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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

In this newsletter we report on the summer school implemented last month in Iasi, Romania, inform you on new members of our network and provide you general information on child rights proceedings in Europe. Please note the change of address above- the house number has changed.

For comments and feedback on our newsletter, suggestions for improvement, or news you would like us to include in the next edition, please write to info@enmcr.net

Sincerely,

Rebecca Budde (Editor)



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Report on IP summer school: Children's European Citizenship: Information and Participation (CeCiP) and connected European Conference: Children's Right to Education and Information in EU: Strategies for Prevention of Social and Digital Exclusion within the Knowledge Society, held in Iasi, Romania July 16-28, 2007

For the first time, member universities implemented a joint summer school intensive programme in Iasi, Romania at the Al.I. Cuza University. The subject was Children's European Citizenship and it was directed to future European Master in Children's Rights students as preparation, but also to recent graduates of courses offered at the partner universities. Students studying Social Work with a focus on children's rights also participated.

The summer school was delivered in 8 sessions, ranging from basic introductions to children's participation and citizenship to more specific issues such as children and information technologies and the risks and potentials involved, children in migration situations, children's social movements and a session on re-thinking children's participation, moving from passive to active involvement.

Throughout the 2 weeks, the programme was accompanied by the build-up of a web-campaign on children's rights by the students. The experience of different university cultures and teaching methods was very interesting and proved that it is a good and necessary endeavour to undertake teaching in cooperation with partners having different traditions. By this it is possible to learn from each other and grow to create a true European project.

Connected to the intensive programme a weekend conference on children's rights to information was held, in which both professors from the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights and students presented some ideas and projects as well as research results on the issue. A compilation of the presentations will be published within the next months.

It is planned to offer a similar Intensive Programme in July 2008, further information will be given in the coming months.

General Assembly

After the conference, ENMCR members met for a General Assembly in which the progress of the summer school was discussed and evaluated and future activities of the network were debated.

New membership applications to the network were voted upon (see results below).

For further information on the meeting and decisions, please contact Rebecca Budde: rbudde@ina-fu.org.

Kick-Off meeting CREDMOS and General Meeting ENMCR

The next general meeting of ENMCR will be held in Berlin on November 20 and 21, 2007. It is connected to the kick-off meeting of ENMCR's new project: CREDMOS, Child Rights Education Development-Moldova and Serbia, which aims at establishing Master study programmes in Children's Rights (see also job posting below). As the general meeting will take place on the anniversary of the UNCRC it is planned to have a public presentation and an open reception in the evening of November 20. The main issue to be discussed besides the running administrative and internal coordination issues is ENMCR's role and contribution to the European Strategy on Children's Rights.

We invite all members to attend the meeting.

For further information, please contact Rebecca Budde: rbudde@ina-fu.org

News from members and associated members

New Memberships

At the general Assembly held on July 21 in Iasi, Romania, the following universities were accepted as members of ENMCR:

- **University of Minho**, Institute of Child Studies, Braga Portugal
- **University of Barcelona**, Faculty of Law, Spain
- **University of Antwerp**, Faculty of Law, UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights, Belgium
- **Mykolas Romeris University**, Faculty of Social Policy, Vilnius, Lithuania
- **University of Barcelona**, Department of Theory and History of Education, section Social Work and Social Services, Spain
- **University Örebro**, **Swedish Academy on the Rights of the Child**, Sweden

Call for papers International conference:

Health and Social Questions of Childhood in European Context II

Date: 10 – 11 October 2007, Location: Nyíregyháza, Hungary

Deadline for submission of abstracts: August 31 (!), full papers: before September 30, 2007

Project ASO - project partners: University of South Bohemia Faculty of Health and Social Studies, University of Debrecen Health College Faculty, University of Applied Sciences Linz Faculty of Social Work University of Trnava Faculty of Health Care and Social Work.

Conference Theme:

Prevention is one of the most effective instruments of the socio-pathological phenomena. Theoretical contributions are planned for the morning parts and workshops for the afternoons. Open discussions will conclude both days of the conference.

Themes: questions of violence, the possibilities of prevention; prevention of abuse of psychotropic substance; prevention of socio-pathological behaviour; prevention and problems in the family, child growing up ; prevention in the schools and prevention of health problems

Please contact the organizers at: husztieva@vipmail.hu or zierhut@zsf.jcu.cz for exact instructions.

Job Posting: Project Coordinator for CREDMOS

For our new TEMPUS project: „Child Rights Education Development- Moldova and Serbia (CREDMOS) – JEP_2006_52008“, ENMCR is looking for a project coordinator in half time (20h/week) position to begin at the next possible date.

