

Dear FEDORA members,
with this newsletter, we would like to inform you about the latest developments in our association.

EC MEETING

The Executive Committee, consisting of the elected National Coordinators, met in Alicante on November 19, 2010. The proposal for the merger with the European Association of International Education (EAIE) was accepted. For details of this proposal see October 2010 newsletter: <http://studienberatung.fu-berlin.de/fedora2009/newsletter/newsletter-2010-oct.html>

BOARD MEETING

The Board met in the context of the EAIE Joint Leadership meeting in Copenhagen on February 11, 2011 to discuss mainly the state of things regarding the negotiations with the European Association for International Education (EAIE) and the Summer University in Ioannina, Greece (see below). Previously, the steering group between the EAIE and FEDORA had met to discuss the next steps (see below, General Assembly).

FEDORA/EAIE

As already reported in the October 2010 newsletter, Fedora Working Group coordinators have met with their counterparts on the side of the EAIE subgroups and a Steering group with Board members of both associations has met to monitor the process. In these meetings, the pros and cons of merging were discussed and laid out in SWOT analyses. A detailed summary of the results of those meetings is available through the link in the October newsletter (see above).

The Board meeting in Copenhagen confirmed that a merger is feasible under the conditions of having:

- Fedora Working Group Psyche as a separate Professional Section (PS) within the EAIE as soon as possible after the final decision to merge in both associations.
- The option of small events and conferences outside the annual EAIE conference, e.g. a biannual Forum.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In the context of the Summer University in Ioannina, Greece, the membership of FEDORA will meet in a General Assembly. The EC will propose to the General Assembly to proceed with the merger if the conditions mentioned above are accepted by the General Council of the EAIE in Copenhagen in September 2011. The General Council of the EAIE consists of the chairs of the Professional Sections (PS), an additional member of each PS and the predecessor of the present president of the EAIE. According to the Constitution of FEDORA, the General Assembly will be asked to appoint liquidators whose task it will be to carry through the dissolution of FEDORA as an entity under Belgian law. The motion to the General Assembly will include a proposal to put remaining FEDORA funds into a special trust to finance special conferences on guidance and counselling.

Quorum: According to Belgian law, a quorum of 4/5th of the membership is required to decide on an issue like the dissolution of the association. According to the statutes, § 12, each member can represent one other member by proxy vote.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF FEDORA

June 16-18, 2011, University of Ioannina, Greece: Summer University under the title: "Modern Times – Counseling Students in the 21st Century." Early bird registration deadline is May 9, 2011. For more information and registration go to this website: <http://www.fedorasu2011.eu/>

PAST EVENTS OF FEDORA

June 3-4, 2010, 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.” Informations, the presentations and photos can be found here: <http://fedorabordeaux2010.eu/>

September 15-17, 2010, Nantes, France. In the EAIE-conference, we had two sessions: “1.05 - The European Charter for Guidance and Counselling” (Per Andersen) and “6.07 - Counselling procrastinating students in academic settings” (Hans-Werner Rueckert). If you log on through your myEAIE-account, you can retrieve these two presentations. More content from the conference is here: <http://www.eaie.org/nantes/>

November 17-19, 2010, Alicante, Spain: Psyche conference “Transitions”. The presentations, all relevant information and the detailed programme can be found here: www.fedora-alicante2010.eu

The board thanks cordially the organizers of these marvelous conferences, the contributors and everybody who took part in making these events possible.

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_grppro to be able to join the virtual FEDORA working groups.