



NEWSLETTER

COEHRE newsletter - Edition 7 – February 2012

Message from the president



Dear colleagues,

I am very happy to introduce you to the first 2012 issue of the Coehre Newsletter.

The Council met in Gent, 9-11 January 2012, with a very full agenda.

We went through the preparations of the Aalborg Conference, 18-20 April 2012, and are happy to inform you that we are looking forward to a very interesting conference on “Innovative Education for Active Ageing” with interesting keynote contributions and workshops, and a large number of oral presentations.

In conjunction with the staff program there will be a full program for students, 16-20 April and a full day seminar for the deans on Thursday 19th April.

I hope to see many of you in Aalborg!

I also want to ask your attention for the Coehre Academy activities, reported in this Newsletter. The Academy is planning to present its strategic plan for the next three years during the conference.

At the end of 2011 we had problems with the accessibility of our newly revised website. These have now been solved.

If you have any questions or remarks, please contact Isabelle Delariviere at the Coehre Administrative Office.

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Early bird fee until the
7th of March 2012.**



Annual COEHRE conference 2012

Aalborg, Denmark
18-20 April 2012

Conference theme

Innovative Education for
Active Ageing

Subthemes

- Empowered ageing
- Use of welfare technologies
- Future professional skills and competences

Conference April 2012, Aalborg, Denmark

The preliminary programme is available on the conference website. We are happy to announce that a nice group of renowned speakers has accepted to come to Aalborg and share their thoughts and experience with us all. We are sure it will be a worthwhile experience.



COHEHRE Academy activities

DATIC Workshop, Bruges, Belgium, 7-10.11.2011

This was the first occasion for a 3 day workshop to be run on this topic. However it is a development from the one-day pre-conference workshop run on similar lines in April 2009 at Tallinn in Estonia. There were 13 participants and 3 facilitators from 7 different countries. The participants came from a variety of backgrounds thus contributing a range of knowledge and skills to the discussions. The 3 facilitators of the workshop had all been members of the working group on 'Putting Culture in the Curriculum'.



The workshop was held at 't Roodhof, a purpose built residential conference centre situated 10km outside Bruges, Belgium. Each day had a separate theme being focused on Developing Cultural Awareness on day one, Developing Cultural Knowledge on day two and Developing Cultural Skills on day three. The approach to the workshop was experiential and a wide variety of techniques were used. Visits were also made to Ghent including the Community health care centre Botermarkt and specialist lecturers contributed views on migration and health.

The size of the group allowed a great deal of networking and sharing of expertise. Although participants came with differing backgrounds and expectations, the overall evaluations were very positive.

by Eileen Richardson

ICHCI Capacity Building Seminar, Groningen, The Netherlands, 17.11.2011

Fifty teachers from all over Europe assembled at the ICHCI Project meeting in Hanze Hogeschool in Groningen. During this period 4 task groups have been involved in the preparation and the brainstorming of the different programs that will take place during April and May 2012. The goal of these intensive programs is to strengthen the international, interdisciplinary and interprofessional collaboration among the members and students from different institutions.

Martin Brouwer, lecturer at Hanze Hogeschool: *"I experienced the meeting as good and significant as different ideas concerning health care were exchanged. Taking part in one of the programs will be a beautiful experience for the students in view of their future profession. We have experienced this ourselves through a tutor meeting and found it positive and interesting."*

The Deans meeting took place during the seminar. We welcomed deans from:

- University College Arteveldehogeschool: Claire Nuyttens
- Hanzehogeschool Groningen: Geiske Steendam
- Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nijmegen: Theo Joosten



PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 2012

Workshop Coehre Academy: How to supervise students in developing countries?

Spring 2013

Seminar on curriculum development and internationalization

Spring 2013

DATIC (Developing and Teaching Intercultural Competence)

Deans meeting, Groningen, The Netherlands

Deans support the idea of a deans' meeting to reinforce commitment of member institutions to the development of the Coehre consortium, as well as to facilitate mutual engagements between member institutions.

The main conclusion from our discussion is, however, that deans would expect the deans' meeting to be an opportunity for reflection at strategic level on key issues and developments in nowadays Higher Education for health professionals.

Such reflection and meta-discussion should be supportive to them for policy development and management decisions in their respective universities at the strategic level of the institution, faculty and/or department.

The theme(s) for reflection and discussion could probably be best addressed by means of a keynote, a masterclass, examples of good practice, a site visit, or a combination of these elements.



EASPD, the **European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities**, represents 10.000 social service provider organisations across Europe and across disability. EASPD has different projects running and organises a Conference in May in Ljubljana, Slovenia "**ME AND ME - Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities: Dual Diagnosis?**". More information can be found on their website: www.easpd.eu. If you wish to receive their Newsletter, do contact EASPD.

ELECTIONS

The following vacancies will be due for election:

- Two council members for a period of 3 years
- Three representatives for the Nominating Committee for a period of 2 years

Why a European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity in 2012?

2012 will be the 10th Anniversary of the United Nations Action Plan on Ageing. In response to the demographic challenge all EU member states are facing the EY2012 will seek to:

- Promote active ageing in employment
- Promote active ageing in the community through volunteering and caring
- Promote healthy ageing and independent living
- Enhance solidarity between generations in order to create a society for all ages

 European Year for **Active Ageing** and **Solidarity between Generations 2012**



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New Members

The University of West-Scotland, United Kingdom and the Technical University of Liberec, Czech Republic have recently applied for COHEHRE membership.

We warmly welcome these new members in our organisation!

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