



**Autumn Reunion Conference
St Patrick's College, Drumcondra
(A College of Dublin City University)
28-30th Sep. 2011**

Wednesday, 28th September 2011 – Room F301 - 09:00 – 18:00

***The Centrality of Teaching Practice (TP) for Students at Home and Abroad –
Academic and Practical Issues***

09.00 Registration at Main Reception area

09:30 Opening/Welcome

Warm welcome by President Dr. Pauric Travers: Hosting the meeting as a sign of re-engagement.

Response: Comenius Association President, Geneviève Laloy

Commemoration for Martine Chevalier

Presentation of the Journal

Practical information

Announcements: president and vice president: candidates welcome. Candidates for the 2nd secretary are welcome, but the election can wait until Klingenthal.

Introduction to Teaching Practise (Gerry O'Reilly)

A corner stone for international exchange: Teaching practise is a crucial aspect of student mobility – but the most difficult to organise.

The questionnaires have been put together as raw material and are available for those who want them.

11:00 **Inaugural lecture *Teaching Practice: From the Now towards the Future.***
Dr Bernadette Ní Áingléis, Director of Teaching Practice, Faculty of Education,
St.Patrick's College

Tour de force through Teacher training in Ireland
Cf. presentation website

12:00 ***International TP Experiences and Realities from European HEIs***

(i) Dr Brigette Bruscek, Kirchliche Pädagogische Hochschule, Vienna

Short and personal: student mobility has increased significantly during the last years.
Result of the hard work done by the International Offices. After all the international spirit
has spread. Professional horizon of our students has widened through internationalization.

However: As it comes to school practise, authorities are getting “nationalistic”. TP has to
be done at home. As only by TP at home it can be guaranteed that our students can teach
at home.

But: international experience is universal. Students with TP experience abroad do better.
TP abroad does not spoil them, but contributes to their professional maturity. The new
experiences compensate for any training “missed” at home.

New perspectives and other systems: Erasmus students learn about functioning of schools
abroad, they get in touch with children of another country – and their values, etc.

TP contributes to authentic life of their host country – universities are a ghetto, do not
help students to mingle.

TP abroad is a huge challenge which makes students grow (self-esteem, professional and
personal growth).

But: language problems, other didactic and methodological background, etc. Vienna is
organising special teaching practise for incoming students, consisting of an individually
tailored programme from observing and analysing lessons up to individual teaching.
International students are welcome at schools if they are committed and active.

But negative side effect: ECTS leads to the tendency to choose similar courses. TP is a
chance.

13:00 **Lunch in SPD canteen / bialann**

14:00 **Workshops: Theme - TP (4 Rapporteurs)**
Four Topics based on your questionnaire work:

1) Evaluation of Teaching Practice

Rapporteur: Monika Röthle

TP for incoming students and how it is evaluated:

Many similarities:

According to the capacities

In most cases additional reflexion

Supervision by members of the HEI

Different evaluation as local students because of different capabilities.

Focus has to be more on reflection than on action

Flexibility is required

2) Quality Assurance concerning TP tutors / supervisors and their training

Rapporteur: Niomi Kelly

Different options: mentor, visiting scholars, external assessor

Communication as a partner, as a coach? Process evaluation or special appointments?

3) HEI –School Partnerships

Rapporteur: Andrew Powell

How supportive are HEI towards TP

Languages

4) Professional development of the student teacher

Rapporteur: Judith Payzoni

Key competences in each country very different

15:00 **Comenius Association partner poster presentations on TP
Questionnaire, Surveys**

16:00 **Break: tea/coffee in SPD canteen / bialann**

16:30 ***International TP Experiences Revisited* (Chair: Geneviève Laloy, Louvain)**

(i) Monika Rothle, Faculty of Education, University of Stavanger
Cf. Presentation

(ii) Jette Laursen, IA Coordinator Teacher Education, UC South Denmark
Cf. Presentation

17:00 Plenary Session

Three new intensive programmes (accepted in 2011)

- 1) Memories of the past – hope for the future: U. Valencia (presented by I. Verde)
3-14 March 2012
- 2) Early Years: Discovering, Learning and Creating with all senses: Henallux Namur
12 – 23 March 2012; 9 / 10 of January: preparatory meeting (otherwise skype)
- 3) Philosophy, a tool to develop European citizenship at School”; Louvain-la-Neuve
27 February – 9 of March; External teachers are welcome on STA!

IPs to be introduced in March 2012:

- 1) Lessius Mechelen/Liège: Composing Music with children
Preparatory meeting in November
- 2) Hradec Kralove: re-submission about new methods in teaching. “From Excercising to Exploring”
- 3) Liege: “Generation Y”
- 4) “New Media and Social Work” (Santarem), prep. Meeting 14/15 december
- 5) “Collaborative methods using web 2.0” (Santarem)

International Weeks 2012

cf. Website

new international weeks:

Karel de Groot

1 ECTS if presentation based on a creative base (13 – 17th of February). Max. 15 domestic and 15 international students. Primary school. Based upon reciprocity (otherwise youth hostel)

Vacs:

Alternative methods; creative methods. Venue: Budapest

All programmes to be put on the website

Staff weeks:

Stavanger

Barcelona:

Hradec Kralove: Days of Pedagogy: for teachers and teacher trainers: end of March.

Schwäbisch Gmünd 11-15th June

Kolding: Learning through plays (for small children): End March (same week as IW Haderslev)

18.30 Comenius - Conseil d' administration (Chair: Geneviève Laloy)

Kia Kimhaag (SE), Judith Payzoni (HU), Marvi Machuca (ES), Martine Wilmots (BE), Brigitte Bruscek (AT), Tove Heidemann (DK), Monika Becker (DE), Carla Gutmann-Mastelli (CH), Vera Tauchmanova (CZ), Monika Roethle (NO), George Camacho (PT), Chantal Muller, Genevieve Laloy.

