

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

12th EUCEN European Conference on Continuing Education for the Professions

An analysis of the state-of-the art and future perspectives for the professions in Europe in the European Year of Lifelong Learning

University of Catania, Italy, 10 to 13 October 1996

EUCEN is a network of over 120 European Universities strongly involved in developing continuing education programs. It enables its member universities to serve most effectively the people of Europe, particularly in their own regions, through the exchange of good practice and innovation and influences the development of university continuing education policy throughout Europe.

The number of places is limited.

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EUCEN 13th Conference - New Millennium: The Challenge of Competition for University Continuing Education

Lausanne, Switzerland, 2 to 5 April 1997

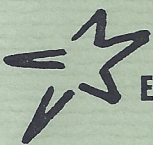
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5th Annual European Access Network Convention

Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky, Amsterdam, 30 June to 3 July 1996

- 1/ Demonstrating the Merits of Diversity
- 2/ Identifying and Overcoming Barriers to Successful Completion
- 3/ Meeting the Diversity of Student Needs
- 4/ Higher Education, Under-representation and the Labour Market

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**European Conference:
Lifelong Learning and its Impact on Social
and Regional Development**

University of Bremen, Germany, 3 to 5 October 1996

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The University in the Information Age

São Paulo, Brazil, 23 to 25 October 1996

Organised by the Association of European Rectors (CRE) and Programme Columbus in association with Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP) and with the support of the European Commission.

Working Group on CEE - 1996 Seminar

Continuing Education or Facilitating Learning? Supporting the Learning of the Individual Engineer and the Development of the Learning Organisation

Valencia España, 28 to 29 November 1996

Hosted by the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

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SEFI homepage

Detailed information on SEFI and its Conferences is available on the Web: <http://www.ntb.ch/SEFI/>

Barcelona European Summer School

*Fondacio Bosch i Gimpera, Universidad de Barcelona
1 to 26 July 1996*

Five main themes: Health and Pharmacy, Banking and Finances, Management and Human Resources, Information Technology and Communications and University Continuing Education.

Courses are funded by the European Social Fund and are free. Lodging and travel at special prices.

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Research on Multimedia

I would like to invite all of you to participate in my research on the emancipatory and democratizing potential of New Media.

Please visit this WWW-page to fill out a questionnaire: <http://www.wsr.ac.at/ihs-html/soc/projects/rup/eintro.html> (or request an email-version from schmutze@ihssv.wsr.ac.at).

The questionnaire deals with the impact of New Media on individuals and society, in connection with relevant characteristics of New Media to change information and communication behavior.

The data gained will be used for this purpose only. Results will be presented on the IAS-Sociology-Page, as soon as they are available.

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www.wsr.ac.at/ihs-html/soc/home.html

EUCEN LEONARDO BIDS, 1996

The objective of the EU LEONARDO DA VINCI programme is to promote new approaches in initial and continuing vocational training policies and practices. It aims to improve the quality of vocational training systems and their capacity for innovation to enable vocational training to prepare for the professions of the 21st century, to anticipate the change, to visualise the future, to prepare and experiment with new ways and new methods.

In 1996, activities of the LEONARDO programme will be carried out in the context of the European Year of Lifelong Learning aimed at highlighting the importance of lifelong education and training. They will also take into account the White Paper recently adopted by the Commission (*Teaching and Learning: Towards the Learning Society*, COM (95) 590 final) and the guidelines developed by the Commission in its *Green Paper on Innovation* (COM (95) 688 final).

After the Call for proposals on 29 February 1996, the EUCEN Secretariat, on behalf of EUCEN Members, has submitted three bids to the European Commission under the LEONARDO programme. The first of these projects is an **exchange programme for language trainers and training managers**. The overall objective is to support activities aimed at developing language skills as part of vocational training measures. The university partners in this exchange are all EUCEN Members and each university has introduced a non-university partner in order to strengthen the links with the public and the private sector (as LEONARDO aims to do). Language trainers from different type of organisations will identify and later disseminate information on innovative and effective methods for providing language training and its management, including forecasting the needs for future training. If additional funding is available all the partners will determine how the innovative methods and good practice which have been identified can best be implemented.

