

Dear FEDORA members,
with this newsletter, we would like to inform you about the latest developments in our association and remind you of renewing your membership for 2010.

BOARD AND EC MEETINGS

The board met in Brussels on January 8, the new Executive Committee met in Leiden on February 6. The main topic was of course the negotiations with the European Association for International Education (EAIE). As you know, the General Assembly in October 2009 in Berlin has decided that FEDORA should become a preliminary Special Interest Group (SIG) within the European Association for International Education (EAIE). This became effective on February 1, 2010.

FEDORA/EAIE

Three joint working groups have been implemented, consisting of those different parts of both organisations which seem to have the closest related activities. Their main task is to investigate if a merger is feasible within these areas of interest, to identify possible areas of cooperation and joint activities. In addition to that, a steering group will monitor the process.

Steering Group members: Hans-Werner Rueckert, Francien Bouhuijs (Fedora) - Ruth Graf, Gudrun Paulsdottir (EAIE)

Career Guidance&Employment (Fedora) and EMPLOI (EAIE): Margaret Dane, Nieke Campagne- Paul Blackmore, Kirsten Williamson

Psyche and Educational Guidance & Counselling (Fedora) and SAFSA (EAIE): Ton Boekhorst, Wilfried Schumann, Per Andersen- Karin Klitgaard Moller

Inclusion/Equal Opportunities (Fedora) and DIW (EAIE): Willy Aastrup, Maria Holler Hune – Adele Browne, Femke ten Bloemendal

Meanwhile, the joint working groups and the steering group have met. The joint working groups presented a first analysis of strengths-weaknesses-opportunities-threats (SWOT), the result of which is that a closer cooperation is desirable. The steering group will discuss these reports on the next meeting in Amsterdam on March 24.

Members of the board also took part in the Joint Leadership Meeting of the EAIE in Amsterdam on February 4-5 and presented FEDORA to the leading representatives of the Professional Sections (PS) and Special Interest Groups (SIG) of the EAIE.

All these negotiations go on in a very friendly and constructive way. Nonetheless, we keep in mind that the General Assembly also asked for a plan B to keep FEDORA as a separate organisation on which we will start to work in the middle of the year.

FEDORA on the EAIE-website: <http://www.eaie.org/FEDORA/>

RENEWAL OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

We would like to remind you of the renewal of your membership.

Since FEDORA became a preliminary SIG within the EAIE, the membership administration is done through the EAIE-office. Every FEDORA member, old or new, will have to register as a member of the EAIE. For the first year, FEDORA members who renew their membership before April 15, 2010 will be charged a reduced membership fee for the EAIE-FEDORA membership of 85 Euro for 2010. The regular annual membership fee in the EAIE is 185 Euro. The EAIE has only individual membership, institutional membership as with FEDORA will no longer be possible.

HOW TO REGISTER AS AN EAIE-FEDORA MEMBER

Please look at the various options to find out the suitable one for you:

I am a FEDORA member and would like to renew my membership as an EAIE-FEDORA member

Go to the EAIE-website:

<http://members.eaie.nl/source/Security/Site-Logon.cfm>

Step 1: Create a user account (by logging onto MyEAIE). When creating this account, select a PS as well as selecting FEDORA as the SIG.

(Every EAIE member has to be a member of a Professional Section (PS). This is just a formality and doesn't oblige you to anything. So please choose one from the list of Professional Sections and tick it. In the lists of SIGs, please tick FEDORA)

Step 2: Send an email to eaie@eaie.nl requesting the reduced FEDORA rate. **Send this mail before April 15, 2010. Please do not apply for membership online as then the normal fee of €185 will apply.**

Step 3: EAIE Office will send a confirmation email and invoice once it has been confirmed that the applicant is eligible for the reduced fee.

I am/was a FEDORA member and I wonder about wanting to become an EAIE-FEDORA member for 2010

Take another look – why not check out the benefits that you will have in the future as an EAIE-FEDORA member?

What exactly do you get as an EAIE – FEDORA member?

