We hope you’re all enjoying the nice and hot summer - the nice long evenings, the outdoor events, the BBQ nights and the refreshing splashings in the pool. It’s time to recharge. This issue of the EPEA newsletter fits perfectly to the laid back summer vibe. It casually informs you of a call for papers for the Advancing Corrections Journal and of an invitation to a course in leadership. Representative Hubert Skrzynski of the Central region reports back on the Skills For Freedom event in Genoa last June and chairlady Annet Bakker introduces the latest additions to EPEA’s steering committee. For the first time ever, this newsletter has a little lighthearted entertainment in the form of a little ‘Spot the difference’ challenge to keep you sharp, yet playful. And who knows, perhaps you might learn something about Arts & Culture that you didn’t know before!

We hope you’ll be enjoying this sunny edition of the EPEA newsletter and wish you a pleasant continuation of your summer!

- Pris Tatipikalawan
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TIA Formazione organises a mentoring and leadership course from 22 - 26 October in Bosa, Italy. If you would like to develop leadership skills and work on important things like communication, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution and the art of influencing, this Erasmus KA1 course might be of interest to you.

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Recently there have been some changes in the Steering Committee of the EPEA. We will sorely miss some of the familiar faces and warmly welcome the new ones. Chairlady Annet Bakker presents you a quick overview and introduces the new members.

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With the editor’s sincere apologies for the delay, we did decide on publishing the report of the Italian EFA event ‘Skills for freedom - from prison to community: how to improve and job-match inmates’ competences’ in this issue. The event was held in the end of June in Genoa, Italy in collaboration with ARCI Liguria, Teatro dell’Ortica and the Genoa University. Hubert Skrzynski, EPEA’s representative for Central Europe, reports back to us.

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The deadline for submissions to the 6th edition of Advancing Corrections on the theme of Innovation in Education: Voices from the front line is moved forward to August 15, 2018. The ICPA - International Corrections & Prison Association invites authors to submit papers for one of three sections: a. featured research articles b. views and reviews and c. practice innovation in corrections.

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Eugène Henri Paul Gauguin (7 June 1848 – 8 May 1903) was a French post-Impressionist artist. Unappreciated until after his death, Gauguin is now well-known for the use of bold colors, exaggerated body proportions and stark contrasts. Towards the end of his life he spent ten years in French Polynesia, and most of his paintings from this time depict people or landscapes from that region. Read his story here

Educating in a prison environment requires a certain alertness. You need that edge, that sharpness that working in a prison requires. Here is a little exercise to keep your observation skills on par. How long does it take for you to spot the seven differences in the two Gaugains above?

Eurosuccess Consulting is participating in the European project E/I-motion: Unconventional Community Networks and Learning in support of Marginalised Youth Integration. The project aims on the development of tools and supportive methods for a. the society, specifically the experts and entities to get prepared for the reintegration of ex-prisoners and b. the young offenders (current prisoners) to develop the required skills for their reintegration in the society and the labor market after their release.

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Prison education sometimes feels like it’s a world on its own, lost to the general education systems and policies. Surprisingly enough quite a few of the member organisations of the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) seem to tie in with prison education nonetheless. Chairlady Annet Bakker visited the Annual General Meeting of the EAEA in Tallinn, Estonia and reports back what she learned.

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The Netherlands love football (soccer). They love it so much, that even the prisons organised an international tournament. Professional players, (ex-)prisoners, prison staff and care takers played each other in various teams in a third edition of Euro Football at the Dordrecht Prison in the Netherlands.

In research: two new papers about reentry and parole in the US have been published in the Journal of Prison Education and Reentry. Annika Anderson, Noe Nava, and Patricia Cortez provide a look at the use of a reentry-focused helpline by the formerly incarcerated, while Danielle Levin-Loucks and Kristin Levin offer an ethnographically informed conversation analysis of parole hearings. Thom Gehring provides the historical vignette in each issue of this prison education journal.

Former Steering Committee member Nina Champion received in 2017 a fellowship from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. She used it to explore prison university partnerships in Belgium, Poland, Denmark and the United States. Her findings have been published in the report called 'Turning 180 degrees: the potential of prison-university partnerships to transform learners into leaders' in April of this year.

LSCI is an advanced, interactive therapeutic strategy, developed to turn crisis situations into learning opportunities for children and youth with chronic patterns of self-defeating behaviors. Euro-CIDES provides a training in Bordeaux, France from 10 to 14 September, 2018. By the end of the course, participants will have gained a better understanding of the inmate’s behaviour and will have learned how to manage and intervene effectively to support the inmate’s learning.

Change is the end result of all true learning

~ Leo Buscaglia

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