



EFVET Newsletter

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Message from the President (December, 2003)

The Cardiff Conference: A word of thanks

This is the first newsletter after the Cardiff conference. We all liked the very informative programme and I am sure that all of you will agree if I thank Pete Hodgson and all the collaborators from this place for their efforts! A special word of thanks to Kent Andersen who made sure that all the information and the traditional photo-gallery has been published on our website! See: <http://www.efvet.org/conferences/index2003.html>

Annual General Meeting 2003

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2003 will be published on our website. One decision was to raise membership fees a bit, but less than the inflation rate.

Let me also remember you about the decision taken to create two “working parties”:

1. One for European policies. I will invite the members for this working party my self. Members of this working party will assist in representing EfVET in contacts with the European Commission and the European Parliament.
2. One for servicing membership in the accession countries. I invite members who are interested to develop contacts with the 10 new member states and make sure that all institutes for education and training become a member of EfVET, to contact me as soon as possible.

All-Russian Association of VET Directors

We had the honour that Mr Victor Demine President of the All-Russian Association of VET Directors and Olga Oleynikova, Director Centre for VET Studies in Moskou joined the Cardiff Conference. We agreed to develop

further cooperation. I was already kindly invited to address the meeting of the Presidium of the All-Russian Association of VET Directors. Unfortunately I was unable to come. However, we agreed to look for the next occasion.

VET in Australia

As you may already have seen on our website, I was invited to address the Conference on Skilling Australia with a key note. This was a very well organised conference with a focus on the question how to raise the status of VET as an essential part of economic and social policies in Australia. You are certainly invited to visit the website of the conference: http://www.skillingaustralia.com/skill_aust_forum/index.htm. Between the many excellent presentation, I would certainly recommend the one from Mary Dickie: Branding Vocational Education And Training in Australia. http://www.skillingaustralia.com/skill_aust_forum/pdf/mary_dickie.pdf.

European Training Foundation

It was agreed with Helmut Zelloth, Country Manager for Poland, Estonia and Latvia of the European Training Foundation to develop a closer cooperation between EFVET and ETF. I will keep you informed. Please go to

EfVET conference 2004

The Steering Committee agreed to make sure that next EfVET conferences will be announced by December the year before. We are proud that our Italian representative has succeeded in meeting this deadline. You will find information about the 2004 conference in this Newsletter. And pre-registration is recommended!

<http://www.efvet.org/conferences/index2004.html>

EfVET conferences 2005 and 2006

The 2005 conference will probably be in Hungary. Partners in Hungary who I met during the conference on E-Learning in Budapest, where I was invited to deliver a key note on behalf of EfVET, are working on a first proposal.

The conference in 2006 will probably be in Cyprus. Stelios Mauvromoustakos, who was in Cardiff spoke already with his colleagues and has accepted to form the local organising committee.

The European Policies EDUCATION AND TRAINING 2010

As I explained in my opening speech at the Cardiff Conference, a comprehensive programme on the development of Lifelong Learning in Europe is being made. VET institutions may play a crucial role if they change in time. Please have a look at http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/policies/2010/et_2010_en.html to see the latest developments and download all the reports that might be of interest for you. Many working groups are in fact behind schedule, so there is some pressure to speed up!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

There are many other things going on in EfVET, including our continued efforts in the NGO Platform.

However, I am sure that you will read this newsletter and follow the news section on our website. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Hans F. van Aalst
President
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Impressions from the International EFVET conference, Cardiff Oct. 2003

As “firsttimers” attending an international Efvvet conference it was striking how interesting the programme was and how well organized everything was.

The whole conference from beginning to the end ran smoothly and we felt no problems at all as participants. Au contraire everyone was very helpful and did their best if one had a question.

The programme of the conference was also very well organized, and what is more important, was a most exciting programme.

The speakers spoke about relevant and meaningful issues. And gave us a lot to discuss and take home to our local network.

I especially liked the opening sessions with their all-round issues on VET.

And interesting to hear the host Country tell about their challenges concerning education.

Both the workshops and the roundtables were exciting. We found it most giving to discuss different issues from VET projects and learn from others experiences with our European colleagues.

