



Newsletter

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European Honors Council monthly newsletter

Welcome to the second newsletter of the European Honors Council (EHC)! In this first newsletter of the new academic year we present you news, events and materials to foster exchange in the honors community and beyond. In this newsletter:

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Please feel free to send this newsletter around to colleagues and friends, and invite them to also [join](#) the EHC.

New honors program at ICBF

The ICBF from the Universities of Münster and Osnabrück (Germany) and Nijmegen (Netherlands) focusses on Talent Research, Gifted Education, Teacher Training and Further Education. This honors program wants to enable teacher training students to foster individual needs of gifted and talented pupils in enrichment settings.

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A new honours program will start in September 2016, after gaining experience in supporting the individual needs of gifted and talented students in primary and secondary school through the challenge and support project for several years. On the one hand, target groups are gifted senior class students who can gain competences in researching within an interdisciplinary project and receive a special diploma for successful attending it. On the other hand, the honours program is aiming for teacher training students from the University of Münster at Master Level who

will support the young adolescents and evolve a special personal qualification on top of the

normal teacher training. They also receive a special diploma with detailed information about their project work.

The honors program encourages both groups to follow their own extracurricular research on the topic of learning. Therefore, during the lectures and seminars they develop special research competences. It will be concluded by a presentation and a thesis.

For the future it is planned to extend the project and to involve international students and universities. More info can be found at www.icbf.de

OEZBF conference

From October 20 - 22, 2016 the Austrian Research and Support Centre for the Gifted and Talented (OEZBF) organizes the ninth international OEZBF conference on questions of gifted education and the promotion of excellence.

The target audience are all those interested in gifted education, especially teachers from all types of school, teachers at educational colleges and universities, nursery school teachers, school authority representatives, and interested parents. The conference language is German.

For more information, see <http://www.oezbf.net/cms/index.php/kongress-2016.html>

Honors scholarship awarded at Rotterdam UAS

On August 31 a student of Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands received an honors scholarship of 5000 euros. The scholarship is called 'Overtref Jezelf', in English 'Surpass Yourself' and is meant to encourage students to take on a project *after* their graduation. It was established in 2012, so this year it was awarded for the 5th time. The scholarship is to be spent on a project, a graduate study, international experience, etc. The aim is to give way to projects to which students have committed themselves already during their study. This year Bas Klein won the scholarship and his project is to set up clubs in under-graduate schools and start programming different kinds of devices with these kids. He uses small, cheap and simple components for that goal, like Raspberry-Pi boards and MeArm robots. Participation in these clubs is free and Bas already has a 2-day position at an undergraduate school.

Successful kick-off 'Delta Akademie' at Montanuniversität Leoben

The new honors programme at the Montanuniversität Leoben (Austria) has been successfully kicked-off in early July. In the Delta Akademie, a maximum of 20 students will follow an extracurricular program of 17 months. The program aims to enhance the participants' labor market perspectives and has been developed in close cooperation with business leaders, who are themselves alumni of the Montanuniversität.

An article about the kick-off (in German) can be found [here](#). More impressions of the "Delta Akademie" are on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/delta.akademie>

City as Text: Rotterdam Explored

July 11-17th Rotterdam UAS (the Netherlands) hosted the City as Text™ faculty institute in close cooperation with Bernice Braid and Sara Quay from the US. Participants thought it was a very inspiring week in which honors colleagues from the Netherlands and the United States

walked the streets of Rotterdam for 5 days. Each day the groups were mixed, to make sure everybody was evenly 'uncomfortable'. The evaluation shows all experienced it as a very intense week, walking the streets, trying to figure out what 'Rotterdam, a modern phoenix' could be or what threads were to be recognized in layout, buildings, people. Aim is to experience what students experience when sent on an assignment and need to get to know and try to understand their environment (city, neighborhood, landscape, campus, etc) in all its aspects. In this way, one develops pedagogical experience in how to inspire students to shatter their glassy stare.

Saturday was spent evaluating and working on collaborative projects. Let's hope some nice courses and initiatives will grow from this week.

Interested? Either contact Ron Weerheijm (c.e.weerheijm@hr.nl) or visit the Windesheim Honors Conference on 8-9 June 2017.

Pre-announcement: June 2017 International Honours Summer school at Hanze UAS

As part of its honours programs Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen (the Netherlands) is building a structural innovation partnership with Memorial Center Camp Westerbork. From Camp Westerbork Dutch Jews were deported to extermination camps during World War II.



A summer school program for international students is part of Hanze UAS' Innovation Partnership with the Memorial Center. During this summer school program international honours students work together with Dutch honours students on projects that connect the past of World War II with present day issues such as freedom, democracy and human

rights.

Excursions to the Memorial Centre Bergen Belsen and the cities of Berlin and Amsterdam are part of the program for the summer school, as well as a combination of project work and leisure in a group of international students.

The summer school program is open to every international honours student. The actual summer program lasts two and a half weeks and will be offered in the second half of June 2017. The summer school project kicks off in February 2017 with the formation of international project groups that work on research/innovation projects as preparation for the summer school in which all participating students will meet.

For further information, contact Ms. Henmar Moesker at h.m.moesker@pl.hanze.nl

Documents available on EHC website

On the EHC website, information and materials about honours education are freely available. This includes:

-the brochure 'Honors in Europe: getting to work' with practical tips for honours educators and policy makers, which is available in three languages: [English](#), [German](#) and [Dutch](#)

-The book which inspired the founding of the EHC: *Talent Development in European Higher Education: Honors Programs in the Benelux, Nordic and German-speaking countries*, by Marca Wolfensberger. This was published in [open access](#) at Springer in early 2015
-A brochure with [Information about the EHC](#)

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