

# NEWSLETTER

## December 2016

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### 1. Teachers' Conference Paris 27-28 October 2016

**We can sincerely say we certainly “regret rien”.**

The Teachers' Conference in Paris was a fantastic experience because of the following ingredients:

- more than 80 (!) participants
- 15 very practical and interesting best practices from J-schools and organisations
- one disguised flying airco mechanism to be chased by the French pigeon police
- a memorable, enchanting and animated dinner at the Seine cruise ship
- a beautifully organised planning
- a very helpful, friendly, warm and humoristic organising team.

Thanks again a million times to Pascal Guenée and his wonderful team!!!

We decided not to publish all the presentations on the EJTA website. If you wish to obtain a specific Powerpoint please use the list of participants to contact the speaker.

As you know, two FEJS students were present and they made an interesting journalistic report of the conference: you can find their work on our website : <http://www.ejta.eu/fejs-paris-reports-made-students>

## 2. Kick-off meeting Factbar.eu Paris 26 October 2016

The day before the Teachers' Conference; Wednesday 26/10, we had a very inspiring and constructive kick-off meeting and the bright beginning of a promising pan-European EJTA project Factbar.eu.

More than 25 people from 14 participating EJTA-schools gathered in a rather small room from 2 till 7 pm to share ideas and learn from each other.

With this enthusiastic group we worked very hard to establish a general approach and touch and feel for the project. All participants have already been sent a to do-list by mail and we'll present the following steps during the AGM in May 2017.

For people who can't wait that long and are curious to learn about the presentations, short synthesis of conclusions, photographs and the future steps: you're always welcome to check the tab 'Projects / factbar.eu' on the EJTA website or to follow us on social media and probably soon on [www.factbar.eu](http://www.factbar.eu)

Next important step is to find funding for this project, and for this purpose EJTA has engaged Nadia Vissers who is also coordinating the project.

## 3. Research project and Advisory Board

Many colleagues showed interest in being a member of the Advisory Board for the EJTA Research Project *Journalistic Roles, Values and Qualifications in the Digital Age; how journalism educators view the future of a profession in transition*, that will start in 2017. The EJTA Board wants to thank all of them for their interest and commitment.

At our EJTA Board Meeting in Paris we discussed how to deal with the overwhelming response. Our initial thought was to have a Board of five members (four members plus Maria Lukina as chair). We will not leave that principle, so the four first ones will be in.

However, as the number of applicants has been higher than we expected, we decided to accept four more members, to have our meetings always attached to an AGM and/or Teachers' Conference and to use our small budget for other purposes than for yearly travel and stay of the (now larger) Advisory Board.

To select these extra four members, we used three criteria:

- a. Geographical spread;
- b. Experience in social science research, especially in large scale (international) surveys; preferably persons who are active in the Worlds of Journalism project (WoJ) and/or the Journalism Students around the Globe project (JSG);
- c. EJTA-project spread, in order to get as much members involved in an EJTA-project (instead of five institutes "doing everything") and to avoid that one person is in both projects because of logistic reasons (the several groups will often meet on the same day, at the same hour).

The above has resulted in the following Board (alphabetic, except for the chair).

- Dr. Maria Lukina – Chair; Moscow
- Mike Baker; Plymouth
- Dr. Annelore Deprez; Ghent
- Dr. Merja Drake; Helsinki
- Ari Heinonen; Tampere
- Dr. Anna Keshelashvili; Tbilisi
- Dr. Radu Meza; Cluj/Napoca
- Dr. Nikos S. Panagiotou; Thessaloniki Kate Shanahan (or colleague); Dublin

The research will be financed and carried out by Windesheim Media Research Centre, Zwolle (Netherlands) under the supervision of Dr. Nico Drok as was discussed at our last AGM in Tbilisi.

## 4. Cooperation between EJTA and the Council of Europe

On 7 November EJTA Board Members Nico Drok and Nadia Vissers were invited by the Council of Europe Strasbourg to the World Forum for Democracy.

We had several constructive meetings with policy makers of CoE within the Departments of Education and Policy Planning (Christophe Reynoldsn Matjaz Gruden, Daniel Hältgen, Menno Ettema). Our most important goals were to install a sustainable cooperation with the Council and to have a first quality check of the Factbar.eu project.

Our mission was very successful on both levels: the CoE intends to organise yearly meetings with EJTA, they offered to organise one of the media-weeks of Factbar.eu in Strasbourg and they wish to send their experts to our conferences.

Next to that, we received quite some interesting information which we want to share with you.

- On 'Competences for Democratic Culture': [www.coe.int/competences](http://www.coe.int/competences). If you are interested in these competences and if you wish to test the descriptors of this framework, please contact us.

- On the platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists: on [www.coe.int](http://www.coe.int) you find constantly updated sources and fact sheets, quite valuable for your students.

- On the 'no hate speech movement': check [www.nohatespeechmovement.org](http://www.nohatespeechmovement.org) where you can find a very inspiring educational manual.

## 5. FEJS news

At the General Assembly of the Forum of European Journalism Students (FEJS) in Riga (23 September 2016) the following items were discussed:

- Reciprocal exchanges of membership;
- Cooperation with and role of FEJS in Factbar.eu;
- Added value of mutual presence at each other's conferences and more in specifically cooperation in autumn 2017: EJTA Teachers' Conference and FEJS GA at the same time in Moscow, October 2017;
- New FEJS Board:
  - Iris Hendriks (President) (NL)
  - Chaim Schorpion (Treasurer) (BE)
  - Sofia Brontvein (Secretary) (RU)
  - Ilze Nartiše ( OC Director) (LV)
  - Severin Rosenberger (Veterans, Satellites ad Coöperations Director) (AT)

## 6. Upcoming events

**Constructive Journalism**, International conference  
2 December 2016, Zwolle, Netherlands Theme:  
Constructive Journalism: theory and practice

**FEJS - Forum of European Journalism Students**  
Amsterdam, 20-25 April 2017, Annual Congress

### EJTA AGM

Munich, 18-19 May 2017, AGM and conference

### EJTA Teachers Conference

Moscow, 19-20 October 2017 (partly together with Forum of European Journalism Students).

### Nota Bene:

Start your visa-procedure for the Moscow Conference in time (April/May).

## EJTA Conference Calendar (2017-2020)

	AGM/Conference	Teachers' Conference
2017	Munich 	Moscow 
2018	Barcelona 	Thessaloniki 
2019	Paris/WJEC5 <a href="http://www.wjec.fr">www.wjec.fr</a> 	Dortmund 
2020	Vienna 	