To all members: Bulletin No.10 contains important information about the status of the EPEA, contact points and forthcoming conferences. Please read on...

EPEA as an NGO
Council of Europe

The EPEA has been recognised by the Council of Europe in Strasbourg as an NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation). This means that we now enjoy 'consultative status' in Europe, that we may attend meetings and liaise with the Council on matters of mutual interest. In effect we are now formally linked with Europe. This is a very strong position from which to launch future initiatives and should be of great benefit to members in all regions. More information to follow in the next Newsletter.

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Conference Information

- Janine Duprey-Kennedy will represent the EPEA at the International Conference on Literacy in Ottawa, Canada in April/May.

- The Conference for Co-Ordinators of Prison Education will be held in Malta in November 2000.

- 8th EPEA International Conference on Prison Education will take place in Netherlands in October 2001. A Planning Committee has been appointed and work has already started to organise a strong and relevant conference aimed primarily at practitioners.

Liaison Persons

We hope to be able to organise a meeting for Liaison Persons in April 2001, possibly in Norway. More information later in the year.
**EPEA Directory**

The EPEA Directory, containing a list of all members, Liaison and Contact Persons, their addresses and other useful information is ready for distribution. As a member you should receive your copy soon.

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**Internet Website**

We want to communicate more effectively with members, and we hope to do this through better use of the EPEA Internet Website. As more and more people come on-line we want to overcome our problems of geography, separation and organisation by using the web to publish important information. For example, we think it would be better if we could eventually publish this bulletin only on the web. In fact, it's already there!

*So if you have any suggestions about how we can make better use of the Internet for members, please let us know!*

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**The EPEA Internet Website is still at**

http://users.tibus.com/epea

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**Membership Information**

The Membership Secretary has reported another increase in membership... there are now 477 *individual* members and a further 406 members affiliated within *Organisations* (mainly in Germany, Luxembourg and Latvia).

Some countries have yet to pay their members' fees and we would ask LPs to collect and send subscriptions to the Treasurer (see next page for details) as soon as possible.

Membership fees (in £ Sterling) for 2000 are -

- **Individual Members** £6  
- **Associate Members** £12  
- **Organisations** £30

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**Elections**

This year sees elections for 2 Steering Committee positions – Deputy Secretary and Treasurer. Liaison Persons will be sent information and nominations papers very soon.

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**Newsletter Articles**

The next Newsletter, No.19 (November 2000) will be produced by England. No.20 will be done by Italy and will be co-ordinated by Rosalba Falsanisi (April 2001). Germany will make No.21. In the interests of simplicity and speed the Steering Committee has agreed that all articles should in future be sent to Pam Marston. Pam will act as the central 'receiver' regardless of which country is making the Newsletter.

Send Newsletter articles to:

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**Note:** Pam would prefer to receive your contributions by e-mail or on disk (in Microsoft Word). We know this is not always possible but it makes editing much more simple and will greatly speed up the production process.

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**Membership Fees**

Liaison Persons (and single members) are asked to follow one of these options when sending membership 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.

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**Note:** If using option (3) above, send cheques to:  
Bank of Ireland, The Diamond, Coleraine,

- **Account Number is** 180 324 30  
- **Sort Code is** 90 - 48 - 00

Please remember that all bank transactions cost money, and that cheques for small amounts use up most of their value in transaction charges. It is better for Liaison Persons to collect and transfer the fees of all their members as one transaction.