A similar exchange involving other countries was funded by the Commission last year and is currently being carried out and managed by EUCEN. **New methods and new technologies in use in the provision and the management of language training** are currently being identified in the participating institutions and it is already clear that their application varies at present from one European country to another. This exchange has led to a second application for funding in order to implement the results of the current exchange. This project, if it is funded, will consist in a first meeting of representatives of all the partners to clarify the results of the language exchange and to agree new teaching methods or management techniques. The partners will then attempt to incorporate these into their language training provision. A second meeting will take place at the end of the year to discuss the outcomes, celebrate the successes and find the ways of helping partners who have identified barriers to the implementation.

The third project submitted by EUCEN applies to the strand for Survey and Analysis projects. The overall aim of the project is to **improve the quality and capacity for innovation in vocational training systems and arrangements for vocational training personnel** so enabling them to acquire new skills. By this means, the level of all such training and development across Europe should move towards the standard of the current best practice. It should also enable the market for vocational training to work more effectively. In particular, the market for vocational staff training should be able to respond to the changing needs of employers and individuals more quickly and cost-effectively as a result.

The results of all three projects will be widely disseminated across Europe through the World Wide Web. The uniform resource location (URL) of the WWW site will be circulated as widely as possible using appropriate Internet listservers, networks, newsletters, mailing lists and by other means throughout Europe and the results will be available for EUCEN Members via the WWW and the Conferences. In particular the URL for the reports for EUCEN's current LEONARDO language exchange project is <http://mail.bris.ac.uk/~emlc/elte.html>. This site should be available by the end of June, 1996.

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CRE - INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

The 46th bi-annual conference of the Association of European Rectors usually referred to as 'the CRE' (which comes roughly from the initials of its old name, *la Conférence permanente des recteurs, présidents et vice-chanceliers*) took place in Santiago de Compostella on 23-24 May, 1996 and was attended by the President, Victor de Kosinsky (who also represented the University of Liège), and the Secretary General, Ted Thomas.

The keynote address, on the topic **Managing change at the university**, given by Philippe de Woot (Catholic University Louvain) gave an excellent start to the Conference. A paper summarising the main points made in this address (but minus his jokes, sadly) was circulated. This was followed by presentations within the overall Conference subject on three particular themes:

- lifelong learning - a challenge to universities** by Leenamajja Ojala (ELLI);
- the challenge of sustainable development** by Jan Nilsson (University of Stockholm);
- the challenge of Europeanisation** by Domenico Lenarduzzi (DG XXII, European Commission).

A paper was circulated on the lifelong learning presentation while the sustainable development session was based upon the University Charter on Sustainable Development published by the CRE-Copernicus programme in 1993. Each of these presentations was followed by long discussions. In each it was possible to point to a number of ways in which EUCEN and its members are already making a substantial contribution to assisting European universities to achieve their goals in these areas and how we might do more in the future. Any members of EUCEN who would like a copy of the papers produced by Professor de Woot or Dr Ojala are welcome to contact me. I will gladly have a copy sent.

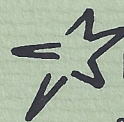
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THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

As members will know we have been developing an **electronic journal** on the World Wide Web. We are now almost ready to go live with it. To launch it we have some very good papers which I am sure will be of interest to a wide audience as well as our members.

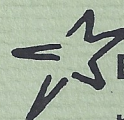
The formal launch will be at the Catania conference in October. In the meantime please think about writing an article or a shorter paper which could be descriptive of a project or a new development in your university or your country, or could be polemical to start off some debate and discussion. The long summer vacation is just the time to do some serious thinking and writing in peace and quiet so if you would like to discuss any ideas please get in touch with me.

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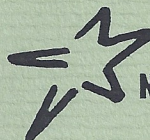
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