Elections of the president and vice-president and the 2nd secretary.

Procedure: Brigitte collects nominations/applications, to be published well before the elections.

Research group

Spontaneous idea: parallel work group to apply for funding for a network.

8th framework programme

7th framework has not been used for research by the Comenius Association

Budget line socioeconomic sciences and humanities not really used.

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Catholic University Milano: research centre on Internat. of HEIs with Hans de Witt as a leader.

Mapping: research going on at Masters level and PhD-level

Haderslev would go for a WP on Internationalization of Teacher Training Institutions

Klingenthal 2012.

Be clear about the enrolment procedure (2nd person)

Invite Wim as an expert

Expert on new Generation LLP planned.

New potential members?

Next autumn meetings:

2012: Vacs,

2013: Inholland

2014: Lausanne.

Journal: Teacher Training

20.00 Dinner: Arlington Hotel, 23-25 Bachelors Walk, near O'Connell Bridge

Thursday, 29th September 2011

09:00

Workshops:

(i) Drama (**Room: B103**) Mr Colm Hefferon, Lecturer in Drama, SPD

(ii) Human Rights Education (**Room: TBC**) Ms Rowan Oberman Lecturer in Development, Intercultural, Human Rights and Citizenship Education, SPD

Toddler – short information (Monika Roethle)

Flyers for institutions not involved

Invite teachers

Impressed of what the partners do, inspiring work

→ longer presentation later in the afternoon

Training the Change Agents (Tove Heidemann) (i.e. school leaders and key teachers on special needs education)

Leonardo-Partnership programme: not only for vocational training, but for inservice courses in Travels and accommodation can be financed.

Decentralized projects. Each institution gets a lump sum to cover mobility. The rest can be used for any purpose connected to the project. Concepts: study visits for small multilateral groups to partner institutions (the same concept as International Weeks)

Participating Institutions: Haderslev, Namur, Kingston, Kiel, Fontis Utrecht, Amsterdam

Follow-up Research Group:

7th Framework Programme: running out in 2013, but the the money has not been totally spent, especially in the budget line “Social Science, Humanities, Education”. Higher success rate.

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Contact persons of the Hans de Witt, Joos Beelen

The network is open

Tove will make a call to find out which institution is active

www.eaie.org / RIE

ENCBW LLN: Seminar on Science. “**How to teach science?**” “**Science at School**”, how to connect science and everyday life: 7/8 March 2012. Whole range of school types. Held in English, during the IP Philosophy .

Aartevelde: new department for Earch Childhood Professional (Bachelor programm). 0-2,5: Exchange partners welcome. (as well at KdG and Brussels). Big success!

12:30 Lunch in SPD canteen / bialann

13:30 **Theme: Special courses for International Students**

(i) Drs Ruth McManus and Gerry O’Reilly *Reading Irish Landscapes and Heritages*

Cf. Presentation

Practical aspect: way to create credits for exchange students who do not fit into the normal programme.

Cooperation between the Geography department and the International Office Moodle-based

Advantages:

Small amount of face-to-face-contact

High applicability: based upon pictures, student-centred approach, combination of individual and group work. Marks for their individual work.

Only for Erasmus-students (other fieldwork is shared with local students).

(ii) Dr. Marianne Öberg Tuleus, School of Humanities, Education and Social sciences (HumES) Dept. of Education, Orebro University. *T&L: A Comparative Perspective*

Tension of “Swedishness” of Teachertraining in Sweden and Comparative Education.

Programme run by a team

TP included

Intertwining of studies and TP will be very important in the course.

15.00 The Comenius Association Website

How to do practical work with the Comenius website (Convenor: Dr Kia Kimhag)

16.00 Break: tea/coffee in SPD canteen / bialann

16.30 General Assembly

Elections of the board

President: Genevieve Laloy 22 “yes”, 2 “abst.”

Vice-President: Chantal Muller 21 “yes”, 3 “abst.”

2nd secretary for the next two years: Carla Gutmann-Mastelli: 22 “yes”, 2 “abst.”

Treasurer George Camacho and 1st secretary Monika Becker: mandates still going on, no election necessary.

Web site

Kia: Structure of folders: folder for each partner

Old material: members are asked to save it and to delete on the website

Discussion internal/external part of the site postponed to Klingenthal 2012.

Old information from the old website: will be deleted

Financial statement

Cf. document distributed at the General Assembly.

George explains the transfer of the bank account connected to the change of the treasurer.

Financial situation not bad

Everybody is invited to have a look at the documents.

New Members

Lincoln and Hradec Kralova are confirmed as official members of the Comenius Association

Call for new members

Joan Maria: Italy

Next Klingenthal

22 – 25th of May 2012

Plans for Klingenthal: visit to the Council of Europe

Information on the New LLP generation

Next Autumn Meetings

Autumn 2012: Vacs

Autumn 2013: Inholland (combined with the final meeting of the Toddler project in Ghent)

Autumn 2014: Lausanne

Journal

Thanks to the Mechelen team for the excellent work

Next journal: Teaching Practise and Internationalization as topic of the next journal. Guest editor:

Vacs / Hungary.

Next topic for the autumn meeting 2012 and the journal 2013: Internationalization and the Crisis.

Friday, 30th September 2011

08:30 – 18.00

***Fieldtrip- The Boyne Valley: Theme –
How can fieldwork have an impact on student learning in the internationalization process?***

08.15 (Sharp) Bus: Skylon Hotel

09.15 Monasterboice:

10.15 Bru na Boinne / Knowth tour

13.15 Lunch: Navan / Newgrange Hotel

15.00 Bective:

16.00 Trim Castle:

18.00 Dublin approx.
