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Welcome!

On behalf of myself, my four co-chairs and our two founding chairs, I would like to welcome you to the 9th ENSEC newsletter.

This issue features a review of the 5th ENSEC conference where ENSEC members and researchers and practitioners from 41 countries gathered over four inspiring days last month in the beautiful city of Lisbon in Portugal. So, in contrast to former issues, this newsletter shall provide mainly information around our network and aspects around the ENSEC conferences.

Information includes a feature on the recently appointed country coordinators who will create links between the network and their countries; general information on membership from our members' meeting held during the conference, publication possibilities in special issues for those who have presented papers or posters at the conference, and much more.

We would appreciate your comments on the matters discussed in this newsletter, please bearing in mind that the work of ENSEC is being done by chairs who are all volunteers, and on top of busy jobs.

We would love some interesting features for the next edition. Please send any contributions to me (Carmen_huser@web.de) as a Word document so that it can be cut and pasted – no logos please. We have started to accept longer features to share richer, detailed knowledge throughout the network. However, this is a newsletter and not a journal – so no long academic papers accepted! Thank you!

ENSEC MEMBERS MEETING 2015

At this year's ENSEC conference, 24 ENSEC members attended the members' meeting on 3th July 2015, 5pm-6pm. The agenda items included membership, country coordinators, venue for the ENSEC conference in 2017, special interest groups, board of chairs' election, and the growing and changing focus of ENSEC.

Membership:

Currently 340 members are enlisted in ENSEC, 256 from European countries, and 84 from countries outside of Europe. Membership has been on an individual basis, so only individuals could subscribe for membership. We discussed if organisations as a whole could apply for membership. There were different opinions. In conclusion, individual membership will continue, as the communication and interaction happens mainly on an individual level. However, we encourage organisations (networks, NGOs, councils, etc.) to link with us. Organisations will have the opportunity to link their websites with the ENSEC website and to work collaboratively with ENSEC. The chairs will assist in any requests.

Country coordinators:

On Thursday, 2nd July 2015, 5-6pm, after announcing a call of expression of interest via the member email list, 22 volunteers from 18 ENSEC member countries attended a first meeting for ENSEC country coordinators.

The idea is to strengthen ENSEC in each country that has ENSEC members, and to have more information about activities and interesting topics happening in each ENSEC member country and disseminate such information amongst the network. Country coordinators will support the board of ENSEC chairs, and ENSEC will support the country coordinators in their new roles. We aim to establish stronger links to each country's social and emotional research and practice, including events, publications, best practice exemplars etc.

There will be a new menu feature on the website to communicate country specific news and events. The newsletter will also provide news from country coordinators.

We are still looking for more volunteers for country coordinators from other countries, so please email Carmen Carmen_huser@web.de if you are interested.

Country coordinators and the board of chairs will establish communication practices online, maybe through Skype, email or other digital communication systems.

Please welcome our new ENSEC team of country coordinators:

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ENSEC conference 2017:

In our experience, it takes almost 2 years to plan and organise the conference. So, although the conference has just been held, we are already looking for our next host. 2017 will be a special conference as it is the 10th anniversary of ENSEC! The biannual rhythm shall stay in Europe, while there shall be the possibility for ENSEC members to meet at conferences in non European countries. We have already received a number of expressions of interest to host the 2017 conference, but we are still open to receive more expressions. Please email the conference chairs: Kathy Evans, Kathy.evans@southwales.ac.uk & Celeste Simoes csimoes@fmh.utl.pt, who will give your further information and send you a questionnaire to complete. The board of chairs will discuss the expressions of interest once all potential hosts have sent us back the questionnaires.

Special Interest Groups (SIG) on SEL Assessment:

An International research group including ENSEC members have expressed interest in continuing their work by establishing a SIG within ENSEC. Their European Comenius

funded project *European Assessment Protocol for Children's SEL Skills (EAP_SEL)* shall have continuous impact and sustainable practice. Therefore, the group of researchers will establish a SIG around assessment of SEL, including discussion of existing programmes and assessment tools in diverse countries and settings, and challenges around implementation of these into practice. The SIG hopes to overcome language and cultural boundaries that often limit research and sharing of information. For more information about the project and the SIG, please refer to the website: www.eap-sel.eu or email Annalisa Morganti, the project coordinator at eap.sel.italy.coordinator@gmail.com . However, ENSEC will also provide more information about the new SIG in the upcoming newsletter issues, and we also plan to have a menu feature around the SIG on the website of ENSEC.

We also like to encourage you to establish SIGs, or to use ENSEC to find new members for existing SIGs.

Board of chairs:

The present chairs wish to remind you, that new chairs can be elected in 2016.

Interested members may inform the ENSEC chairs about their wish to become chairs as from the beginning of next year by sending an email to the chair responsible for membership. The board of chairs do not need to be completely changed, as present chairs can be re-elected as well (the five current chairs have expressed their willingness for re-election) but the new board may consist of previous and new chairs. In the case of new chairs. There will be a handover-processes, so that new chairs can get used to their new role and responsibilities. Outgoing chairs would directly guide the respective new chairs in their specific role, such as membership, newsletter, conference, or research.

