



Newsletter March 2017

AGM 18 May 2017 - Munich, Germany



[Register HERE for the AGM & Conference in Munich](#)

Our 2017 AGM will be held in Munich on Thursday May 18th .

The venue will be the building of the Süddeutsche Zeitung and the Deutsche Journalistenschule:
Hultschiner Straße 8 (4.OG), 81677 München; Telephone: 0049 89 2355740; E-Mail: post@djs-online.de.
The agenda and documents of the AGM will be sent to you in the first week of April. Topics that will be on the agenda include our fact-checking project, our research project, the presentation of new members, elections, the Moscow Teachers' Conference and the World Journalism Education Congress 2019 in Paris. Next to that, we will discuss EJTA's strategies and priorities for the coming years. The AGM will start at 09.30 h and will end around 16.00 h, after which there will be a social event and a dinner at a special place.

Registration should be done at the [AGM/Conference website](#)

Please register before April 20th.

Conference 19 May 2017 - Munich, Germany

The theme of the EJTA Conference on Friday May 19th in Munich (the day after the AGM on Thursday 18th) will be "Journalism and journalism education in the 'post-truth' era". An interesting range of speakers from the profession as well as from education will deal with topics like:

- Trump and Brexit revisited: How were news and information manipulated in the US and the UK?
- Regaining trust; What journalism can do to safeguard a healthy and fact-based public conversation in society.
- A democracy of robots? The role of algorithms in the spreading of true and fake news.
- Do citizens care? The importance of working together with citizens to unmask manipulated news.
- The future of journalism; What does the rising flow of unverified information mean for journalism education?

The colleagues from the Deutsche Journalistenschule in Munich are busy finalizing the programme. You'll find all information on the [conference website](#).

Fact-checking project

In January-February 2017 EJTA applied for funding for the fact-checking project we started in Paris at our Teachers' Conference in October 2016.

Some important highlights:

- We applied for a Jean Monnet Network within Erasmus+ because this application seems to be giving us the highest success rate.
- Because this kind of project needs Institutes of Higher Education (HEI) to be the coordinator and main participants we formed a consortium with Artesis Plantijn University Antwerp (coordinating applicant), Haag-Helica, Utrecht University of Applied Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and EJTA.
- Because it is important to start from scratch when you want to receive funding from Europe, we can't use the name Factbar / Faktabaari anymore and we changed the name of the project into EUCHECK.
- We'll know in July whether the application is successful or not.

While we're waiting for the good news, it is wise to consider the next steps within EJTA.

In Paris we started with 14 participants from 10 countries and at this moment we have two more 'members': FH Wien en DMXJ Aarhus.

*In **Munich** we want to meet again with all 'old', new and future participants on **Wednesday 17 May** (the day before the AGM) **at 2 pm** (venue t.b.c.).*

If you're interested to become a new partner: please send a mail to nadia.vissers@ap.be and we'll consider your application (within the same conditions as October 2016).

In the context of the European elections 2019 it would be nice to have partners in Germany and the UK. EJTA-members from these countries are kindly invited to step forward and join the project.

Research project and advisory board

On Wednesday May 17th 2017 (the day before the AGM), the EJTA Research Project '**Journalistic Roles, Values and Qualifications in the Digital Age; how journalism educators view the future of a profession in transition**' will have its kick-off meeting. The core of the project will be a large scale survey among journalism educators. All EJTA-members will be approached for their help later this year.

The research design will make use of the international research programme "Worlds of Journalism" that is focused on practitioners (<http://www.worldsofjournalism.org/>) and of the research programme "Journalism

Students Across the Globe”, focused on journalism students (<http://www.istudentsproject.org/>). Important questions are:

- Which societal roles of journalism will become more/less important?
- What does this mean for the values/ethics of journalism?
- What does this mean for the qualification profile for (starting) journalists?

The research will be financed and carried out by Windesheim Media Research Centre, Zwolle (Netherlands) under the supervision of Dr. Nico Drok (n.drok@windesheim.nl) and has an **Advisory Board consisting of the following members:**

- Dr. Maria Lukina - Chair (Moscow), maria_lukina@list.ru;
- Mike Baker (Plymouth), mbaker@marjon.ac.uk;
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- Kate Shanahan (Dublin), catherine.shanahan@dit.ie;

Meetings of the Advisory Board will be scheduled on the Wednesday before the Annual General Meeting (mostly in May) and the Wednesday before the Teacher’s Conference (mostly in October). These meetings will start at 14.00 h. (local time) and end at 18.00 h.

