

# NEWSLETTER

# December 2015

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## 1. Teachers' conference Milan

The 5-6 November Teachers' Conference in Milan can definitely be called a big success thanks to a fantastic location, a very interesting and up-to-date theme and plenary session 'Narrative Storytelling on Digital Platforms', ten inspiring cases and best practices, more than sixty registered participants and sufficient time to network (not in the least during the fantastic slow food dinner in Osteria del Treno, Thursday evening).

With all our heart, [we'd like to thank and praise all staff from the Catholic University in Milan](#): Marco Lombardi and his team, the students, and especially Laura Silvia Battaglia for their fine organisation, active engagement and enthusiastic optimism.

All members, present or not, can 'flash back' at the conference by means of a video, produced by the FEJS-students Ilse Nartise and Vanja Vodenik: check our EJTA TV channel on Youtube.

You can find the available presentations on slideshare.

The next (and already third!) Teachers' Conference with the theme 'Teaching Journalism in the Digital Age: What? Where? Who? How? When? and Why?' will be organised in Paris at the Université Paris- Dauphine in the second half of October 2016.

Pascal Guinee will be our host and he'll inform us soon about the exact date and location and he'll launch a call for best practices.

## 2. News from the EJTA Board

The Board had a meeting in Milan on November 4th and discussed amongst other things membership and possible new members, relationship and meeting with the FEJS board, the organisation of the AGM and Conference 2016 and 2017, EJTA projects and research, the secretariat and the new communication tools.

But the most important item on the agenda was the evaluation of and necessary changes to the EJTA Statutes that are quite out-dated.

**We want to officially announce that a change of the Statutes is on the agenda at the next AGM in Tbilisi, so make sure that you're present.**

The proposal for the Statutes' changes will be sent to every member in due time, together with the documents and agenda for the AGM. Questions or topics you want to put on the next Board agenda? Please let us know.

## 3. Conference and AGM Tbilisi: 16 & 17 June 2016

The 2016 Conference and AGM will be organised by the colleagues from the Georgian

Institute of Public Affairs in Tbilisi.

The exact date has been set (after a mini referendum) on Thursday 16 June (Conference) and Friday 17 June (AGM) 2016. At the AGM we'll talk about the project 'Faktabaari' (cf. underneath, item 6) and a new research project of EJTA (cf. item 8). Moreover we hope to be welcoming a rather large group of new members and we'll discuss an important change of our statutes.

The exact theme of the Conference is still under construction but will certainly be related to 'reliability, credibility and deception in the media'.

More information will follow soon on our website and in the next Newsletter.

