



Newsletter September 2019

1. Teachers' Conference, 17-18 October 2019, Dortmund

Theme: Journalism in a Global Context: Connecting Africa and Europe in Journalism Education

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The Erich Brost Institute for International Journalism and the Institute of Journalism at TU Dortmund University, Germany, warmly invite you to the 2019 Teachers' Conference in Dortmund.

The conference aims at building bridges between journalism educators in Europe and Africa. Core issues at the conference will be an exchange about best practices and shortcomings in African and European journalism education, recent challenges to foreign coverage, and an intercultural exchange about the coverage of migration in and from Africa and Europe. In close partnership with the Africa Institute for Media, Migration and Development (AIMMAD) and the African Media Initiative (AMI), and thanks to generous funding from the Robert Bosch Stiftung, we will be able to invite 10-15 colleagues from African countries to the EJTA conference. Collaboration and cross-border activities in the field of international coverage, media research, and journalism education will thus be at the heart of the conference.

2. EJTA Annual General Meeting, Paris

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 8th of July at the Université Paris-Dauphine, prior to the WJEC5 conference.

The minutes of the AGM are available via this [link](#). (PDF file).

3. WJEC

WJEC5 in Paris

The 5th World Journalism Education Congress in Paris (July 9-11, 2019) has been a tremendous success. About 600 colleagues from 70 countries participated, which is more than ever before. Around 200 presentations were given, about every relevant aspect of journalism education in the 21st century. Many EJTA members contributed actively, by doing presentations, chairing panels and leading syndicates. On behalf of EJTA Nadia Vissers presented our EUfactcheck project and Nico Drok presented our research on Journalistic Roles, Values and Qualifications.

Next to that, there were many special events. On July 10th the Paris Declaration of Freedom of Journalism Education was signed at the Paris Town Hall. It was signed by Pascal Guénée Director of IPJ Dauphine | PSL & Chairperson of WJEC Paris and Joe Foote, President of the World Journalism Education Council, in the company of Isabelle Huault President of the Université Paris-Dauphine & Marie-Christine Lemardeley Deputy Mayor of Paris (picture).



Another new element that was initiated by Pascal Guénée was the session called: Imagine the Journalism School of Tomorrow. Five students coming from five continents presented their intelligent and interesting vision of the Journalism School of Tomorrow during the “Innovation Keynote” on Thursday 11th July 2019.

It was decided that the next World journalism Education Congress will be held in China (Beijing/Shanghai, 2022). For more information about the excellent Paris congress or WJEC in general, see [WJEC5 Paris](#) and [WJEC](#).

Nico Drok vice-chair World Journalism Education Council

At the Council meeting of WJEC on July 9th in Paris, Nico Drok was elected as vice-chair of the World Journalism Education Council. The term of office is three years and can be extended with another three year term at WJEC6 (Beijing, 2022). The Steering Committee of WJEC will have the following members Verica Rupar (Chair, New Zealand/Oceania), Nico Drok (vice-chair, Netherlands/Europe), Ke Guo (China/Asia), Ralph Akinfeleye (Nigeria/Africa), Robyn Goodman (USA/North America), Sonia Virgínia Moreira (Brasil/South America).

The immediate past Chair (Joe Foote, USA) and the principal organizer of the most recent WJEC Congress (Pascal Guénée, France) serve as ex-officio members of the Steering Committee until the next General Assembly. The Committee may invite any others actively involved in the organization to be on the Steering Committee, without voting rights.

4. New members 2019

At the AGM in Paris the EJTA membership welcomed three new members:

1. National Research Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod
2. Newcastle University
3. KU Leuven, Campus Brussels

5. EJTA Board

At the AGM in Paris EJTA also welcomed a new board member, Eric Nahon from IPJ Paris, in the role of vice-president.

The current EJTA board members are:

- Nico DROK, President
- Eric NAHON, Vice-President
- Nadia VISSERS, General Secretary
- Maria LUKINA, Vice-Secretary
- Alexandra STARK, Mid-Career

6. New managerial structure for EJTA as from 1 Sept 2020

At the AGM in Paris on 8 July 2019 the EJTA members decided to start a 3-year pilot to strengthen the managerial potential of EJTA through appointing an EJTA Director for two days a week.

