

ACTION REPORT

EC MEETING LONDON at OFSTED

MARCH 7th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., 2008

- 1. APPROVAL OF:**
- Report GA BRUGES 4+5 October 2007
 - Income and Expenditure Account and Balance sheet 31.12.2007
 - Budget 2008

- The report of the GA Bruges has been approved.
- Tim Key inquired whether the terminology “profit at the end of” can not be replaced by “positive result at”, as SICI is a non-profit organisation. The auditor has accepted this proposal and has changed “profit” in “result”.
- The budget proposal of PS has been discussed. The following changes have been approved:

1. SICI folder : 1.000 €
2. SICI review : 2.000 €
3. SUPPORT 16.000 € (Glossary, VIA and 3 speakers for the GA)
4. We are expecting an estimation of the EUN cost to publish the Blue Book reports on their website via Insight

2. STRATEGIES 2008:

1° “Strategies for Inspection to the enhancement of the Quality of Education” RFG

- Main conclusions:
- As there is a lot of confusion regarding the exact meaning of educational- and inspectorate terminology a glossary should be developed. The EC decides that a **feasibility study** should be made. Based on an existing education glossary it looks feasible to **develop a complete glossary** for education and inspection purposes. PD will send to PS a glossary which has been developed in English /Czech. Contact Bart Maes via Roger Standaert. **PS**
- The main goal of this strategic paper is the **enhancement of the quality of education through self-evaluation of schools and the redefinition of the work of inspectors.** **RFG**
- **Key questions to make a European overview:** **RFG**
 - 1) What should be an inspectorate?
 - 2) How should an inspectorate operate?
 - 3) What is the mission of an inspectorate?

- 4) What strategies should be implemented?
 5) What are the best practices?

- In order to create an up-dated situation the EC decided as of next meeting to inform each other regarding recent changes within the education- and inspection systems. ALL
- **The EC agrees as well that this paper should be sent to all SICI members before the next GA in Bucharest. The paper should also reflect trends of inspection and regulations.** PS
- The EC accepted to invite the 6 German Länder who co-operate with the Dutch inspection through Gonnie van Amelsfoort FdR
- **Paper:** - will be put on the EC community RFG
 - send comments EC
 - adapt paper RFG
 - paper on GA community and ask comments RFG
 - hire moderator for GA community PS/YV

2° “Professional Development of Inspection, including a Virtual Inspectorates’ Academy”(VIA) YV

- The EC agrees to organise a meeting in Brussels, April 15th with the following participants: David Jones(Ofsted), a network of Flemish inspectors, Johan Van Bruggen, Kenneth Muir, HG, VW and FdR YV
- **Questionnaire should be send a.s.a.p. and request feed-back** YV
- Hire moderator for GA community (same person as for 1st strategy) YV

3° “Risk Analysis as a Basis for Inspection, including the Access and Use of Data” TK/PD

- The EC decides to accept the Czech proposal to organise a workshop in September, and postpone the workshop of Ofsted to next year.
- Title of the workshop: “ICT within the inspection system, friend or enemy?”
- Dates : 10,11 or 17,18 of September 2008
- Place: Prague
- Participants: maximum 40 people, mainly technicians
- Support : will be provided by Ofsted, Dutch and Flemish inspection (data warehouse)
- Languages : Czech and English; translation provided by the Czech inspection

3. BLUE BOOK: Status end of February 2008 PS

PS presented the updated version of the ppt of Dimokritos Kavadias, project leader from the University of Antwerp. As the actions agreed upon with Schoolnet on January 18th are yet not carried out, the EC agrees that PS should get in contact with Professor Van Petegem. The country reports of Austria and Scotland should be published a.s.a.p. on the EUN website via Insight. The other 13 reports should follow quickly. The expert interviews should be performed in April.

4. GA BUCHAREST

PS/FdR

October 8th: School visits

October 9th

- The strategy paper of RFG will be used as an umbrella for this GA meeting.
- A special invitation will be sent to the Chief Inspectors to participate.
- **One month before the GA feedback on the paper will be requested to the Chief-Inspectors.**

PS
RFG

DRAFT PROPOSAL PROGRAM

- Welcome: by the president of SICI
- Official Opening: President Mr. Iosifescu, Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance on Pre University Education
- "The Education and Inspection system and actual challenges in Romania", by one of the authors of the report of July 2007, ROMANIA CERCETARII, f.i. Prof Mirca Miclea
- Technical presentations by PS
- (Re)-election of EC members: presentation of new candidates
- Latest developments: Blue Book results, etc...
- We will invite 2 guest speakers: possible candidates are: Jaap Scherens, Bart Maes ("Equilibrium between internal and external evaluation".), David Hopkins, Michael Young and Agnes Van Santen.