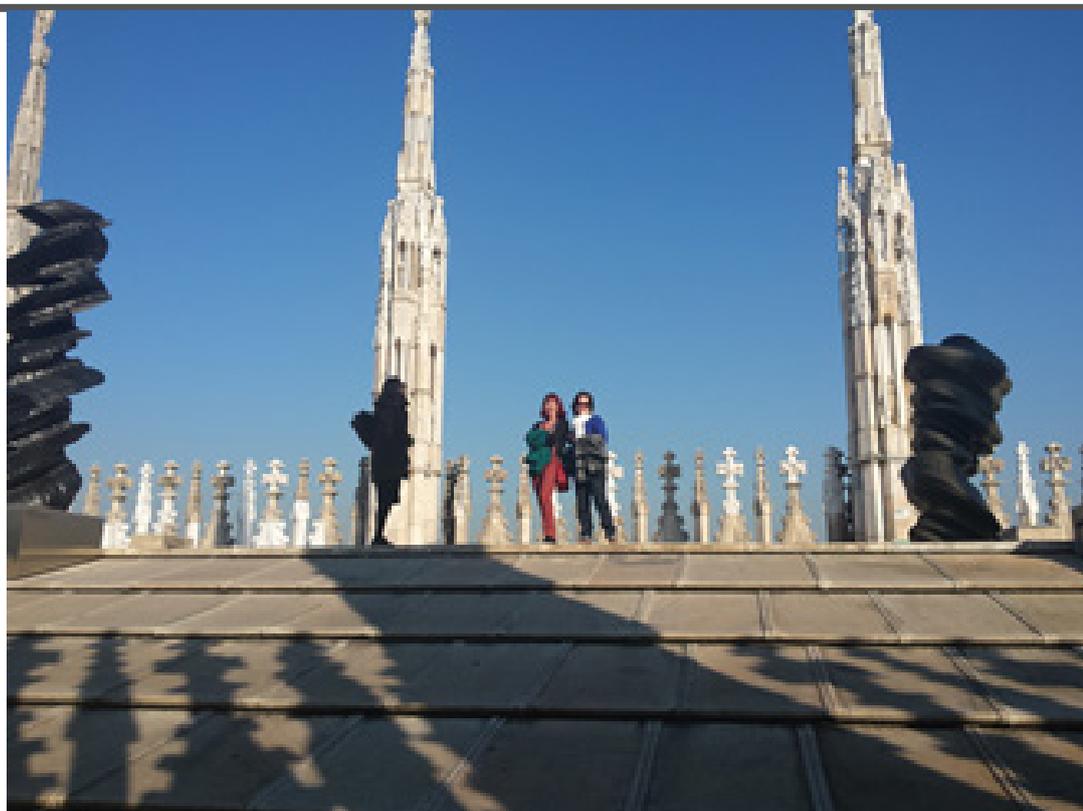
## 4. WJEC4

As you probably all know the 4th World Journalism Education Congress will be held at [Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand, from 14 until 16 July 2016](#).

Following the successful third edition in Mechelen – of which EJTA was co-organiser – Auckland is the next host.

The general theme of the congress is '**Identity and Integrity of Journalism Education**' inspired by the contemporary shifts in the place of journalism programmes within the university

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environment and in relationships with industry and society.

All information on topics, venue, travel possibilities etc. is to be found on the WJEC website:

<http://www.wjec.aut.ac.nz>

The organisers of WJEC 4 ask us to communicate the following about the conference [call for papers](#):

- there is a call for papers for the special issue of the Journalism & Mass Communication Educator aligned with the congress (to be published in 2016);
- the deadline for abstracts for the congress has been extended to December 11.

Moreover, the organisers are [looking for reviewers](#) since a big part of the success of the WJEC conference is related to getting reviewers to review paper abstracts and help identify the best papers to be presented at the conference. They're now approaching the submission deadline and they need our help in finding reviewers to volunteer for this process.

If you are volunteering to help the WJEC 4 organisation with this, please follow the following instructions:

- go to the link <http://www.wjec.aut.ac.nz> and on the the home page under 'call for abstracts'
- click on 'abstract reviewer'
- register to be a reviewer by filling out the short reviewer signup sheet that tells more about your areas of expertise, so you can be assigned to the proper paper abstracts.

Thank you for helping our WJEC colleagues out, we still remember the hard work...

## 5. FEJS

During the FEJS conference in Porto on October 7th the FEJS and EJTA Board had a meeting about how to consolidate the continuity in their cooperation. Apart from exchanging and contacting each other's members, we also agreed on being active on each other's conferences and websites and on cooperating within future projects such as Faktabaari.

FEJS is working hard on their professionalization and on 10/10/15 there were elections, with the following outcome: new members are Severin Rosenberger from Austria, Hanna Karlson from Finland and Iris Hendriks from The Netherlands. Romana Biljak from Slovenia and Marnix Van Roosbroek from Belgium continue being Board members.

The next FEJS conference will be in April 2016 in Torino.

## 6. Future projects

### **FAKTABAARI**

This crowdsourced fact-checking project was introduced to us by Anna Leppäjärvi during the EJTA conference in Brussels May 2015. The project intends to gather journalism students from EJTA- and FEJS-schools to organise a journalistic fact-checking service for citizens, using social media to answer questions by citizens about political statements during elections. The project wants to start with pilots in national or regional elections and hopes to reach its peak in a European fact-checking network during EU parliamentary elections in 2019.

During the conference in Tbilisi we'll organise a workshop to discuss the concept and methodology.

You can also check [www.faktabaari.fi](http://www.faktabaari.fi) and the twitter account [@Faktabaari](#)

Do not hesitate to give us a sign when you and your institute are eager to join the project.

## INTERNATIONAL RADIOPROJECT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

During the Teachers' Conference Bernie Russell invited EJTA members to collaborate with radio broadcasters at the University of Lincoln (UK) on a new international programme:

*"The project is part of a drive by the School of Journalism and English to increase their global outlook and an international society has been formed by the School with members including Erasmus alumni.*

*The focal point of the society would be a monthly radio programme on the University's award-winning community radio station, Siren FM.*

*We'd love to hear from any EJTA colleagues or students who'd like to be one of our international correspondents, connecting with us and contributing to the society's radio programme - broadcasting on the UK airwaves and webcasting around the world.*

*If anyone is interested, they can contact me: Bernie Russell, [brussell@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:brussell@lincoln.ac.uk), Senior lecturer in journalism at the University of Lincoln."*

