**Membership Info**

***We’re growing!!***
Currently there are more than 800 EPEA members in 35 countries in Europe and elsewhere.

Membership Subscription:
- **Individual Members** £10
- **Associate Members** £20
- **Organisations** £100

**How to become an EPEA member**
In Europe you can become a member of the EPEA by contacting your local Liaison/Contact Person, completing an application form and paying a small subscription of £10 as an Individual Member. Alternatively, and for more information, you may use the EPEA website to make us aware of your interest, especially if you are unable to make contact locally. You can pay by Credit Card using the form on the website.

**Liaison / Contact Persons**
The latest information on current Liaison Persons can be found on the EPEA Website -

users.tibus.com/epea

**Liaison Persons Meeting**

***Sorry it’s postponed!***
The Liaison/Contact Persons planned for Budapest in November 2002 is postponed until November 2003.

Sorry, but not enough Liaison/Contact Persons could commit themselves to justify the expenses being incurred by EPEA.

**Newsletter**

***Out Soon!!***
Your next issue of the Newsletter will shortly be on its way to you. This issue has been edited by Maximilian Weidenhiller of Germany. Watch out for some interesting articles.

***… and for the next two years***
Spring 2003 - Estonia
Autumn 2003 - Malta
Spring 2004 - Norway
Autumn 2004 - Netherlands

**Steering Committee**

***Paris in the Autumn***
The Steering Committee met in Paris for its twice-yearly meeting September 27-29.

***Enlarging the Steering Committee***
Due to the recent emergence of independent states in central and Eastern Europe, the EPEA Steering Committee is looking at revising regional composition and representation on this body.

***Sorry to lose you***
Svenolov Svensson has resigned from the EPEA Steering Committee due to pressure of work. Thanks Sven for your hard work on behalf of EPEA over many, many years.

***Changing of the Guard***
Knut Lage Bo (Norway) is the new Deputy Secretary. He takes up office as Secretary on July 1st, 2003, replacing Sean Wynne (Ireland).
Coming into office on this date too is a new Chairperson, Niek Willems (Netherlands) who takes over from Paddy Rocks (Northern Ireland). Anne Costelloe (Ireland) will be asked to take the place of Sven for the remainder of his term. Congratulations to Knut Lage, Niek and Anne. (However Sean and Paddy will still be there until July 2003).

**Conference**

***Conference Update***
The 9th. EPEA International Conference, entitled “All Of Me! Prison Education In A Holistic Perspective,” takes place between 14 - 18 June 2003, in the Quality Skjærgården Hotel, Langesund, Norway. Details are on the EPEA website.

To provisionally register, check with your Liaison/Contact Person for an application form. Note that the closing date for receipt of this is 15 November 2002. So Hurry!

**Branches**

***New EPEA Branch?***
Word is coming out of the Netherlands that members are about to follow the example of Norway and form a national branch of EPEA. Good luck with your efforts!
**Grundtvig Project**

**In the Bag!?**
A project to help raise awareness of Prison Education issues among Ministry of Justice officials in some European countries has been submitted for funding under the Grundtvig Programme. The proposal was put together by Tony Vella (Malta) and envisages a series of seminars in various European locations to win the active support of justice administrations, in particular in South, Central and Eastern countries, and the production and dissemination of a range of promotional materials. An offer of EC funding offer has already been accepted, so the programme can hopefully commence in early 2003.

**Elections 2003**

**Vote Early...**
The election procedure for post of Treasurer will commence in April 2003. Because of some weakness that became apparent in the course of last election, the Steering Committee has agreed an election format that will add to transparency, security and confidentiality. It will involve some increased responsibility for Liaison and Contact Persons. Details will be circulated and published in advance.

**Promotion Materials**

**Brand New Brochure**
A new brochure has been produced for use by Liaison/Contact Persons, and anyone else who wishes to provide information to new members, organisations, etc. Many thanks to Svenolov for the design work and to FOKO (Association of Prison Educators in Norway) for meeting the cost of printing.

**Lingua Franca**

**Language Problems.**
Not all EPEA members have a working knowledge of English. We know...but we don't have the resources to translate documents etc. into the different languages of our members. Any ideas to overcome this problem? Why not let us know them by writing an article for the Newsletter or posting them on the Website forum.

**CoE Recommendations**

**Research**
It is proposed to carry out research among members to establish the extent of implementation of Council of Europe Recommendations on prison education. Liaison/Contact Persons will be in touch.

**Advisers**

**Three Wise Men**
The special advisers to EPEA Steering Committee are Kevin Warner (Ireland), Robert Suvaal (Netherlands) and Svenolov Svensson (Sweden).