

ACTION REPORT EC MEETING BRUSSELS JUNE 28TH 2007-07-09

1. PROGRAM GA BRUGES :

- For the school visits : **Yvan** will indicate a reporter by group
- October 4th : Official opening will be held by Peter Michielsens
- “Data and Quality Indicators in International Perspective”: Ben Jensen has confirmed that he will replace Andreas Schleicher. **Yvan** will contact him to brief him about the SICI expectations (risk assessment for allocating resources, links with education problems, use of data, how to implement Pisa results, how process data from inspectors, what is behind these data, which data should be collected, which data are relevant, which data are relevant for failures in schools, etc...)
- “Re-election EC members” will be added to program According to the statutes re-election of EC members has to be done every 2 years. Henrike has also indicated that she will retire on December 1st. (**Paul**)
- October 5th: Panel discussion:” The future of inspection in Europe”. **Ferry** will send guidelines to all participants

2. DRAFT PROGRAM WORKSHOP PORTUGAL :(Lisbon, December 3rd and 4th)

Draft program send by Alexandre Ventura has been discussed extensively and modified. New proposal has already been sent by **Ferry** July 1st.

3. (FINANCING) SICI WORKSHOPS:

- **Workshops**: Henrike has sent an e-mail to all SICI members to invite them to organise a workshop in 2008.No answers were received. Today we have only one workshop scheduled in the spring in England (“Data handling”, Tim Key)

- **Henrike and Paul will reactivate by direct contact some of the new members.** Henrike has contacted Lithuania. Paul has contacted Romania for confirmation of the organisation of the GA of 2008.**Paul** will also make contact with the 2 SICI members which will have the EC Presidency in 2008.
- **Slovenia** will firstly to become SICI member. Paul will make contact.
- **France** which has the Presidency 2nd half of 2008 and has in principle agreed to organise a workshop already on June 1st.
- **Paul** has made a draft program for 2008 to be discussed next EC meeting (see mail of July 7th)

- **Financing**: **Heinz** will issue a memo which will be sent to **Paul** for distribution to all SICI members and published in the next Newsletter. Memo will explain how members can obtain EC support when organising a workshop in the framework of the Comenius actions. (European conference/workshop of a multinational group of participants).

- **Reports on website : Heinz** insists that reports of previous workshops are finalised to be put on the website : Leadership (Ferry), Prague (Petr), Early years (Tim), Joint Inspections (Ferry)

4. MEMBERSHIPS /FEES/FINANCES:

Paul indicates that the following members have not paid their fee: NL, B (VL +D), Bavaria, Luxemburg; Macedonia and Hessen (paid in the meantime).

NL and B (D) have reacted and are transferring the fee. Yvan will check with his administration.

As France has paid 2005 and 2006 and also 2007, the EC agrees not to pursue any further the payments of 2003 and 2004. Paul has already discussed this proposal with the two IG's in Paris June 1st. As Macedonia has been "forced" to become a "full" member Paul will contact them to try to solve this problem.

Two problems remain: Bavaria and Luxemburg. Paul will send them a letter asking for the payment of their fee before October 1st. If fee is not received by then the EC will propose to stop their membership to the GA.

Paul indicated that SICI has bank savings of 170.000 € at interest rate of 3,6% for 6 months and 30.000 € at an interest rate of 3,01 % for one month. The current bank account shows a positive balance of 13.455,27 € on June 1st, 2007.

5. INTERVIEW CES:

Ferry and Yvan have met Sotira Grek and Professor Martin Lawn from the Centre for Educational Sociology (CES) for an interview on the perspective of SICI on the role of inspection systems, indicators and statistics on the Europeanization of education systems in Europe, the relationship between data production and analysis, and the construction of European indicators of educational quality, and the effects of using statistics and indicators on education governance at the international and trans-national level.

The interview has informed them also on the work of CES, University of Edinburgh, the project 'Governing by numbers' and 'Fabricating Quality in European Education'. They had an interesting discussion and invited SICI to the ECER ('Contested Qualities of Educational Research')- conference in Ghent September 19- 22.. Ferry has asked **Tim** to participate and will send him all relevant info. (url on the ECER Conference and the CES project)

It is also planned that both individuals will be invited by Tim to our workshop in London in spring 2008.

6.F P 7 PROPOSALS SCIENCE IN SOCIETY

EUN has invited SICI to participate to two new science projects under 'Science in Society'

They would like to associate SICI to both of these projects in the following ways:

- 1) Provide an expert for the science educator expert panel; this panel will meet around twice a year to give detailed guidance and recommendations on ensuring appropriate design and uptake of innovative science pedagogies in schools
 - 2) Provide input for the evaluation reports; looking at the implications of the results in terms of whole-school issues and from the point of view of inspectors
 - 3) Ensuring dissemination of results to the inspectorates across Europe
 - 4) Providing an expert to take part in an online community of practice (ideally a person with inspectorate experience particularly focused on the area of science); as part of a group of experts leading a discussion for teachers/science educators
- Funding is at 100%, and the budget would be rather modest.(around 15.000 €)

As soon as a positive decision by the European Commission has been taken, the EC will call upon SICI members to express their interest to participate, i.e. to provide expert inspectors.(text is put on website)

7. NEWLETTERS:

During the GA in Stockholm October 2006 and the workshop in Prague March 2007 some agreements were made with several members to contribute to the edition of the May newsletter.

Unfortunately **Heinz** received only a contribution from Lithuania, the GA draft programme for Bruges and the ppt on "Strategic Choices". Therefore he could not publish the May edition.

Paul will send a reminder to all concerned members to insist on receiving their contribution before October 1st in order to allow distribution beginning of November.

8. WEBSITE

The Scottish role has been discussed. **Ferry** will propose Stuart to appoint a webmaster who will participate to the EC meetings as a website expert to support the EC for matters concerning the website.

9. ACTION REPORT PRAGUE:

2. Strategic Action Plan :

1° Professional development of inspectors: ACTION: questionnaire for comments to be send to all SICI members: FdR (very urgent)

3° Quality of Inspection : will be replaced by "Leadership" and included in the virtual academy ACTION: Yvan

6. Latin America: the letter prepared by AO addressed to the new Secretary General of the OEI will be modified by Ferry and send next week to AO.

10. A.O.B.:

- 1) **P2V partner call** : has been sent by PS to all SICI partners at the request of Jaap van Oel, projectleader
- 2) **IGF : “Inspecions Générales Françaises”**: they will organise with the help of the Scottish inspectorate a special session for French inspectors on November 14th. Organisation responsible is RFG supported by Mrs. Anne-Marie BARDI.
- 3) **Questionnaire on professional associations of Inspectors of Education** : PS will send it to all SICI members with request to send it back to AO.