



Newsletter

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Message from the President

Welcome to this second electronic Newsletter from FEDORA. We have introduced a new format and presentation. We plan to put this newsletter on the website so that it can be downloaded and printed off, in English or in French. Thanks to Loretta Jennings for designing & producing it.

Everyone is very busy these days with their main jobs. As you will see from the reports below, some of our FEDORA members have been very busy indeed. My sin-

cere thanks to all of you who manage to fit in so much extra work to keep FEDORA alive and successful.

As new President, I would like once again to thank Joachim Klaus, my predecessor, the members of the Executive Committee (EC) over the last three years & the Working Group Co-ordinators and their teams for all the work they did.

*Margaret Dane,
FEDORA President*

New FEDORA website

We now have a new website address for FEDORA:

www.fedora.eu.org

which is exactly what our members wanted – independent of any particular organisation or country. Thanks to the generosity of CSU (the Higher Education Careers Services Unit for UK Universities) who have offered to host the site for us and the foresight of Mike Williams who enabled us to get this address, we can now go on to develop the site more fully to meet our communication and publicity needs.

FEDORA Summer University Paris 2-6 July 2001

FEDORA held another successful Summer University at the beginning of July on the theme of Entrepreneurship. Around 50 members participated and it followed the usual pattern of plenary sessions, workshops, visits and panel discussions. Keynote speakers included the Director of Higher Education for UNESCO representatives from the French University Rectors Conference and the French Ministry of Education and two speakers from PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Peter Hawkin's inspiring session on the final day ensured a lively finish to the week.

We are all extremely grateful to the organising team who took on this task at short notice, particularly to Nicole Leray and Genevieve Laviolette without whose dedication and work it

could never have happened. Everyone who attended will agree that we learned a lot and that it provided an excellent opportunity to share experience, knowledge, expertise and have some fun together too.

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Mission, Objectives & Values

Starting with the objectives stated in the Constitution, and recent discussions within FEDORA about our aims and purpose, the EC is working on developing an up-to-date statement for inclusion on the website and in our publicity materials.

News from the Executive Committee

The new committee had its first meeting in Bordeaux in March. The minutes are now ready in English and in French and will be put on the website as soon as possible. We met for two days and discussed a very wide range of issues including: allocating roles & responsibilities, membership and subscriptions (70 Euro in 2001), recent & future FEDORA events, improving communications with members

and helping to support the Working Groups more effectively. Gerhart Rott, as Vice President will take on particular responsibility for liaising with the Working Group Co-ordinators.

Margaret Dane produced a range of discussion papers for this first meeting, building on the work of the previous EC. These will provide a useful starting point for future plans and action.

FEDORA Congress – 2000 and 2003

The FEDORA Congress in Edinburgh last year was attended by over 150 delegates from a wide range of countries. A report is in preparation and will be circulated to all members. It will include the excellent keynote speeches, workshop reports and also the official reports covering FEDORA activities and achievements from 1997-2000.

We are now urgently seeking a host organisation / country for the

next Congress in 2003. Anyone willing to consider it, and wishing to find out more, is welcome to contact Margaret Dane, the organiser in 2000.

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Future Events for 2002

The Employment Working Group will hold a conference in Thessaloniki in Greece during 2002. Details will follow.

There will be no Summer University in 2002

FEDORA Publications

The EC has updated the FEDORA application / publicity leaflet and copies will be available shortly from all national co-ordinators.

A revised, more attractive and expanded leaflet is planned for next year.

The FEDORA Guide to Postgraduate Study in Europe 2002, produced in conjunction with Hobsons, will be circulated to all members in the Autumn. A small additional supply will also be available from your national co-ordinator or from Margaret Dane. The Employment Working Group has produced a report "De la Thèse à L'Emploi" which has recently been circulated. A version in English has been prepared and will be put on the website as soon as possible.

FEDORA Constitution

Those of you who were in Edinburgh last year will remember that a number of changes to the FEDORA Constitution were proposed, discussed and agreed. Sadly we did not have the necessary quorum to approve these changes, so under the terms of the Constitution, we organised and held another General Assembly in Paris. The proposed

changes were officially agreed and are now going through the final stages of the necessary process which includes getting agreement under Belgian Law. Many of the changes were minor, updating the language to reflect current titles and practice, but we also approved another (non-voting) category of membership for organisations and associations.

Conference of FEDORA -PSYCHE (first announcement)

Inspired by the success of our first conference on Attachment and Separation in Copenhagen 1999 the working group FEDORA-PSYCHE will hold a second conference on the topic

Cognition, Motivation and Emotion: Dynamics in the Academic Environment

Lisbon, 23rd-26th October 2002

Graca Figueiredo Dias has very kindly invited us to her home town and is of course part of the preparation team. The others on this team are Jean Paul Broonen, Peter Figge, Helga Knigge-Illner and myself. Jean Paul Broonen will be the contact person concerning the content of the conference. He describes the objective of the conference as follows:

Choosing a University course, entering a new environment, studying and preparing for exams can set-off intra-psychological, multi-levelled processes, which are connected, interact with one another and eventually can be transformed in counsellor-client relationships or in groups. Contributions are invited that address the interaction between any of these three components (cognition, motivation, emotion) on the part of the student, the counsellor or between them. Contributions may consist of the presentation of research results, either theoretical or applied, which may be related to special target groups, or case studies in relation to the topic of our conference.

If you wish to present a paper or if you wish to contribute in another way please send your topic and abstract as soon as possible to Jean Paul Broonen JP.Broonen@ulg.ac.be. The deadline for abstracts to be accepted will be the 15th January 2002.

For FEDORA members the conference fees will be around 70 Euro. They will cover lunches, coffees, documentation and the conference banquet.

Graca Figueiredo Dias gapa@mail.fct.unl.pt will be in charge of the formal registration. Further information will be available on the FEDORA homepage and / or in the newsletter as soon as possible.

**Gerhart Rott
PSYCHE - Co-ordinator**

A French Version of the Newsletter will follow shortly.

Both will be available on the FEDORA website as soon as possible.