The project is a cooperation of the Free University Berlin and 8 other European Universities in 5 European countries. Its aim is to develop Master study programmes in Children's Rights according to the European Master in Children's Rights at 3 universities in Serbia and the State University of Moldova in Chisinau. It is closely connected to other activities and projects of ENMCR. Working language is English and German.

Position description:

- Project administration and -coordination between the partners and participating institutions and the EU Commission.
- Conceptual and organizational coordination of the project meetings and workshops
- Consultation and support of the regional project partners in subject and administrative matters
- Reporting to the EU Commission and assurance of compliance with EU regulations
- Project finance management
- Assurance of information flow and maintenance of project website (CMS System)
- Translations (German/English)
- General office and administration tasks

We expect:

- University Degree in relevant subject
- engagement and experience in international education and project work, if possible in the subject field
- Experience in coordinating European projects and knowledge of European funding principles
- Interest in intercultural communication and children's rights

- Ability to work in a team and independently, flexibility
- Very good English and German writing and speaking skills
- Secure knowledge of the standard Office programs (word, ppt, excel)

Please direct applications to: Internationale Akademie für innovative Pädagogik, Psychologie und Ökonomie (INA) gGmbH an der FU Berlin, Königin-Luise-Str. 29, D-14195 Berlin to the attention of Mr. Günter Chodzinski by **14 September 2007**

4th edition Expert Course in Childhood Social Policies at the University Complutense Madrid

Starting in February 2008, the 6 month expert course in childhood social policies at the University Complutense, Madrid will be offered in its 4th edition. The third edition realized from February-July 2007 was very successful and satisfactory for both the teachers and students as the evaluation by both parties had demonstrated. As in the former course, the last one attracted students coming from different backgrounds, countries and age groups, which made the course very interesting and rich in diversity. One of the aims of the Expert course is to deliver knowledge on the reality children and young people live in, viewing it from the theoretical approach of sociology of childhood and to deliver knowledge on the UN Convention on the Rights of The Child (1989) as orientation for social policies for children. More detailed information can be found on the Expert course's website at:

www.ucm.es/info/polinfan. It is possible to enrol in the course starting on October 1, 2007 and will remain open until the maximum number of students (25-30) is reached.

For more information please contact either the course coordinators and/or visit the website:

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III World congress on the Rights of the child and young people

Date: 14-19 November. Location: Barcelona, Spain

The Faculty of Law at the University of Barcelona, one of ENMCR's newest member institutions, is organizing the third world congress on the rights of the child and young people. The aim is to bring together researchers and stakeholders to discuss the scope of children's rights and the possibility for their realization in all areas, incl. family, school, community etc. For further information, please visit: <http://www.iiicongresomundialdeinfancia.org/event.htm>

Intensive Summer Course in Children's Rights in Belgium

The University of Antwerp, Faculty of Law, UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights is organizing an intensive Summer Course in Children's Rights from Sept. 8-19, 2008. Target groups for the course are professionals with 5 year experience and PhD students. Some information can be found already now on www.ua.ac.be/childrensrights/training. We will keep you updated with further information in the coming months. For further information, you can contact the coordinator:

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General News External

Drafted Report "Towards an EU strategy on the rights of the child"

On 17 July MEP Roberta Angelilli (UEN, Italy) presented her draft report entitled "Towards an EU strategy on the rights of the child" to the members of the LIBE Committee. The draft report at its current stage includes three paragraphs on the protection of migrant children (paragraphs 33-35) generally stating that their vulnerability needs to be taken into account and that they should not "suffer from the adverse effects of a situation for which they bear no responsibility". MEP Martine Roure (PES, France) announced that her group would table amendments, which would clearly state that minors may not be detained and explained that there need to be instruments safeguarding the rights of migrant children at all stages.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2004_2009/documents/pr/676/676846/676846en.pdf

Partner search for Study on Youth Migrants/Victims of Trafficking

The European Forum for Urban Safety (EFUS) is currently looking for project partners on a project for Study on Youth Migrants/Victims of Trafficking. The project consists of a feasibility study on voluntary return to their home countries of unaccompanied minor youth and children who have been victims of trafficking. The study aims to analyse the conditions and modalities of a possible return by looking at individual cases in European cities. EFUS is currently looking to expand the circle of partners. http://www.urbansecurity.org/fesu/secutopic_art.aspx?id_art=2869

German Children's Commission on the International Youth Day: "More participation of young people in political decision making" (August 12, 2007)

The Commission welcomes and supports this year's motto chosen by the UN for the international youth day: „Be seen, be heard: Youth Participation for Development“. Children and young people are not only affected on a daily basis by the political decisions made by adults, it is them who will be paying the bill for today's decisions made. This does not merely affect the areas of education and training and health, but also especially also the question of environment and finances. The consequences of these decisions are often only felt a generation later.

