



Newsletter June 2017

1. Teachers' Conference 2017

The EJTA Teachers' Conference will be held at the Moscow State University on 19-20 October 2017. The theme of the conference is 'JOURNALISM EDUCATION ACROSS BORDERS'. This conference aims to discuss journalism education in a global context, putting particular emphasis on professional, social, ideological, cultural and economic conditions, influencing the way journalists are educated today across the world. The event will coincide with the meeting of the Forum of European Journalism Students in Moscow (FEJS), which will facilitate discussions about journalists' education from both academics' and students' perspectives. Because of the visa procedure registration for this conference has to be done before July 25th 2017.

All information, including registration & visa procedure can be found on the [website](#)

**REGISTER HERE FOR THE TEACHERS'
CONFERENCE BEFORE 25 JULY**

2. AGM/Conference Munich 2017

The EJTA Annual General Meeting and Conference in Munich (May 18th & 19th) were very successful. Around 80 members have visited this event, that was hosted by the Deutsche Journalistenschule. Jörg Sadrozinski and Karin Below took care of everything very well. Lots of members said they found it a captivating conference, with a perfect venue, very good speakers, an interesting bus tour and a very inspiring evening at the restaurant.

[Pictures](#) (by Carien Touwen)

3. New members

At the AGM 9 new [members](#) could be welcomed:

- University of Zagreb,
- Open University of Cyprus (Nicosia),
- University of Lorraine (Metz),
- Hochschule der Medien Stuttgart,
- Centro Italiano di Giornalismo (Perugia),
- University of Belgrade,
- Liverpool John Moores University,
- Southampton Solent University,
- University of Ljubljana.

EJTA now has 69 members in 28 European countries and 1 associate member in Tunisia.

4. Roles, Values, Qualifications

EJTA has launched a new research project called: Journalistic Roles, Values and Qualifications in the Digital Age; how journalism educators view the future of a profession in transition.

In January 2018 an online questionnaire will be sent to all EJTA members in 28 European countries. Some countries have one member, others have several members. In total the questionnaire will be sent to almost 70 member institutes and they will be asked to send the link to the online questionnaire to all teachers, regardless of the size of their job and regardless of the subject they are teaching. In order to get a full response, we need a coordinator for every participating member. Without a coordinator, a member cannot be included in the survey. The main task of a coordinator is to spread the questionnaire (link) and to help to get a good response. Within a week or two all intended coordinators will receive an e-mail with an invitation to become the coordinator of their institute.

5. Advisory Board

The Advisory Board for the Research project has been completed by a member from Germany and a member from Sweden: Eva Nowak and Marina Ghersetti respectively.

Dr. Maria Lukina, Moscow– Chair	
Mike Baker, Plymouth	Dr. Anna Keshelashvili, Tbilisi
Dr. Annelore Deprez, Ghent	Dr. Radu Meza, Cluj
Dr. Merja Drake, Helsinki	Dr. Eva Nowak, Wilhelmshaven
Dr. Marina Ghersetti, Gothenburg	Dr. Nikos Panagiotou, Thessaloniki
Dr. Ari Heinonen, Tampere	Kate Shanahan, Dublin

6. EUCHECK

During the Munich meeting of 17 May the EUCHECK group agreed upon three important criteria to become or stay a participant of the project:

1. Each participant agrees to create a fact checking unit in their curriculum. We go for a flexible approach on when and where exactly in the programme, but you need to value this unit / module / course with credits.
2. Each participant agrees to use the fact checking methodology we are developing in this project and for that purpose ascertains the contact person to be present at the Train the trainer sessions, the first of which takes place on Wednesday 18 October afternoon, in Moscow.
3. Each participant commits to participate in the pan-European fact checking event / project during the European parliamentary elections of May-June 2019.

New EJTA members or members from the geographical 'gap' EUCHECK shows can certainly contact us if they wish to join the project and if they are willing to commit to these criteria. Mail to nadia.vissers@ap.be. Other news is that Nico Drok and Nadia Vissers will be able to promote and discuss the EUCHECK project on 14-15 September at the Future of Journalism Conference 2017 in Cardiff and Carien Touwen and Kate Shanahan will disseminate the project in a medialab during the World Forum of Democracy in Strasbourg on 9 November.

7. EJTA Strategy

In 2014, at the AGM in Jyväskylä, we discussed the things we wanted EJTA to do in the near future and to set the priorities for the period 2014 – 2020. At the AGM 2017 in Munich we were half way. This seemed like a good moment to look back to 2014 and forward to 2020. We split up and had a discussion in small groups. Many interesting and useful suggestions came out of these discussions. Among the priorities for the coming years were: strengthen the existing structure of EJTA, strengthen the ties with the EU, focus more on research, update the Tartu Declaration by 2020, look for members in still missing countries (e.g. Poland, Hungary), strengthen the ties with journalism students (FEJS). Next to that, there was a lot of appreciation for all the work that the Board and the Secretariat did over the past few years. As soon as we receive the reports of the group chairs, they will be published on our website.

8. Mobility Catalogue

The Board has already been thinking quite often about how to revive the EJTA Mobility Catalogue. Although we have undertaken various actions in the past, somehow the positive effects always have been modest and temporary. That is why we decided to turn the database into a list of links. This one-time effort will be done by the Thomas More students who'll be involved in the EJTA secretariat next semester. They are going to ask all of you to give us the link(s) to the place(s) on your website where students and staff can find all the information about courses that can be followed by international students and under which conditions exchange is possible.

Of course this new approach makes an end to the Mobility Catalogue as a searchable database, but with only a few relevant offers this database-function does no longer work anyway.

9. Council of Europe

It is quite obvious our relationship with the Council of Europe is growing stronger all the time: we had a very interesting key note speaker at the Munich Conference, Giuseppe Zaffuto, we received € 5000 funding for EUCHECK and we'll be present at the World Forum of Democracy.

On top of that the Council of Europe, Directorate of Communications, offers a possibility of work placement for journalism and communication students to the EJTA-schools.

If you're interested in this, do contact giuseppe.zaffuto@coe.int

10. Upcoming Events

- **The Future of Journalism Conference 2017,**
Cardiff, 14-15 September 2017, School of Journalism, Cardiff University
- **Meeting Advisory Board Research 'Roles, Values and Questions',**
Moscow, 17 October 2017 afternoon, Lomonosov Moscow State University
- **EUCHECK Train the Trainer,**
Moscow, 18 October 2017 afternoon, Lomonosov Moscow State University
- **EJTA Teachers' Conference,**
Moscow, 19-20 October 2017, Lomonosov Moscow State University
- **FEJS General Assembly,**
Moscow, October 2017, Lomonosov Moscow State University
- **World Forum for Democracy,**
Strasbourg, 8-9 November 2017, Council of Europe
- **EJTA AGM and Conference,**
Barcelona, 17-18 May 2017, Pompeu Fabra University

