

CONFERENCES

The Columbus Programme of CRE, in cooperation with four Latin American countries, is promoting a workshop dedicated to the topic of *Continuing Education* at the University of São Paulo, 6-9 July 94. The European members of the Organizing Committee are EUCEN members: Prof. M. Parellada (U. Barcelona) and Prof. K. de Witte (Katholieke U. Leuven).

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The 1994 UACE Conference on Continuing Vocational Education will take place in Leicester, 20-22 September 94 with the theme *The Impact of Professional Development*.

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Call for papers — American Association of Adult Continuing Education. Conference in Transformations in Adult Education: a Global Perspective, to be held in Nashville, TN, USA, 1 November 94.

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The SEFI (Société Européenne pour la Formation des Ingénieurs) Working Group on Continuing Education is promoting the 3rd European Forum for Continuing Engineering Education in Vienna, 9-11 November 94.

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EUCEN is inviting representatives from other European organizations with a close interest in Continuing Higher Education to take part, immediately before this Conference, in a one-day meeting to debate cooperation.

The first Global Conference on Lifelong Learning will be held in Rome, 30 Nov-2 Dec 94. It is promoted by ELLI (European Lifelong Learning Initiative) with the cooperation of The World Initiative on Lifelong Learning.

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EUCEN has as its representative in the EDEN (European Distance Education Network) Advisory Panel, the Vice-President Alfredo Soeiro. EDEN is providing input to the programme planning for the 1995 ICDE (International Conference on Distance Education), 26-30 June 95. The theme of the meeting is *One World Many Voices - Quality in Open and Distance Learning*.

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The 7th EUCEN European Conference will be held in Helsinki, 3-6 June 94. The theme is *Implementing High Quality Continuing Education* and the host is the Helsinki University of Technology. The programme is divided by four sessions at HUT and a fifth, for subject groups, around Finland.

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EUCEN will have its 1994 General Assembly at HUT on 3 June where a President will be elected for a mandate of two years.

The 8th EUCEN European Conference will take place in Olympia, 21-23 October 94. The theme is *Multimedia Methods and University Continuing Education* and the host will be the University of Patras. The accommodation will be at the International Olympic Academy.

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NUCEA, EUROPACE, EDEN and DELTA will be invited to participate and contributions are expected from a number of organizations and continuing education providers.

The 9th EUCEN European Conference will be held in Glasgow, 21-23 April 95. The theme is *Continuing Education Funding* and the host is the University of Strathclyde. The accommodation will be at the Glasgow Hilton Hotel.

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CE COURSES

The University of Barcelona is organizing the 1st European Summer School in Continuing and Vocational Education, 4-29 July 94. EUCEN participated in the selection of the 30 courses from 130 proposals from 20 different European countries through the contribution of the President, Prof. Mitschke-Collande, in the jury. There will be a parallel exhibition to offer a representative sample of courses by European universities open to participation.

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NEWS

The European Conference on Flexible Responses in Higher Education, held in Brussels, Belgium, 13-14 December 93 recommended that in the area of CE and in-service training the mission of open and distance teaching universities should contain both initial higher education and continuing education. The characteristics of open and of distance teaching make it an excellent tool for retraining and in-service training at the tertiary level for employees and the self-employed.

An International Conference on Management of Collaborative European Programmes and Projects in Research, Education and Training was held in Oxford, 11-13 April promoted by the Department of Continuing Education. Continuing Education was emphasized by the Director General for Human Resources, Training and Youth, Dr. T. O'Dwyer of the Commission of European Communities: "...heightening awareness throughout the society of the importance of education and training, and making a reality of the notion of life-long learning".

The NUCEA (National Universities Continuing Education Association) Executive Committee and the EUCEN Steering Committee had a joint meeting in Antwerp in 8 December 93, to discuss cooperation. The four sessions were on *Continuing Higher Education (CHE) in Europe and in the United States: a Comparison, Leading Issues Currently Confronting CHE, Opportunities for Collaboration, and Future EUCEN/NUCEA Collaboration*.

As a result of the collaboration between EUCEN and SEFI, a proposal for an *Investigation into a Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme for European Continuing Higher Education* has been presented to the Task Force for Human Resources of the Commission of European Communities with a request for funding. The proposal is divided into three stages and will be managed by a Steering Group of members from SEFI, EUCEN, the Task Force, the professions, the social partners and others from the Commission. To consolidate this cooperation EUCEN has designated Vice-President Alfredo Soeiro as the liaison between EUCEN and the SEFI Working Group on Continuing Engineering Education.

New applications for EUCEN membership have been received from:

- Technical University of Vienna (A)
- University of Vienna (A)
- University of Lapland (FIN)
- University of Tampere (FIN)
- Humboldt University (D)
- University of Limburg (NL)
- University of Aveiro (P)

It was decided by the Steering Committee to recommend all for full membership at the General Assembly in Helsinki, 3 June 94.

The official EUCEN Statutes were published in the Belgian Official Journal of 24 February 1994, pp. 1788-90.

A response to the Joint LC/CRE/TFHR Project on Improving Academic Networking was prepared and delivered by the EUCEN Steering Committee. The response was a reaction to the questionnaire elaborated by the Conference des Présidents d'Université based on the SOCRATES program. The short time available prevented a general consultation of all EUCEN members, but they were invited to comment subsequently. The members involved were Ms. Pat Davies, Prof. V. de Kosinsky, Mr. M. Markkula, Prof. E. Mastrojannis, Prof. P. v. Mistchke-Collande, Prof. A. Soeiro, Prof. E. J. Thomas and Dr. R. A. Thomson.

Results of the membership survey will be presented at the 7th EUCEN Conference in Helsinki. Out of the 65 members, 42 had replied by the end of April 94. EUCEN Steering Committee members involved in this project are grateful to the colleagues who responded. The survey is considered a powerful tool in the strategy definition of future activities and projects.

In order to prepare actions to be pursued within the framework of the future SOCRATES and LEONARDO da Vinci programmes, within the section "Educational Research" of the future Socio-Economic Research Programme, and within the section "Education and Training" of the future Telematics RDT programme, a joint initiative by DG XII, DG XIII and TFHRETY for development and demonstration in the field of *Open and Distance Learning*, with available funding of 3 million ECUs, has been launched by the Calls for Proposals mentioned above. The deadline is 15 June 94.

Name and address of the Service responsible for the grant contract:
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EUCEN members: please note that the Secretary General address and telephone number change to the above on 6 June 94.