Therefore the commission appeals to children and young people to engage in their personal surrounding (school, neighbourhood) and to voice their interests and demands in political, social and youth organisations. At the same time the commission appeals to the politicians to listen to the voices of children and young people, to take their concerns seriously and to take all measures to include them actively in decision making processes. Through participation in political processes and discussion, the democratic understanding of young people is formed and their motivation to engage actively is promoted. Miriam Gruß, the new head of the commission said: The strive for knowledge of young people has to be used in order to prevent disinterest. We have to talk with children and young people, not about them."

This is a very nice statement, it remains to be seen, what concrete efforts are made to actively include children and young people.

Survey on online risks for children

the EU Commission has for the first time investigated, how children deal with new media. The survey (conducted with children from all over Europe) reveals that internet and mobile telephone use has become almost natural. Generally they are aware of the risks connected to internet and cell phone usage. Nonetheless, they would consult adults only as a last resort, if they have problems online.

Viviane Reding, EC Commission, Information society and media, declares: "The ability to actively use the new media is of utmost importance for the development of a knowledge society in Europe. At the same time these results (of the survey) reveal the need for a pro-active education in the area of online

media. When talking about the safety of our children, no one may sit back complacently." For the survey, interviews were held with children aged 9-10 and 12-14 in all 27 member states, as well as Norway and Iceland. The survey shows that children all over Europe use the modern technology in very similar ways. The most frequently named activities are online games, surfing and communication, whereas in using cell phones writing short text message and talking with parents and friends is in the forefront. Most children use the internet more than once a day and have an own cell phone. Where parents restrict internet use frequently, using cell phones is dealt with a lot more freely and uncontrolled. Source: EU Aktuell, 10.8.2007

Youth competition: European Union and Non-Discrimination

The Commission's vice president Franco Frattini has launched the youth competition „European Union and Non-Discrimination“. European Children and young people aged 12-18 years are asked to design a poster on non-discrimination in the EU. The competition should attract young peoples' attention on the EU measures in this field. For more information, please consult:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/1190&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Publications

A Scoping Project on Child Trafficking in the UK

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre has published a report on behalf of the Home Office and the Border and Immigration Agency entitled *A Scoping Project on Child Trafficking in the UK*. <http://www.ceop.gov.uk/pdfs/Child%20Trafficking%20Report%20June%202007.pdf>

Unaccompanied Minors - Rights and Protection, by Kristina Touzenis, analyses the international legal framework protecting unaccompanied children in specific situations; refugee children, children in armed conflict, migrant children, internally displaced children, and victims of trafficking. www.xledizioni.com/cos%2002%20inglese.htm

Childhoods Today- first edition published

The first issue of "Childhoods Today" has now been published and can be found on-line at <http://www.childhoodstoday.org>. The editors wish to have this information widely spread and encourage contributions by people, who have an interest in publishing on childhood and who wish to bring forward the development of childhood studies.

Please visit childhoods today online: <http://www.childhoodstoday.org>
<http://www.cscy.group.shef.ac.uk/about/index.htm>

Parenting in contemporary Europe: a positive approach

This publication is an important element of the Council of Europe's recent work in the field of positive parenting leading up to the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation Rec(2006)19 on policy to support positive parenting. The authors review and analyse the major changes affecting parenting in Europe, arising from legal situations, research and practice. This work addresses the core issues related to positive parenting and non-violent upbringing, with particular emphasis on parents' entitlement to support from the state in carrying out their parental tasks. Five themes are focused upon: 1. the legal situation and the results of research: what it means to be a parent according to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Council of Europe and new scientific knowledge; 2. current thinking on the use of violence and corporal punishment against children; 3. responses to family policy, especially in terms of support programmes and services for parenting and families; 4. the particular problems and needs of parents and children in situations of social exclusion; and 5. the relationship between parenting and drug-related behaviour among children and teenagers. The book also includes the text of the Recommendation Rec(2006)19, "Keys for parents" and "Guidelines for professionals". To order: Council of Europe Publishing, Palais de l'Europe, 67075 Strasbourg Cedex, France; E-mail : publishing@coe.int, URL : <http://book.coe.int>

Materials compiled by the German Child Welfare Association on Participation and Children's Rights (in German)

On the web pages of the German Child Welfare Associations extensive material and media lists can be found on the subjects of participation and children's rights. The materials compiled under participation give hints and recommendation son how children can be democratically involved in their world. The materials and recommendation on children's rights include info on how to spread children's rights, raise awareness and how to methodically approach the issue. The PDF documents can be downloaded from:

<http://www.kinderpolitik.de/bibliothek/buchvorstellungen.php#material>

Job Postings:

