

News from the EJTA Board

Dear EJTA-members,

On its first meeting three weeks ago the new EJTA-Board has decided to send a newsletter (“News from the EJTA Board”) to all the members on a regular basis. This is the first edition. We hope it will improve the internal communication within our association.

We would like to encourage all members to post their news on the EJTA website; please share your successes and other relevant information by sending it to Malou Oldenhof: oldenhof@ejc.net.

Yours truly,

Nico Drok
President

1. EJTA’s future: 3 R’s

For the coming 2 to 4 years, the Board has established three priorities, called the “3 R’s”.

a) Renewal

Journalism is in transition and so is – or should be – journalism education. Renewal will be our main topic for the coming years. The theme of the World Journalism Education Congress in Mechelen, in which EJTA played a significant role, will stay on our agenda: How to renew journalism through education?

b) Research

EJTA is focused on journalism education. That will not change. Nevertheless, the Board wants to increase the attention for the research that is done at many of our member-institutions. For instance by inviting colleagues to present a paper at the EJTA-conference. Furthermore we want to strengthen the ties with the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA).

c) Relations

The Board wants to invest in

- external relations, for instance with the European Union, with the Forum for European Journalism Students, with the European Communication Research and Education Association and with the World Journalism Education Council;
- internal relations, for instance by improving internal communication and by organising conferences for teachers and students. Furthermore we would want EJTA to become the framework for Erasmus-partnerships within Europe.

We would like to discuss these priorities more in-depth at the next AGM.

2. Division of tasks/functions

We have decided to make a division of responsibilities and tasks among Board members.

Name	Position	Special tasks
NICO DROK	President ; Vice-treasurer	External relations; AGM
DEBORAH WILSON	Vice-president	Research; Teachers conference
NADIA VISSERS	Secretary	Communication; Student Mobility
MANUELA MANLIHER	Vice-secretary	New members; Projects
HANS PAUKENS	Treasurer	Finances; Mid-career

3. Payment yearly member fee

The Board has decided to change the period of payment for membership: an invoice for the next budget year will be sent in November 2013. Members pay by March 2014 at the latest, so we know at the AGM (May) who actually paid. This means that in the coming weeks all members will receive the invoice for the calendar year 2014 (and not for the academic year 2013/2014).

4. Upcoming events

- Mid-career Meeting, December 9/10 2013, Lerchenfelder Strasse 1-3, 1070 Vienna, including visits to PRO7/SAT1 Media Holding, Der Standard and the Christmas market Vienna.
- Next AGM, May 22-23, 2014, Jyvaskyla, with – among many other things – a discussion on EJTA's strategy and a conference on "How to teach for the new social media environment of journalism?"
- AGM 2015. Date to be confirmed, probably the end of May. This will be our 25th anniversary, so it will be a special place and a special AGM and Conference.