As for the atmosphere one couldn't find a nicer place to be. It seems as everyone finds it natural to “network” and that the whole meaning of attending an international conference is of course being together, talk, exchange ideas etc.

We have one little idea for a coming conference. We would like to have had the opportunity of a modest networking corner or exhibition place, where it could be announced when you could meet a certain participant and colleague from a specific school/ organization or project.

We do hope we will have the possibility to join another Efvvet conference

On behalf of me and my colleague from Basic Social and Healthcare Programmes, County of Copenhagen, Denmark

Sincerely Annie Philipsen

Efvvet 13th Annual International Conference 2004 in Tuscany (Italy)

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that our next Efvvet Annual Conference in 2004 will take place in Tuscany, Italy, in October from Wednesday the 27th to Saturday the 30th.

The title of the conference is:

“Best Practice in Competence Based Learning”

We feel this title reflects well our purpose for the conference to focus on sharing and promoting among practitioners good examples of practice on the conception, design and implementation of vocational education and training schemes.

We have agreed upon two subtitles which are:

- Leadership and change of VET institutions in the light of LLL
- Concrete examples of practice of learning at the workplace

According to this perspective, the conference will give us the opportunity to discuss, with plenary sessions and with a number of parallel workshops and round tables, two important dimensions:

- political issues arising from European debate on VET and the management of VET organisations
- effective practical solutions to the challenges faced by European practitioners

At present, we are contacting several European and International bodies involved in VET to identify key note speakers for our joint sessions.

We believe that the strengths and impact of the conference will depend as well on the degree of involvement of every participating delegate.

For this reason, we are developing interactive services to be published early next year on a dedicated Internet web site for the conference to enable candidates to:

- get exhaustive information of the conference and contact directly the general secretariat staff
- publish, as project promoter, an advert of a transnational collaborative project for finding appropriate organisations to join the consortium
- contact, as a partner, a promoter to propose its own institution for joining a consortium
- book a stand to promote or disseminate own activities, projects and/or didactic materials
- propose a theme for a workshop, express own opinion on proposed workshop themes and send own CV to candidate for leading a workshop
- propose a theme/project to be presented within round table sessions

We are selecting the venue for the conference bearing in mind to keep our high standards as usual and, at the same time, have the lowest price possible.

Early bookings make things easier for us and can help to have a lower cost for the conference.

If you send us the attached pre-registration form by January the 31st, you will be able to attend the conference at the following reduced fees:

- Individual participants

EfVET members	€550,00
Non members	€700,00
- Any additional person(s) from same organisation

EfVET members	€500,00
Non members	€650,00

EfVET Italy General Secretariat Staff is at your disposal for any further information you may need. For enquiry, please contact:

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Thanking in anticipation for your attention and looking forward to meeting you all in Italy next year !!

Stefano Tirati,

National Representative of EfVET Italy

Managing Director

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Web: www.eduropa.it / www.cscs.it, Email: conference2004@efvet.it



**EUROPEAN FORUM OF TECHNICAL AND
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**13th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:
“BEST PRACTICE IN COMPETENCE BASED LEARNING”
27-30 October 2004, Tuscany, Italy**

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

First Name:

Surname:

Job Title:

Organisation:

Address:

Zip/ Postal Code:

Country:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Member of EFVET: YES NO

If yes, membership number:

Conference fee for individual participants:

*Please tick the appropriate fee(s)

Member of EFVET * €550 *

Non - member of EFVET * €700 *

Conference fee for any additional person(s)

from same organisation:

Member of EFVET * €500 *

Non - member of EFVET * €650 *

In case of additional person(s), please

specify, from the first registration made:

Organisation Name:

Person Full Name:

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After pre-registration you will receive further information about the conference themes and logistics, as well as hotel reservation forms.

Please post, fax or (preferably) Email this form to the EFVET Conference Office before 31st January 2004

From the Treasurer

The Data base:

To keep the database up to date we urge you to inform the Central Office of any changes in the information of your organisation.

This can be done in two ways:

-If you have a web page on our web site, please take a minute and check whether the information is still correct !!