The Director will take care of all operational tasks (in close collaboration with the EJTA Secretariat), will coordinate current (e.g. EUfactcheck, DESTIN) and future projects and will manage relations with present and future funders (e.g. Council of Europe, Evens Foundation). The Board will be able to focus on its strategic tasks.

EJTA members agreed unanimously with the current General Secretary, Nadia Vissers, taking this position and gave the Board the mandate to take all the necessary steps.

The 3-year pilot period with an EJTA Director starts from 1 September 2020 onwards and will be evaluated yearly.

7. Formal seat of EJTA

For many years the official seat of EJTA has been at the European Journalism Centre in Maastricht. Last year EJC decided to end its membership, and to avoid complex juridical issues we needed a Dutch member to take over the official EJTA seat. We are very grateful to our colleagues in Utrecht who were willing to take over.

The address now of our formal seat is: Hogeschool Utrecht | Heidelberglaan 15, 3584 CS Utrecht | Postbus 85029, 3508 AA Utrecht.

The actual seat (secretariat, visiting address) remains in Mechelen at Thomas More University of Applied Sciences | Media School | Campus De Ham | Raghenoplein 21bis | 2800 Mechelen | Belgium.

8. Projects

A) EUFACTCHECK



After the success of 130 publications (79 factchecks and 51 blog posts) on www.eufactcheck.eu in the period of February-May 2019 the participants of EJTA's fact-checking project EUfactcheck decided to move on with the project and to take new

steps in the academic year 2019-2020.

At the Teachers' Conference in Dortmund the practical details will be discussed (Friday 18/10, 9 am).

The project is open for new participants and EJTA members that want to join in, are invited to contact [Nadia Vissers](#).

By December 2019 a manual with guidelines and tips & tricks will be published and in February 2020 another Train the Trainer will be organised in Ljubljana, with financial help from the Evens Foundation.

All the information about the current state of affairs, the outcome and the future plans of EUfactcheck can be found in the presentations which you can find on the EJTA website.

B) DESTIN



EJTA is involved in this Erasmus+ project organized by Bath Spa University on curriculum development within Journalism schools in Ukraine.

C) RESEARCH: JOURNALISTIC ROLES, VALUES AND QUALIFICATIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

This research project gathers the input from more than 1000 teachers at European journalism institutes of more than 30 countries and results in interesting outcomes both on theoretical and practical level.

Nico Drok introduced the results in a panel discussion at WJEC5 in Paris. You can download a PDF file with the results [here](#).

This research led to the start of an update for the [Tartu Declaration](#) (2006-2013-2020) and a call was sent on the 30th of August 2019 to invite interested EJTA researchers to

join a small committee to update the EJTA competencies.

9. FEJS

At the General Assembly organised at the campus of EJTA member Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences Helsinki on 17-21 October 2019, the FEJS members will elect a new Executive Board.

The EJTA Board hopes to consolidate and continue the cooperation with the FEJS students in the future.

10. Upcoming Events

EJTA Conferences

- **EJTA Teachers' Conference 17-18 October 2019**
Theme: Journalism in a Global Context: Connecting Africa and Europe in Journalism Education
Dortmund, Germany
[Conference website](#) | [Registration form](#)
- **EJTA AGM and Conference, 14-15 May 2020**
Theme: Digital storytelling
Vienna, Austria
- **EJTA Teachers' Conference, 15-16 October 2020**
Chelyabinsk, Russia
- **EJTA AGM and Conference, Spring 2021**
Mechelen, Belgium

- **EJTA Teachers' Conference, Autumn 2021**
Tbilisi, Georgia
- **EJTA AGM and Conference, Spring 2022**
Aarhus, Denmark
- **EJTA Teachers' Conference, Autumn 2022**
Liverpool, United Kingdom

Members that would like to organise an AGM-Conference or a Teachers' Conference are warmly invited to address their proposal to the President of EJTA, Nico Drok, via [e-mail](#).

Events from member institutions and other organisations

- ***Forum for European Journalism students, General Assembly***
Helsinki, 17 - 21 October 2019
- ***International Journalism Festival 2020***
Perugia, 1 - 5 April 2020
- ***European Investigative Journalism Conference and Dataharvest 2020***
Mechelen, 14 - 17 May 2020

If you want to inform EJTA-members about an event you're organising within the context of Journalism Education, please send a message to the secretariat and we'll publish it on the site and in the Newsletter.

11. Future e-mails and GDPR

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