

NEWSLETTER

April 2016

1. Conference and AGM Tbilisi: 16 & 17 June 2016

On Thursday 16 June (Conference) and Friday 17 June (AGM) 2016 we will meet again, in Tbilisi. It promises to be a wonderful event.

The Conference will combine three interrelated themes: **Challenges of journalism in the age of rapid technological advancement, The present and the future of journalism education and media literacy, Human calamities, trauma and journalism.**

At the AGM we will talk about several EJTA-activities in which members can participate, like the 'Factbar.eu' project which focuses on fact checking and a proposal for a new research project of EJTA, called: 'Journalistic roles, Values and Qualifications in the Digital Age'. Moreover we will be welcoming a rather large group of new members and we will discuss an important change of our statutes (below, point 7).

If you have not registered yet, please do so NOW:
<http://ejtatbilisi.gipa.me/registration-2/>

For more information, please visit the Conference/AGM website:
<http://ejtatbilisi.gipa.me/>

You will receive the AGM Agenda and documents before May 15th.

2. News from the EJTA Board

The Board had a meeting in Mechelen on March 3 & 4 and discussed amongst other things membership and possible new members, relationship and meeting with the FEJS board, the organisation of the AGM and Conference 2016 and 2017, EJTA projects and EJTA research. All of these topics will be discussed at the next AGM.

Seven new members will probably present themselves in Tbilisi. Next to that, the Board will propose to the AGM to open up the possibility for associate membership for non-European institutes. They will have the same rights and (financial) obligations as regular members, but will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.

Questions or topics you want to put on the next Board agenda? Please let us know.

3. EJTA secretariat

In the first half of the academic year 2016-2017 the EJTA secretariat will be run by Griet Claes. Leen Van Tolhuysen will join us again from January 2017 on.



Griet Claes

For all questions about EJTA administration, please mail to: info@ejta.eu

4. WJEC4

A reminder: as you probably all know the 4th World Journalism Education Congress will be held at Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand, from 14 until 16 July 2016. Following the successful third edition in Mechelen – of which EJTA was co-organiser – Auckland is the next host.

The general theme of the congress is **'Identity and Integrity of Journalism Education'** inspired by the contemporary shifts in the place of journalism programmes within the university environment and in relationships with industry and society.

All information on topics, venue, travel possibilities etc. is to be found on the WJEC website: <http://www.wjec.aut.ac.nz>

TBILISI , Georgia
picture from www.telegraph.co.uk



5. FEJS news

During the FEJS Annual Conference in Turin ('Making Media and Innovative Journalism', 14-18 April) the EJTA board introduced the fact-checking project 'Factbar.eu' to the journalism students and invited the FEJS-schools to actively participate in the future project.

EJTA and FEJS board members also had a very constructive and inspiring meeting during which the following topics were discussed: update of member lists of both organisations, application procedure for students to join FEJS conferences, possibilities to cooperate in applying for European funding, presentation of the new mobility catalogue.

The meeting finished with an interesting discussion about missing but necessary modules in Journalism schools, a research question with a range of different answers, which will be put before all FEJS members.

6. Mobility Catalogue

We have launched a **new mobility catalogue for students and staff**.

With this new, extended "MC" we again try to add value to your membership, by providing a European platform to promote your journalism programmes to students and support recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff to attend your international staff weeks.

We will ask the membership to add their information in several flows. The first group of members has already received a login and password, others will receive it over the next few weeks.

The login is institutional and will be sent to the first contact person of your institution.

7. EJTA Statutes

At the AGM in Tbilisi we will discuss some amendments of our statutes. Freshening up the statutes has been on the agenda for many years but always got postponed because of other issues that were believed to be more urgent. In Tbilisi we finally can present the AGM a proposal for new statutes.

There are **two changes in the statutes** that might ask extra time for discussion: the first is our proposal to accept non-European members (e.g. Tunis University) as an associate member, under specific conditions. The other is the proposal to allow Board members to be eligible for re-election twice instead of once. There will still be yearly elections for Board membership, but this proposal opens up the possibility for more continuity as long as the AGM is satisfied with the functioning of the Board and/or specific Board members.

You will receive a copy of the new statutes together with the agenda. The most important changes will be highlighted. Those will be the ones to discuss. Next to that, there are a lot of small changes in the wording. Our suggestion will be to avoid discussing those at the AGM. You will be invited to send your suggestions or objections directly to the president of EJTA, at least one week before the AGM.

10. Upcoming events

[EJTA AGM and Annual Conference](#), 16-17 June 2016, Caucasus School of Journalism and Media Management, Tbilisi, Georgia.

[World Journalism Education Congress 2016](#), 14-16 July 2016, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand. www.wjec.aut.ac.nz

[EJTA Teachers' Conference](#), second half of October 2016, Université Paris- Dauphine, Paris, France.

Theme: 'Teaching Journalism in the Digital Age'

[Dataharvest/EIJC](#), 3 – 5 June 2016, Mechelen, Belgium.

[ECREA](#), 9-12 November 2016, Prague
Theme 'Mediating (Dis)continuities: Contesting Pasts, Presents and Futures'

EXTRA: Ten years on Mount Mundus

By/ Inger Munk

If you are into tough challenges professionally and organisationally, the work applying for and running a Mundus Masters programme can be highly recommended.

The Mundus Masters Journalism, Media and Globalisation (MundusJournalism) is now on



Teke Ngomba, Cameroon speaking at the 10 years Anniversary Conference. Teke is Mundus Journalism alumni with the Hamburg University specialism. PhD from Aarhus University, and now teaching the Mundus Journalism Masters in Aarhus.

its third expedition to get on top of the Mount Mundus with the privilege to run a Mundus Masters programme with Mundus stipends waiting on the top.

During the 10 years, the consortium (see below) has run the programme, we have experienced all challenges to get to the top, with heavy winds and rolling stones with national and EU legislation as one of the heaviest, to be able to run the joint degree programme.

Total support from all participating institutions has helped a lot, and the students have been sherpas to help to understand the joy of being on the mountain.

The words from Hans Henrik Holm, Professor and founding father of the Mundus Journalism programme covers the joy of running a Mundus programme: "After University teaching for almost 40 years, I can say with confidence and experience that teaching in the Mundus programme is an academic and personal high. The classroom is electrifying! Filled with the global experience of up to 80 students from around the world. All different from one another. All dedicated and eager to learn from the programme and each other. (See: www.mundusjournalism.com)

The spirit was high when more than 200 alumni and staff from the Mundus Journalism family met in Amsterdam in October 2016 to celebrate the ten years of anniversary of the Mundus Journalism. Mount Mundus has been climbed twice, and we work hard to make the third climb a success.

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The Mundus Journalism Consortium members are Aarhus University/ Danish School of Media and Journalism (coordinating institutions), University of Amsterdam, University of Hamburg, City University London, Swansea University. University of California Berkeley, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, University of Technology Sydney. Media Industry partners.

(See more on www.mundusjournalism.com)