



STUDYING IN EUROPE

A Report on the Fourth European Conference on University Guidance

3-5 July 1991 Berlin

"Common problems, different perspectives" could have been the sub-title of this conference. Seeking to learn more about the variety of professional approaches and issues current in European Higher Education guidance, what struck me most was not the differences between advisers in the various European countries, but just how much we have in common.

Jointly organised by the German Rectors Conference, the Berlin Universities and FEDORA, this conference covered a wide range of issues some only loosely associated with my own specialism which is careers work - this was part of its appeal. The content ranged from familiar topics like the "relationship between subject of study and career opportunities" to more exotic sounding sessions like "psychodynamically oriented brief interventions with medical students" and "rational-emotive therapy".

It was fascinating to get an insight into other areas of guidance work and to see careers guidance in a wider context. It was revealing too to see some of our own pre-occupations viewed from another perspective. To hear a German adviser talk of the drop in interest in teach-

ing and another complain about accommodation problems for students in his University town, to hear a French advisor discussing how better to help arts graduates develop their transferable, work-related skills, all of which have at some time been common preoccupations in my own Service, makes Europe seem a smaller place.

For a British representative there was the occasional glimpse into an uncertain future. A German adviser concerned about her students inability to state their opinions or speak in a confident manner put it down to the "mass education" delivered at Universities, a problem because of the size of classes in an over-extended system.

These events though always add up to far more than the actual presentations themselves. The informal contacts are more valuable than the formal programme. Snatches of conversation over lunch reveal a dozen hidden agendas;... "I've got this student who would like to work in Greece" "How do you deal with this in France?" "Could you just check this section of our booklet?" The fact that they take place in several languages makes eavesdropping more difficult. Contacts are

established though that enable this dialogue to continue well after the conference ends.

The Conference was a real success. This sort of meeting leaves everyone better informed, more confident and more positive about the European ideal. For me it confirmed the vision of a shrinking Europe and I found the historical perspective especially enlightening. Heinz Augenstein of the Universitat Saarbrucken began his contribution with the chastening observation that European students are less mobile today than they were 500 years ago in the time of Erasmus. There is still plenty for us to do yet.

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Fedora ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOUVEAU GROUPE FEDORA

Comme vous le savez peut-être, un nouveau groupe de travail permanent a été mis sur pied au cours de la dernière assemblée générale de Fedora (Berlin, juillet 1991).

Son nom: FEDORA/COUNSELLOR

Ses objectifs:

* constituer une équipe européenne qui travaille à une meilleure connaissance réciproque des méthodes d'action utilisées dans les services d'orientation universitaire des pays de la Communauté;

* comparer les systèmes de formations des conseillers d'orientation en Europe;

* offrir des possibilités de stage et/ou des visites d'études aux membres du groupe, dans les Centres et Services animés par les membres de Fedora;

* mettre sur pied des recherches analysant de nouvelles stratégies d'orientation des étudiants et de soutien à ceux qui participent aux programmes d'échanges entre pays;

* organiser des séminaires, ouverts également aux non-membres, pour le recyclage des conseillers d'orientation en Europe;

* collaborer avec la Commission des Communautés Européennes pour une meilleure réussite des programmes de mobilité universitaire (Erasmus, Comett, Tempus).

Le premier noyau des personnes qui constituent le nouveau groupe est com-

FEDORA/ COUNSELLORS

posé des membres dont les noms suivent:

- Denise Auvergne - F
- Lucia Berta - I
- Franco Biraschi - I
- J-Paul Broonen - B
- Val Butcher - UK
- Y.F. Cabanillas - E
- Karin Gavin- Kramer - D
- Liliana Guarino - I
- Anne Heyno - UK
- Ralf Mahler - D
- Vittorio Mignani - I
- Patrizia Motta - I
- Antonio Nieto - E
- Elvira Repetto Talavera - E
- Marialena Tamino - I
- Udo Treide - D
- Giuseppe Zanniello - I

La coordination de ce groupe a été confiée à Lucia Berta.

Nous préparons l'organisation d'une première rencontre qui se tiendra à Louvain-la-Neuve en mars 1992 à l'occasion du deuxième colloque du groupe FEDORA/EMPLOYEURS.

Nous aimerions ouvrir ce groupe à des membres des pays qui ne sont pas encore représentés.

Tout membre de FEDORA intéressé à se joindre au groupe FEDORA/COUNSELLORS peut contacter, le plus rapidement possible Lucia Berta - Fondazione Rui, Viale XXI Aprile, 36, fax **39/6/8322845.

Mars 92: un colloque de Fedora à l'Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgique)

A propos de l'insertion des diplômés universitaires sur le marché de l'emploi: les relations entre employeurs et conseillers à l'information.