October 10th

- Recap Day 1 by FdR
- (Re)-election of old/new members
- 2 discussions between the 2 guest speakers and the Chief-inspectors: chairman Richard Page Jones

5. SICI REVIEW

HK

- Content as proposed by HK has been accepted.
- Only Romania has sent an article to HK for point 3 : "new members"; HK sends 2nd mail with cc PS and FdR
- The EC agrees to have 2 channels of distribution :
 1. Internal : for all inspectors
 2. External: - for partners: OECD, EC, CIDREE, and Platform of LLL ...
 - potential new members
 - Ministries of education
 - policy-makers
- Number of copies 1000
- The text on the back where SICI will be introduced will be used to make a SICI folder (250 ex).
- Deadline of publications end April

HK/PS

6. WORKSHOPS: see final new calendar 2008

PS

- **“New approaches to inspection and professional development for Inspectors”**: Edinburgh, June 2nd and 3rd GD/FdR

- **Proposed Programme:**

Introduction by PS

Keynote address by Graham Donaldson – theme will be as programme title

Presentations & workshops by HMIE and other SICI members.

HMIE proposes the following topics:

- Ken Muir will follow on from his input re professional development for inspectors in Scotland
- *The Journey to Excellence* – including demonstration of the digital resource which include examples of excellent learning & teaching in Scottish schools
- Curriculum reform & its implications for inspection – with reference to *Curriculum for Excellence* developments in Scotland
- HMIE’s approaches to inspecting wider services for children (support for families, health, care, support for children of asylum seekers etc)

Some of the above workshops & presentations to be offered more than once to allow delegates to opt into 2 or 3 different sessions over the two days

Programme also to include some kind of workshop activity involving cross-inspectorate working – theme to be confirmed.

- **“ICT within the inspection system, friend or enemy?”** PD
Prague, 10th and 11th September 2008
- Details: see 2.3°

- **P2V**: week 22nd of September FdR
 - ICT in schools; students, school-pupils participated in 6 countries
 - the instrument was tested in NL, F, Catalonia, Scotland, Lithuania and Sweden
 - a concluding session + workshop explaining the instruments will be organised in Utrecht (Dutch Inspection) or in Brussels (European Commission) week of 22nd of September

- **Evaluation of Schools: Paris, November 20th and 21st** RFG

- Audience: French administration, Minister of Education, SICI members and French inspectors
- presentation of the French situation: RFG
- Guest speaker: Agnes Van Santen or Demiret (OECD)
- 3 parallel workshops

7. Communities:

VW/HK

- **The website as a medium for communication and co-operation:**
- The EC agrees that all reports should be posted on the EC- or GA community in order to stimulate communication and co-operation between EC- and GA members.
- As of now, starting with this action report all community members will be notified through their respective community.

8. Progress Report

FdR

FdR will update the Progress Report and post it on the GA Community.

9. Status action report 04/12/2007

PS

All actions planned in this report have been followed-up properly.

10. AOB

All

- **Activate for new members:**
- FdR insists to continue to stimulate other organisations (f.i. Kanton Zurich) **PS** to join SICI.
- When the 6 German Länder will meet with Scotland + Johan Van Bruggen, **HK** their expertise should be channelled into SICI and some could join us

- **co-operation with other organisations:** **FdR**
FdR proposes that EUN will start preparing an application form to participate to the LLP in co-operation with the EC for our new VIA project after the meeting of April 15th. Application form 2009 for LLP will probably have to be introduced as a project in the sub-programmes for Comenius. SICI will act as the applicant and EUN as co-ordinator. Invite EUN to apply for VIA project.

- **European Social Model:** the strategic paper from RFG will be proposed **PS** to the European Group's Coordinators to be included in the section concerning the quality of education

- the EC agrees that **PS** will participate to the Conference organised by the Slovenian Presidency: "**Promoting Innovation and Creativity: Schools' Response to the challenges of future Societies**", Bled, April 8-10,2008.

- **Loss of EC members:** **PS**
TK points out that we have lost a number of EC members in a short time. He proposes to extend the EC. The EC agrees that it should be feasible to do so and points out that we miss an EC member from the Northern - and the Southern part of Europe. The EC decided that we will invite SICI members to introduce their candidate ship at the next GA.