## PROJECT MILAN

Also at the Teachers' Conference 2015 (you're really missing out on lots of opportunities if you don't participate) Stefano Rizzato from the Tobagi Graduate School of Journalism launched a proposal:



*"#ChangeEU - A call for collaboration: multimedia storytelling describing change in different European countries  
During the current academic year, at Walter Tobagi Graduate School of Journalism (@University of Milan) we're developing a series of 15 multimedia webdocs made by our 30 students. The topic is common and very broad: change. Change seen in social issues, sports, science, popular culture and so on. The format will be multimedia storytelling: narrative projects made by text + video + audio/slideshow + photographs + charts/timelines (of course not always all of them). The length will be around 15/20 minutes of experience. The platform we're using is Medium.*

*We've now decided to open up the project and ask other schools of other European countries to contribute with their own webdocs. Every school could bring - let's say between 5 and 15 webdocs. It will be very easy to integrate them in the same collection in Medium. If so, each school should provide for every work a version in the original language and one translated in English (which means with subtitles, for videos).*

*Deadline: within April 30th 2016 (we're publishing our first 5 webdocs in January). We're now accepting responses to our call, until December 10th. Please send them (or ask for further information) to [stefano.rizzato85@gmail.com](mailto:stefano.rizzato85@gmail.com)."*

## 7. EJTA secretariat

During the academic year 2015-2016 the EJTA secretariat will not only be run by Leen Van Tolhuysen (well-known if not notorious to all of us) but also by her colleague Griet Claes (see photo).

Griet is a lecturer of French and international coordinator at the Media Unit of Thomas More.

For all questions about EJTA administration, please mail to: [info@ejta.eu](mailto:info@ejta.eu)

## 7. Invoices 2016

Invoices for the membership fees 2016 will be sent out by e-mail by the 11th December 2015. Paper copies will only be sent on request.

Deadline for payment is March 1st 2016.

Even when you're not the responsible person for financial matters in your school or institute, would you please check whether your school or institute receives and pays the invoice?

If not, please make sure you won't end up on top of our 'blacklist' of non-payers, which we have to make public during our AGM.

## 8. Research questionnaire

On our website you can find the results of Maria Lukina's research project within EJTA member schools' 'Mapping Journalism Education Research'. 57 EJTA members were contacted and more than 35 respondents from 19 countries provided answers to the research questions.

The Board has decided to propose a follow-up on our EJTA Competence Research Project of 2008. This proposal for an EJTA research project on qualifications, ethics and role conceptions of lecturers and students of journalism will be discussed at the AGM in Tbilisi.

## 9. Upcoming events

[FEJS Annual Congress](http://www.fejs.info), 14-19 April 2016, Torino, Italy. [www.fejs.info](http://www.fejs.info)

[EJTA AGM and Annual Conference](#), 16-17 June 2016, Caucasus School of Journalism and Media Management, Tbilisi, Georgia.

[World Journalism Education Congress 2016](http://www.wjec.aut.ac.nz), 14-16 July 2016, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand. [www.wjec.aut.ac.nz](http://www.wjec.aut.ac.nz)

[EJTA Teachers' Conference](#), second half of October 2016, Université Paris- Dauphine, Paris, France. Theme: 'Teaching Journalism in the Digital Age'

## ECREA

- 18-19 May 2016, Pamplona

Theme: 'Journalism and Communication Education'

- 9-12 November 2016, Prague

Theme 'Mediating (Dis)continuities: Contesting Pasts, Presents and Futures'

## 10. Extra announcements

Charlotte Wien, ex-EJTA Board member wants to inform us that The College of Communication and Media Sciences at Zayed University, United Arab Emirates, sometimes has interesting faculty position(s) open. If you're interested, you can go to: [www.zu.ac.ae](http://www.zu.ac.ae)

Vittoria Sacco and her colleague Valérie Gorin from the Académie du Journalisme et des Médias of the Université de Neuchâtel (future new EJTA member) want to draw your attention to a call for papers for a special issue of the Journal of Applied Journalism and Media studies on the coverage of the migration crisis. Full details are to be found on: <http://www.intellectbooks.co.uk/journals/page/index,name=journalstyleguide/> For more information you can mail to : [vittoria.sacco@unine.ch](mailto:vittoria.sacco@unine.ch).



***The Board wants to wish everybody a merry Christmas, with lots of family warmth and hugs and of course a massive amount of presents, the most precious of which are good health and time.***