Cooperation between EJTA and the Council of Europe

On the 10th March, EJTA Board members were invited to a day of meetings at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg hosted by spokesperson and media officer of the Directorate of Communications, Giuseppe Zaffuto.

Amongst those giving briefings were the Director of Communications and spokesperson for the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General, Daniel Holtgen, and the Head of Information Society Department, Patrick Penninckx.

There was enormous interest shown in the proposed fact checking project and discussions also covered the potential for the Council of Europe to support other EJTA activities, offer internships for students and explore other collaboration.

We look forward to developing a mutually beneficial relationship with the Council of Europe and the first opportunity for the membership to see the support first hand may be at the conference in Munich in May (to be confirmed).

News from the EJTA secretariat - Mobility Catalogue

As announced during the last AGM, EJTA has launched a [new_MOBILITY CATALOGUE](#) for students and staff. A login and password has been sent to the first contact person of each member institution.

We would like to ask you to [enter](#) your short and long term (degree & exchange) programmes for students 2017-2018 as well as potential international staff week information **before 1st of May**.

Election Board Members

Three of our five Board members will finish their second term in May: Nadia Vissers (General Secretary), Deborah Wilson (Vice-president) and Nico Drok (President). All three of them would like to serve one more term, which will be their third and final term of two years. Nevertheless, if you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate for one of the seats in the Board, please send a short bio and motivation, together with a recent picture of yourself, to the secretariat before April 20th (info@ejta.eu).

Next to the above mentioned three there is a fourth vacancy. For personal reasons Elisabeth Wasserbauer decided to step down from her mid-career seat in the Board. Alexandra Stark was asked to take over her place for the time being, and fortunately she agreed. Alexandra is willing to stay in the Board for the rest of the term, which will be until May 2018. Nevertheless, if you want to put yourself forward as a candidate for the mid-career seat, please send a short bio and motivation, together with a recent picture of yourself, to the secretariat before April 20th (info@ejta.eu).

Forum for European Journalism Students

The FEJS Executive Board, Secretariat and the Dutch Organising Committee inform us that due to organisational and funding problems, there won't be an Annual Congress in April in the Netherlands. They will organize this meeting together with their General Assembly in Moscow in October, at the same time and place as the EJTA Teachers' Conference.

Both organisations will have a separate programme but will certainly cross bridges.

To prepare this cooperation, four FEJS-students from the Russian Organising Committee will join our AGM in Munich.

In the application for EUCHECH, FEJS was given a prominent role: during the project they will be an extra monitor in three international media weeks.

Teachers' Conference in Moscow

On October 19-20 the annual Teachers' Conference will take place in Moscow, Russian Federation. The event will be hosted by the Faculty of Journalism, Lomonosov Moscow State University, and coincide with the annual academic conference "Moscow Readings", which has been organized at the Faculty of Journalism since 2009.

The Teachers' Conference will also coincide with the meeting of the Forum of European Journalism Students in Moscow (FEJS), which will facilitate discussions about journalists' education from both academics' and students' perspectives.

This Teachers' Conference aims to discuss journalism education in a global context, putting particular emphasis on professional, social, ideological, cultural and economic conditions, influencing the way journalists are educated today across the world. Deadline for the submission of abstract and registration form is July 25, 2017. More information on topics for discussion, abstract submission and registration are to be found in the conference's call for papers.

Questions can be sent to the Local Organizing Committee at ejta2017@mail.ru

Upcoming Events

- **International Journalism Festival 2017,**
Perugia, 5-9 April 2017
 - **The Future of Journalism Conference 2017,**
Cardiff University, 14-15 September 2017
 - **EJTA Teachers' Conference,**
Moscow, 19-20 October 2017, Lomonosov Moscow State University
 - **FEJS General Assembly and Annual Meeting,**
Moscow, 19-20 October 2017, Lomonosov Moscow State University
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