why not try it out...the more it gets used, the more we will use it to communicate with members.

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