If changes are needed please use the following procedure:

Go to:

www.efvet.org/members/edit_page.htm

put the changes in the e-form that will be on your screen and submit the form as prescribed.

-If you don't have a web page on our web site, please send the change of information in writing to the following address:

EFVET Central Office, Rue de la Concorde 60, 1050 Brussels, Belgium,

or by e-mail to:

efvet.central@skynet.be

Only if you stick to this we can guarantee that all the information you are entitled to as a member will be send to you.

The membership fee for 2002 and 2003:

There are still members who have not paid the fee for 2002 and/or 2003. As I reported in the newsletter of July the Steering Committee has decided to take action by employing a firm which is specialised in international debt collections: "MondiCollect BV." The (very expensive) costs for these collections are for the member involved. We have given these members a last chance to pay without the intervention of the debt collector by sending them a final reminder, with added administration costs of 15%, in the first week of October.

The ones who still have not paid by now shall be handed over to the above mentioned "MondiCollect BV."

The membership fee for 2004 (as accepted by the AGM in Cardiff 24 October 2003):

€ 160	member colleges with less than 100 FTE's UK member colleges of the Association of Colleges (AOC): special membership deal for individual services to colleges member colleges outside the enlarged E.U.
€ 300	member colleges with less than 200 FTE's member colleges in pre-accession countries member colleges in candidate countries
€ 600	member colleges with more than 200 FTE's
€1200	associations commercial organizations

This month you can expect the invoice for the membership fee for 2004, swift payment would be highly appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to send you all my best wishes for the festive season and wish you a prosperous, healthy and happy 2004.

Frans Schneider, Treasurer.

NGO Platform on Future Objectives of Education and Training Systems in Europe

Good examples of practice in the area of Basic Skills Training

URGENT – PLEASE ACTION



Dear Member

Following the successful collaboration between EfVET and its partner European Education and Training Networks/Associations as part of the EC Consultation on the Memorandum on Lifelong Learning – the European Commission has awarded the NGO Platform further research activity to contribute to the VET policy framework activity currently being undertaken as part of the EC objective Working Groups.

EfVET is looking for 20 examples of good practice work /activity in the area of key competencies from our membership. These key competencies are the “traditional” basic skills literacy and numeracy, but also the new ICT skills; communication in the mother tongue and in a foreign language. Equally important are interpersonal and civic competences, basic competences in science and technology, learning to learn. They could include new methodologies and approaches to learning developed within your institution, partnership activity with business, community and voluntary social partners, new curriculum and learning material development.

The NGO Platform is currently developing a web portal where such examples can be disseminated and discussion forum established. In addition the selected examples of good practice will form the basis of a report to the European Commission and be used in a major Conference to be held in Feb/March 2004

As usual time is tight and I would urge members to forward examples by mid December at the latest.

Further information and clarification can be obtained from Peter Hodgson, Vice President, EfVET c/o Norton Radstock College, South Hill Park, Radstock, BA3 3RW, United Kingdom. Tel: 00 44 1761 433161 Fax: 00 44 1761 435698

Please return completed examples in the format set out below – preferably by e-mail to phodgson@nortcoll.ac.uk

Thank you for your co-operation

Peter Hodgson, Vice President, EfVET

Background information:

- a) Organisation name and address
 - b) Author
 - c) Contact details
- Tel:
Fax:
e-mail address:

1. Title of good practice

2. Short description

3. Partners involved, starting with the Co-ordinator - organisations and countries (if applicable)

- External partners

4. Skills covered

5. Employment Sectors covered (if applicable)

6. Target groups

7. How is the project delivered (what are the products/means/methods used ?

8. Background to Good Practice Example (How/why was the work developed?)

9. Objectives and expected Results

10. Start / Finish Dates of Activity

11. Territorial zone – Geographic limits (local/regional area) of the Activity

12. Impact/results

13. Which form of qualitative/quantitative evaluation was/is being used?

14. Difficulties – Obstacles – Problems Experienced

15. Potential Transferability of Results and Lessons Learnt

EfVET and European Projects

EfVET is disseminating partner in a new LEONARDO II pilot project called TransmobiLE run by our EfVET member, Carl-Severing-Berufskolleg Bielefeld (Germany). EfVET's role in this project with 18 partners from 10 different countries is to disseminate throughout the lifetime of the project via website, newsletter and annual conference.