Global Migrant Rights Network Seeks International Coordinator

Location: Manila, Philippines

Migrants Rights International (MRI) is seeking candidates for the position of International Coordinator. MRI is a global non-governmental alliance of migrant and migrant rights organizations, unions, faith based, regional networks and other sectors and groups that promotes and defends the human rights of all migrants. Position Description:

The International Coordinator (IC) will be responsible for leading the development of MRI's international field office, to be based in Manila, Philippines. MRI is seeking candidates who will bring a strong commitment to human rights, are experienced in building organizations, understand the values and tasks of organizing and mobilizing grassroots-based constituents, and are familiar with the situation of migrants and migration policies. The position will require a capacity to formulate and raise funds to support an operational budget, coordinate events in a variety of locations internationally, and act as a spokesperson for the organization as needed. This is a full-time position and will begin immediately.

Application Procedures:

Interested applicants should submit **by September 20, 2007**, a letter of self-introduction, resume (CV) and three letters of recommendation in English, by email to migrantsrightsinternational@gmail.com. Include the reference: International Coordinator Position in the subject line. Potential candidates will be interviewed by phone and/or in-person meeting as viable.

For further information, contact: migrantsrightsinternational@gmail.com

Funding

Call for tender:

AT-Vienna: Study on indicators measuring the implementation, protection, respect and promotion of children's rights in the European Union, mapping and assessment of available relevant data resources

Short description of the contract or purchase(s):

The aim of this project is to develop a set of indicators for measuring regularly how children's rights are implemented, protected, respected and promoted in the Member States of the European Union. Accordingly the objectives of this project are:

- to develop a set of indicators for measuring how children's rights are implemented, protected, respected and promoted in the Member States based on a review of available sources and a structured consultation with experts and key stakeholders,
- to map and assess available data resources, on the basis of the indicators developed, at national, EU and international level regarding comparability, gaps and other issues,
- to draft a report containing a comprehensive overview of the situation regarding data availability, reliability and comparability across the European Union.

Total quantity or scope: Estimated value, excluding VAT: EUR 275 000.

Duration of the contract: 12 months from the award of the contract.

Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate: 27.9.2007.

The full call for proposals can be found here:

http://ted.europa.eu/Exec?DataFlow=ShowPage.dfl&Template=TED/N_one_result_detail_curr.htm&docnumber=196400-2007&docId=196400-2007&StatLang=EN

OPEN CALL

European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST)

COST brings together researchers and experts in different countries working on specific topics. It finances networking of nationally funded activities in supporting meetings, conferences, short term scientific exchanges and outreach activities. COST invites proposals for Actions contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal development of Europe. Proposals playing a precursor role for other European programmes and/or initiated by early-stage researchers are especially welcome. Developing stronger links amongst European researchers is crucial to building the European Research Area (ERA). COST stimulates new, innovative, interdisciplinary and broad research networks in Europe. COST is organised in nine broad Domains. The intended coverage of each Domain is explained at www.cost.esf.org.

Proposers are invited to locate their topic within one Domain. However, inter-disciplinary proposals not fitting readily into a single Domain are also welcome and will be assessed separately.

Proposals should include researchers from a minimum of five COST countries. Financial support in the range of EUR 100 000 p.a. for normally 4 years can be expected.

Proposals will be assessed in two stages.

Preliminary Proposals (maximum 1500 words/3 pages), submitted using the on-line template at www.cost.esf.org/opencall should provide a brief overview of the proposal. The collection date for **Preliminary Proposals** is **30 September 2007**. The top ranked Preliminary Proposals will each be invited to submit a Full Proposal. **Full Proposals** will be invited by **10 November 2007** for submission by 15 February 2008, with decisions expected in June 2008.

Further information: www.cost.esf.org.

Upcoming Dates

September 21st, 2007: Day of General Discussion (UN Committee on Children's Rights)

September 30th, 2007: Deadline submission for Medius –new prize for final theses

October 9th, 2007: Conference "Mainstreaming Children's Rights in EU Policy" (Brussels)

October 10th -11th, 2007: Intl. Conference: The migration of unaccompanied minors in Europe

November 6-7, 2007: Congress on 'Phenomena in Juvenile Delinquency: new penal forms'

November 14-19, 2007: Third world congress o the rights of the child and young people, Barcelona

November 17-19, 2007: Kick-off meeting CREDMOS (Berlin)

November 20-21, 2007: General Meeting ENMCR (Berlin)

November 22nd-23rd, 2007: Eurochild Annual Conference

November 26th -30th, 2007: International meeting "Articulate knowledge: challenges for professionalizing street work"

December, 1st, 2007: Final Conference of project: Living democracy in Kindergarten and school

December 13th -14th, 2007: Seminar on child labour, education and youth employment