Le colloque de Louvain-la-Neuve s'inscrit dans la ligne de celui qui a réuni employeurs et conseillers universitaires à Cambridge en 1990.

Même calendrier, même horaire et même thème général: c'est un tour européen du recrutement que nous voudrions faire pendant ces trois jours de travail.

Des ateliers nous permettront d'aborder des questions plus précises: les stages, les programmes d'échange, la recherche d'un emploi dans un autre pays de la Communauté, ...

Quand Du 19 au 21 mars 1992

Où A Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgique)

Informations et inscriptions

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EUROPEAN STUDY OF CAREERS GUIDANCE OCCUPATIONS

The National Institute for Careers Education and Counselling (NICEC) has been commissioned by the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) in Berlin to co-ordinate a study of the occupations involved in careers guidance in the twelve Member-States of the European Community. It is one of a series of studies of various occupations, designed to build into a European Directory of Occupational Profiles of value to all the social partners for aiding mobility and planning future investment in training.

The guidance study will identify the main occupational groups involved in guidance work with young people and/or with adults. It will analyse the main tasks carried out by each of them. It will also include detailed profiles of three guidance occupations in each Member-State, moving towards defining the competencies required to perform these tasks. In addition, it will examine the training provided for each of the groups involved.

The study is being co-ordinated by Tony Watts, Director of NICEC, and is to be completed in March 1992. The UK country-study will be carried out by Ruth Hawthorn of NICEC in collaboration with Val Butcher of the University of Leeds.

For further information, please contact Tony Watts at NICEC, Sheraton House, Castle Park, UK - Cambridge CB3 0AX (tel. **44-223-460277).

Note on accommodation for handicapped students in Cambridge

For students with disabilities coming to Cambridge to study - as undergraduates or as postgraduates - at the University or at Anglia Higher Education College specially adapted accommodation is now available at Bridget's. This is on the ground-floor of a student hostel of Anglia Polytechnic, situated centrally in Cambridge in a restored Victorian building which once served as a nurses' hostel for Old Addenbrooke's Hospital. There are eight study-bedrooms, specially equipped bathrooms, a large common-room with a kitchen area, and facilities for charging wheel-chairs. There is also a small conservatory, and a launderette. All are designed for wheelchair users; and a lift gives access to the student rooms on the other floors. On the first floor is accommodation for up to four carers.

Accommodation at Bridget's will obviously be of greatest use to students with disabilities who might otherwise be unable to take up a place at Cambridge - either because of difficulties with college buildings or because they need particular arrangements for their care. They will all remain members of their own particular College which will have its own academic and social life as well as its own support and advisory services. What Bridget's offers is an easy place to live and additional specialist help if it is needed. Since places are available to students who have been accepted on to a course, it is necessary to apply for a place at Bridget's at the same time as applying for admission to the University or to Anglia Polytechnic.

Further information and the special application form can be obtained from the Academic Liaison Officer, Bridget's, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge CB2 1QF (tel: **44-223-354312).



GLOSSARY Working group

In Athens / Delphi at our Third Conference a highly motivated group of colleagues started work on a glossary of the terms used in careers and counselling services in higher education.

We all know that coming together in Europe demands a better knowledge of the higher educational systems and of the students' needs - for information, counselling and careers guidance.

The Working Group very soon realized that their task was not only to give literal translation of the terms used in each country but to explain their significance in different cultural contexts and to show how they compared with those used in the other European countries. This is difficult but very interesting task.

After a broad exchange of ideas we came up with a first document concerning our method of procedure. Now - newly motivated by the Berlin Conference - the Working Group wants to continue this work and would like to invite more members from different European countries to become involved. (At its last meeting the Executive Committee agreed to give some financial support where necessary towards the travel costs.)

The next meeting of the Working Group will be on 8 November 1991 in Lille, France.

We need representatives from every country! Please let me know, at the address on the right, if you are willing to help.

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PSYCHE

PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The PSYCHE Group met in Berlin at the end of the Fourth European Conference on University Guidance in July. Those present were:

- Trine Fredtoft (Denmark)
- Karina Brutin (France)
- Christine Pradel-Lanson (France)
- Gerhart Rott (Germany)
- Peter Figge (Germany)
- Anastasia Kalantzi-Azizi (Greece)
- Annette McGee (Ireland)
- Paolo Valerio (Italy)
- Elsa Bell (UK)
- Craig McDevitt (UK)

The group continued with the task of exploring the differences and similarities of the therapeutic work they are engaged in and laid down plans for a forum to be held in Naples in the Autumn of 1992.