Other aspects:

At the members meeting, we also discussed the focus of the network. As our world changes and becomes more diverse, research and practice around social and emotional competence change and become more complex. We want to celebrate this diversity embracing new emerging trends, topics and practices. However, an important focus of ENSEC has always been and will remain its mission as stated on the website:

“ENSEC is devoted to the development and promotion of evidence-based practice in relation to socio-emotional competence and resilience amongst school students in Europe.”

These goals and principles underline the network's mission, which can also be found on our website.

The board of chairs would like to thank all members attending the conference who participated so actively in our meeting, who made it possible to revisit the network's aims, and who shared their opinions to co-create future dimensions for ENSEC.

COUNTRY COORDINATORS

From the initial meeting, first ideas included:

- share publications;
- share research;
- create a platform of information;
- working towards collaboration, for example for funding applications: here the country coordinator can find partners to apply together for funding;
- use of the new social media: maybe Facebook, or twitter, etc.;
- video vignettes, profiles on the website;
- Q&A “asking the expert” on the ENSEC website;
- connect with other networks, focusing on different topics;
- organise symposia together at other conferences;
- promoting ENSEC and other conferences;
- raise awareness, spread the word!;
- promote ENSEC in the countries; and
- recruit new members.

We will start a new feature on the webpage, and also have a section reserved in the upcoming issues of the newsletter for country coordination.

ENSEC CONFERENCE 2015 PUBLICATION CALL FOR PAPERS & AUTHOR GUIDELINES

Isabel Morais and the Special Issues Editors wish to provide information on possible special publication possibilities available for authors of ENSEC 2015 conference presentations & posters:

Dear Participants of the ENSEC 2015 CONFERENCE – SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND CULTURE. If you would like to publish the full paper of your presentation, there are two publishing opportunities:

ARTICLES MAY BE PUBLISHED IN:

- Special issue of the **INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF EMOTIONAL EDUCATION** (ENSEC CONFERENCE 2015) that will be published in April 2016

- **DEADLINE:** The paper should be submitted by the 30th November 2015

OR:

- Special issue of the **REVISTA PSICOLOGIA –ASSOCIAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DE PSICOLOGIA (ENSEC CONFERENCE 2015)** that will be published in January 2016
- **DEADLINE:** The paper should be submitted until 30th September 2015

THE FULL PAPER SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL:

5thensecconference@gmail.com (Please indicate in which Journal you prefer to submit your paper)

PLEASE NOTICE - there are specific guidelines for the submission accordingly to the Journal you wish to publish:

GUIDELINES-OPTION 1 - International Journal of Emotional Education (Language-English) Special issue ENSEC CONFERENCE below

GUIDELINES-OPTION 2 - Revista de Psicologia (Language – English or Portuguese) Special issue ENSEC CONFERENCE below.

GUIDELINES-OPTION 1 - INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF EMOTIONAL EDUCATION (LANGUAGE-ENGLISH)

The **first page** is to include: the author's name and affiliation, together with full postal and email addresses and the title of the article

The **second page** is to include an abstract between 100-200 words and 5 keywords.

The **third page** is to include the title at the top of the paper followed by the entire manuscript. The manuscript is to be in Times New Roman, 11 pt, double spacing, with right and left margins at least 3.5 cm each, no indentation, with all pages numbered. Papers are normally expected to be between 3500 to 6000 words in length. In very exceptional circumstances the editors may consider papers up to 10,000 words in length.

Figures and tables should have their positions marked clearly in the manuscript and included on separate pages at the end of the manuscript. Figure numbers should be shown as Arabic numerals, table numbers as Latin numerals. Headings and sub-headings should be clearly distinguished.

References should be provided in the text with the authors name followed by the year in brackets; if a direct quote is used the page number will be added. Any references cited in the article need to be included in an alphabetical reference list at

the end. Information that reveals the identity of the author should not appear in the entire text, including references.

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-**Articles**, with a maximum number of 10.000 words;

-**Brief articles**, with a maximum number of 2500 words (excluding tables, figures, references, footnotes and appendixes, for both cases).

NOTE that manuscripts should present original fundamental or applied research based on qualitative and/or quantitative methodologies.

Manuscript style and structure: Manuscripts style and structure should be prepared according to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition. However, to make the review process more manageable for editors and reviewers, we ask that authors embed figures and tables within the main text rather than including them at the end of the manuscript.

Manuscripts should include an abstract (150 words maximum) and at least 4 key words.

The cover page should indicate the type of manuscript, title and the total number of words (excluding tables, figures, references, footnotes and appendixes) with names, affiliation and addresses.

Manuscripts must be submitted in *Word* format, in Times New Roman, size 12 pt, pages should be A4 (21 cm x 29.7 cm), with 3 cm margins, spacing between lines should be double-spaced. Paragraphs' first line should be indented (1 cm) (including titles). Words in foreign languages should be presented in italic

Titles and subtitles should follow the following format guidelines:

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