For more information about the project please contact the project coordinator, Artur Barth (Artur.Barth@t-online.de).

W.Stutzmann, EfVET SC member

News from the EfVET webmaster

The EfVET website has received a lot of visitors during the year 2003. We have had the usual numbers of hacking attempts, fortunately most of these failed. The worst experience was the infamous “blaster” worm which did not attack the website, but nevertheless put us off-line for several days in the middle of the conference registration period.

As some visitors may have observed the usual www.efvet.org at the moment gets replaced with an I.P number 195.181.49.72 This undesirable change has happened since August where we changed our DNS system.

To change the above described behavior of our website we will once again have to change our DNS operator, this may mean some days where the EfVET web will be off-line. If possible we'll try to arrange this to happen in the holiday period.

As can be seen elsewhere in this Newsletter you can now Pre-register online for the next EfVET conference. Please visit the EfVET website to do this.

Kent Andersen
webmaster@efvet.org

Editors note: After submission of this article the changes have been implemented successfully.

Networking with the coming EU-members

The Leonardo-project “European Middle Management Training” has come to a end with very fine results. One of the participants in the training programme was from Lithuania, and she was so happy with the course, that she made the head of VET in the Lithuanian ministry of education join the dissemination conference. As a result those two are arranging a conference for VET managers in Lithuania in January. Here Hans van Aalst will give a speech on the importance of VET in Europe, and we will present the results of the project. It looks as if the ministry over there will support a training programme for their VET middle managers.

Another result of the EMMT-project is that the steering committee decided to apply for a dissemination project, especially for the new member countries. Whether we get it or not, we want to tell you that *thanks to our membership of EFVET it was very easy to get partners!*

Louise Rosthøj, EFVET-DK

Children of the World

2000's Founder President, Prince Frederick von Saxe-Lauenberg, takes this opportunity to thank Hans van Aalst, President of EFVET and members of the Executive Board including Frans Schneider and Peter Hodgson for inviting him to the conference in Cardiff. He would like to express his appreciation to all concerned.

Dear Friends,

It is with much pleasure that I write this for the December newsletter as I was given another opportunity to communicate with you courtesy of Frans. I spent a lovely three days in his company at his residence in Bovenkarspel, the Netherlands and we talked about the possibility of

inviting members' comments on the incorporation of Peace Education as a subject in to the curriculum of every college in Europe.

As I have written before there is a need to draw together the nations, religions and races of the world so that their many – faceted energies may be turned towards co-operation, friendship and peace and away from conflict, rivalry, division and war. The average age of your students is 16 to 21 and it is a recognised fact that between these ages the time is right to construct bridges of personal understanding when idealism is strong, cultural roots have been laid down and they are ready to meet with and learn from other cultures.

There needs to be a strategy to use at the local, national and international levels for the implementation of peace education. The community, the family, schools, colleges are to be involved in this process that will be life long. There is evidence that children, from as young as four, can develop asocial tendencies such as prejudice which can turn them into racists at a later age. They can also turn into violent individuals if subjected to a non peaceful environment in the home. Parents have a responsibility to teach their children the basic values which include:- respect; love; patience; peace; faithfulness; kindness; tolerance; consideration; trust and understanding which are the core ingredients of a peaceful and healthy society and to live by those values themselves. Parents and teachers need to synergise their efforts in order to create a sustainable peace education programme.

We will be entering the fourth year of the UNESCO Decade of a Culture for Peace and Non Violence towards the Children of the World in 2004 and yet the world is far from being peaceful. It is up to the present generation of children and young people to learn about peace and reconciliation and future generations are bound to benefit greatly from the many contributions made by organisations like EfVET and Children of the World 2000.

I close by wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

You can get in touch with me via the e-mail: childrenoftheworldmm@yahoo.com or leave a message with my office +44 1614 452 945.

Yours in Peace,

Frederick

Impressum

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Merry Christmas and a Happy EfVET New Year to all of you.