The focus of the forum will be on defining existing standards and practice of student counselling in Higher Education in the EC, and suggesting future developments.



Each EC state will have four members at the conference, and each group of four will present a paper which will have been the result of a collaborative effort on their part.

In this way, we hope that a broad view including different therapeutic theories will emerge during the forum.

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Performance Management and Measures

For several years members of AGCAS have been looking at the application of Strategic Planning techniques to the work of Higher Education Careers Services in the UK and Eire. With the aid of Andersen Consulting a working group has developed a range of training materials and most recently has published *Performance Management and Measures - a guide for AGCAS Services*.

This guide analyses the full range of activities of a typical Careers Service in relation to the Service's aims and objectives, defining for each the Outputs and Desirable Outcomes, the questions to be asked about the activity and the Quantitative and Qualitative Measures / Performance Indicators that can aid performance measurement. A section on measures gives examples of questionnaires etc... which will be of value to those managing a Service.

Anyone interested in the British approach to careers work in higher education will find the range of activities described of interest, while the approach can obviously be adapted to other environments.

Copies are available from Robert Porrer, Director, Careers Service, 33 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9JT at a price of £18.00 (European Community Countries) or £20.00 (other countries) including postage and packing.

FEDORA Executive Committee Elections

The new FEDORA Executive Committee will take office on 1 January 1992. The elections were held at the General Meeting in Berlin.

There are 5 new members of the Executive Committee. In Denmark, Hanne Smidt from the Student Advisory Service of the University of Aarhus replaces Peter Plant. In Germany Stephan Brandt, head of the Central Student Counselling Service of the University of Konstanz replaces Barbara Steiger. In Ireland, Colette Aungier, from the Careers Advisory Service of Trinity College, Dublin, replaces Derek Scholefield. In Italy Lucia Berta from the Fondazione Rui replaces Alfredo Razzano and in Portugal Manuel Abreu from the Faculty of Psychology in the University of Coimbra replaces Jose Ferreira Marques. At present we have no member from Luxembourg as Camille Kieffer is not able to continue.

Six members of the present Executive Committee will continue to serve for the next three years. They are Jean Marie Burnet, Director of the Centre d'Information et de Documentation at the Université Catholique de Louvain (B), Frederic Company from the EC Liaison Office of the Catalan Ministry of Education (E), Yves Demeer, Vice-President and Director of the SCUIO of the University of Lille II (F), Stephanos Tzepoglou from the Faculty of Psychology of the University of Athens (GR), Endrika Doeksen, Student Counsellor from the Faculty of Letters at the University of Utrecht (NL) and Tony Raban, Careers Adviser at the University of Cambridge (UK).

The next meeting of the Committee will take place in Lille in November and if any member has any suggestions or ideas please get in touch with either the present or the future member of the committee for your country so that it can be discussed at that meeting.

Répertoire des services d'orientation universitaire de la CE Directory of University Student Guidance Services in the EC

**Un répertoire européen pour tous les professionnels
de l'orientation universitaire
et du recrutement de diplômés.**

Contenu

Ce répertoire présente plus de 300 centres d'information et d'orientation, et plus de 1000 autres services impliqués dans le cadre de la guidance universitaire. En outre, il fournit des informations de base concernant les systèmes d'enseignement supérieur et l'orientation universitaire dans chaque pays de la CE.

Public

Aux **conseillers d'orientation**, il permet d'accéder à un réseau de conseils et d'informations incluant les programmes d'échanges (réception des étudiants étrangers), les admissions et inscriptions, l'orientation professionnelle, le conseil psychologique, l'aide sociale et l'aide spécifique apportée aux étudiants moins valides.

Aux **employeurs**, il offre 300 points de contact dans les institutions universitaires de la Communauté Européenne.

Objectifs

Outil de travail indispensable dans un nouvel espace européen, l'objectif du répertoire est de favoriser les séjours

d'études, de stages ou de travail à l'étranger: en permettant une meilleure préparation, en facilitant l'accueil et l'adaptation et en assurant un relais efficace entre les partenaires concernés.

Réalisé par FEDORA - Forum européen de l'orientation académique - ce répertoire constitue un jalon essentiel sur la route d'une plus grande coopération au sein de la Communauté et s'inscrit dans l'esprit qui préside aux nombreuses activités de l'association.

En pratique

Un prix de souscription, valable jusqu'au **30 novembre 1991**, est proposé aux membres de Fedora. Il est de **4700 FB** (+326 FB de frais d'envoi). Après le 30 novembre, le prix s'élève à 5850 FB (+326 FB de frais d'envoi) pour les membres de Fedora, le prix officiel étant de 6500 FB.

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