

Newsletter 10 - May 2017

The European Honors Council (EHC) presents you news, events and materials to foster exchange in the honors community and beyond. In this newsletter:

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First issue of Journal of the European Honors Council now complete



The first issue of the Journal of the European Honors Council has now been published online! It consists of two introductions, five peer-reviewed papers and eleven edited notes. 'Honors Futures' is the theme of this inaugural issue, with contributions based on the 2016 International Honors Conference in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

The Journal is published in full open access because the EHC believes it is crucial that research results are freely available to everyone. The complete first issue of the JEHC will be presented at the International Honors Conference at Windesheim UAS in Zwolle, the Netherlands on 8-9 June 2017. A limited number of print versions of the Journal will then be available (see below).

The journal can be found online at www.jehc.eu.
The introduction by the EHC Board can be found here.
The full table of contents of the first issue is here.

EHC hosts four sessions at international honors conference Windesheim

Four sessions directly connected to the EHC board will be presented at the <u>International</u> <u>honors conference</u> at Windesheim UAS in Zwolle, the Netherlands on 8-9 June 2017. They can be found in <u>the program</u> with the following titles:

1. We cannot afford to lose talent (Thu, 13.45-15.00)

Europe cannot afford to lose talent and should help talented young people to reach their full potential. In this workshop, we work with the audience to prioritize focus

areas to bring this agenda forward. After a short introduction, we have a world caféstyle discussion, moving around three tables. Topics are: educational focus in honors education; setting a research agenda about honors; strategic agenda for the positioning of honors. All EHC Board members at the conference will be present. We will be at the meeting room half an hour before the start of the session, to meet with any members wishing to have a conversation with board members.

- 2. Platform for honours information & discussion in Europe (Thu, 15.30-16.45). How can we best share information about honors on a national and international level? In this panel meeting, hosted by the Editorial Board of the Journal of the European Honors Council, we first present the inaugural issue and discuss future plans for the journal with the audience, including special issues. We then move on to a discussion about other platforms to share information about honors, inviting the audience to share their ideas.
- 3. Bringing honours students together internationally (Fri, 11.00-12.15)

 This round-table discussion invites involved teachers, students and interested people to share creative ideas, thoughts and current difficulties on how international student exchange at honours level can be stimulated. The Student Committee of the European Honors Council (EHC), including student Bart Rodermans, hosts this session. We discuss the best ways to spot, challenge and support talented and motivated students in Higher Education throughout Europe.
- 4. Growing in honors (Fri, 13.30-14.45) In this session we facilitate roundtables with international colleagues active in honors education. Most of these colleagues aim to develop talents with their students to the max in all different kinds of ways. Every round table will have its own subject, just sit at the table and listen, ask questions and deliberate about their and your education. Learn from each other. How to start honors? What aims do we share (or not) in honors? How to improve programmes? What is the future of honors? What does honors mean for our regular programmes? The list of participants and their specific subject will be available at the start of the conference. Ron Weerheijm (Rotterdam UAS) and the rest of the EHC Board host this session.

International congress of giftedness research in Switzerland

'Where would we be...? If schools promote Giftedness' is the theme of the international conference of giftedness research which takes place in Brugg-Windisch, Switzerland, 14th-15th September 2017.

Different presentations and workshops dealing with topics such as supporting gifted pupils in school, undiscovered talents or the transformation of talents into performance invite interested researchers, pedagogical professionals, teachers and parents to discuss the current state of the art and future possibilities in the field of supporting gifted students. The congress will offer both English and German content. Among many others, EHC Board members prof. Christian Fischer, prof. Victor Müller-Oppliger and EHC President dr. Marca Wolfensberger will present. Registration is open until 15th of August 2017. More info can be found on the conference website.

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More info?

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