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The European Honors Council (EHC) welcomes you to its latest newsletter on talent development in higher education. First, we need to share some sad news.

In memoriam Victor Müller-Oppliger

“Unable are the loved to die, for love is immortality.”

Emily Dickinson

With great sadness we mourn for

Victor Müller-Oppliger



who has passed away on November 16th 2020.

Professor Müller-Oppliger (from Switzerland) was a member of several national and international projects and helped setting up new associations focusing on learning, talent development, and excellence throughout Europe. He has been a pioneer on talent development, strived whole-heartedly for supporting gifted and talented students and their parents. We are thankful for the guidance in setting up the European Honors Council in 2015/16 and his support throughout the past years.

We will remember Victor as a warm-hearted man whose willingness to learn and change the world has inspired us! The European Honors Council Board sends condolences to his family and friends.

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Online Honors College Conference Krasnoyarsk (Russia), 27-28 November

On November 27-28 SibFU Honors College (Siberian Federal University) hosts the II International conference - Honors College Conference. Krasnoyarsk 2020.

You could read about SibFU Honors College and the honors session organized earlier at the students' international conference in the [latest issue](#) of the Journal of European Honors Council.

Due to the circumstances, the Honors College Conference. Krasnoyarsk 2020 is going to be held online. The conference organizer, Dr. Maria Tarasova, invites you to join and writes: 'It would be great if you could talk about your approach to overcoming challenges to the honors education the year of 2020 has presented. It would be so inspiring if you could define the methods of honors pedagogy that proved to be most successful for you in these new circumstances and tell how university honors programs proved to be a laboratory of innovations in teaching and learning, yet again in 2020. We also invite your students to share the results of their interdisciplinary research, social or research projects they carried out during their studies in the honors college. It would also be great if they could speak about the advantages of honors education in general.'

The participation in the Conference is free of charge. The presenters are welcome to join the discussion online or to submit their presentation in pre-recorded videos.

A full information letter is online at http://hc-conf.sfu-kras.ru/docs/information_letter_en_2020.pdf

Call for papers Bildungskongress in Muenster (Germany)

The 7th Bildungskongress in Muenster together with the annual LemaS – Conference has published its call for papers. The conference, which will be held from 22-25 September 2021, is themed 'Identifying Potential – Developing Talents – Sustainable Education'.

The conference aims to connect research approaches from the fields of gifted education and gifted support with sustainability (SDGs) and the related aspect of social responsibility. A central concern are the global challenges of the 21st century (e.g. global climate and world health) and the question, how individualized talent support can prepare pupils of a new generation to meet these challenges in a dedicated, creative and constructive way. Based on these central questions, the conference, on the one hand, aims to ascertain, how the achievement-related potential of children and adolescents can optimally develop on a long-term basis and, on the other hand, how their talents can be integrated with regard to the role of civil society in shaping a sustainable future, in terms of ecology, society, economy, culture, politics, globalization and digitalization. In this context, also the function of states, or, more specifically, of educational policies (e.g. future teacher training, curriculum design and teaching methods for sustainable education) are to be discussed.

Abstracts can be submitted until 17 January 2021. The main conference language in German; English language contributions are welcome! The conference will take place at Muenster university. To verify the feasibility of an on-site event, a 'pandemic check' will be carried out in March. Should an in-person conference not be deemed possible, the conference will switch to digital formats. All information is on the [conference website](#) and the full call for papers in English can be found [here](#).

Reports of two talent development-related events Erasmus Days available

The Erasmus Days 2020 featured two sessions focused on talent development. Over 100 people registered for the online event 'Transdisciplinarity in higher education: STEAM+ solutions', which combined the topics talent development, transdisciplinarity and STEAM - interpreted as the integration of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and

Mathematics) and All other subjects. A meeting report can be found on the blog of the website <https://steamtalent.eu>

The online event 'Working with talent in your (virtual) classroom' focused on the tools for teachers to spot and stimulate talent which were developed in the CoTalent project. Around 70 people registered, and the slides used in the event are available [here](#).

More info?

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