Professional development through various training courses, workshops and conference sessions, with **discounts** on the fees for members:

<http://www.eaie.org/pd/test/pages/training2.asp>

Leadership opportunities within the EAIE [General Council](#), its [PS and SIGs](#), or on the [conference](#) committee.

The [MyEAIE](#) personalised homepage system on the EAIE website that allows you to subscribe to e-communities, search the EAIE membership database (members only), register for events and update your personal details.

An on-line [membership database](#) for worldwide **networking** - hundreds of international educators in dozens of countries, all available at the click of your mouse. This complete overview of all EAIE members with their personal contact details is accessible in MyEAIE to **members only**, but click [here](#) for a limited preview.

On-line access to [partnership databases](#) and (**for members only**) an [on-line events calendar](#). The events calendar gives constantly updated information on forthcoming conferences and other events in international higher education, and members can also tell us about new events they would like to add to the overview.

Free publications: [Forum](#) magazine three times a year (with highlights from previous issues on-line) plus [Occasional Papers](#) and volumes in the [Professional Development Series](#) as they are published. Members are also entitled to a **discount** on a subscription to the [Journal of Studies in International Education](#) and have access to a number of other [special offers](#) on various publications.

Answers at your fingertips using the [EAIE-L](#), a quick and easy way of using e-mail to exchange information, ask questions, and stimulate debate on the internationalisation of higher education with your fellow professionals.

Heighten the profile of your own institution through your involvement in EAIE activities, perhaps as a [conference](#) speaker or a contributor to [Forum](#), or by making use of the various [promotional opportunities](#) the EAIE can offer you. You can find out what EAIE-FEDORA is all about for the same price that you used to pay as your old membership fee.

And of course you can participate with reduced membership fees in **FEDORA events** like the forthcoming Career Guidance and Counselling Group conference in Bordeaux and the Psyche Group conference in Alicante.

So there is no risk – it is a win-win situation!

The FEDORA Board would sincerely like to see all of you joining the new EAIE – FEDORA Special Interest Group. If you have any questions, please let us know.

In case you decide to not renew your membership, please be so kind as to send an e-mail to the General Secretary, Eva Egger-Zeidner, eva.eggerzeidner@uni-graz.at stating the cancellation of your membership and the reason for quitting. Thank you for doing that.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF FEDORA

June 3-4, Bordeaux, France: Careers Guidance & Employment Group Conference “Unlocking the potential - The role of Higher Education CareersAdvisors and Recruiters in equipping students for a European labour market

For more information:

http://fedora.plexus.leidenuniv.nl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=156&Itemid=243

November 17-19 (to be confirmed), Alicante, Spain: Psyche conference

FEDORA ON LINKEDIN

We would like to suggest that you join FEDORA on the professional network LinkedIn. Please click on http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=2348233&trk=anet_ug_grpro to be able to join the virtual FEDORA working groups.

MEMBER REQUEST

Nannette Ripmeester (a long-time FEDORA member) is undertaking a survey and would like to gather as many responses as possible. The survey is about “Employability skills of graduates”. Nannette’s organisation - Expertise in Labour Mobility ([ELM](#)) - carries out the survey in partnership with the International Graduate Insight Group ([i-graduate](#)), Higher Education Services Unit (HECSU), and the Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE), the aim is to review how international universities help graduates enhance their employability. The study will establish a global picture of how institutions are preparing their undergraduate and postgraduate students for employment after

graduation and will compare the practices and processes across different regions. The research will contribute to the global debate on the employability skills of graduates.

The survey should take around 15 minutes to complete and will close on **Friday 30th April**.

[Click here to be taken to the survey](#)

If the link does not work, please copy and paste the detail below into the address line of your web browser:

<http://survey.euro.confirmat.com/wix3/p366728034.aspx?inst=oui>

As a token of thanks for completing the survey, Nanette would like to send you a summary report of findings about approaches to employability in your region. So if you would like to receive the summary report, please ensure you enter your name and email address at the end of the survey.

Many thanks for your help! In case of questions do not hesitate to contact Archie Pollock (a.pollock@labourmobility.com) or Nannette (n.ripmeester@labourmobility.com)