



Newsletter 5 - December 2016

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

EHC board meets Danish ministry of Higher Education and Science

On November 7-9, the EHC Board met in Denmark. For the first two days, we mainly discussed preparations for a European subsidy application. We were kindly hosted by [ScienceTalenter](#) in the beautiful town of Sorø.

On the third day, we moved to Copenhagen for a double visit. First we were received at the Ministry of Science and Higher Education by Søren Nedergaard, head of Department at the Danish Agency for Higher Education, and his team. They are thinking of new talent development strategies and were keen on hearing European experiences. In return, they gave an update on Danish policy developments and presented an interesting study by the Danish Evaluation Institute, mapping all talent development initiatives in higher education in the period 2004-2015 (published in Danish only).



In the afternoon, we visited Metropolitan University College, or [Professionshøjskole \(PH\) Metropol](#) in Danish, where we were updated on the institution's strategic plans, shown around new facilities and concluded with an exchange of ideas about how to advance the talent agenda in the Nordic countries with rector Stefan Hermann. More about this visit can also be read in this [blog](#).

Invitation PhD research/ teaching day 19 January 2017: bridging honours research and practice

To facilitate the link between honours PhD research and honours teaching, the Professorship Talent Development in Higher Education and Society, Hanze University of Applied Sciences, organizes a masterclass/community day on 19 January 2017 for honours educators and PhD candidates doing research on honours education. The aim of the day is to bridge the gap between PhD research and honours educational practice. It is an opportunity for honours educators to gain better understanding of the applications of the research outcomes to their daily practice through discussions with the PhD candidates. We welcome all those involved in honours education and/or research to join us on this day. If you know PhD candidates who are doing research on honours, please send this info to them!

There is a specific morning programme for PhD candidates, where they will discuss their research and get feedback from peers and experts. In the afternoon, the focus will be on discussions between PhD candidates and educators on the implications of research for educational practice. A keynote lecture by prof. dr. [Kirsi Tirri](#), professor of Education, University of Helsinki, Finland, specialist in the field of moral education and giftedness, will close the afternoon program.

Registration for this PhD research/teaching day is now open. Participation is free, but space is limited. Register [here](#). You can register for the parts of the day that you want to attend. More info can also be found [here](#). For questions or more information about this research/teaching day, please [email](#) Hanze UAS.

Call for proposals international honors conference Windesheim June 2017

On 8-9 June 2017, Windesheim Honors College organizes the International Honors Conference 2017 in Zwolle, the Netherlands. The EHC is involved in the organization committee. We hope you will join us on this conference and explicitly ask you to bring students (undergraduate and graduate) and have them join the conference with (for instance) an academic poster. A special track is being organized for them.

The Call for proposals is now open until *January 6, 2017*.

Please have a look at the [website](#). The Call and the preliminary program can be found here.

American conference: Honors Education at Research Universities (HERU)

The American honors organization Honors Education at Research Universities (HERU) will hold its third biannual conference at Ohio State University on May 24-25, 2017. The HERU 2017 [website](#) is now live and contains the call for proposals under the abstract submission link. Proposals are due on *January 9, 2017*.

Financing of honors programs – survey results

In the last newsletter, one of our members was wondering how honors programmes are financed. We set up a three-question survey on financial aspects of honors programmes. We received eight answers by members from Austria, Belgium, The Netherlands and the USA. We'd like to thank those members for taking the survey!

Most of the time, the institution is willing to finance the honors programmes, which could say something about their engagement for talent development.

One of our members has an interesting model (thank you for your input!):

30% of their costs for the honors programmes are financed from own resources of the university but 70% is contributed by "partner companies". These companies from the specific field of the university were invited to be "partners" by contributing financially (20.000 euro/year), content-wise (bringing lectures, providing seminars, bringing in projects) and by other activities (organizing excursions, bringing top executives for fireside chats, etc.). They aim at 12-15 companies in order to run the programme in a sustainable way with a small group of committed partners.

Open call for connection from Zuyd UAS

Joyce Crombach at Zuyd University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands sent us the following message: 'My colleagues and I are currently developing an Honours Programme together with students of our faculty of Social Sciences. We would love to come into contact with other representatives of Honours Programmes (in The Netherlands or Europe) to exchange experiences or build relationships. We're currently missing the connections to do so. We've just started and are actively looking for inspiration and connection. Our pilot programme starts on September 1st, 2017 so we have some time to go and check out other programmes on location. Our students would love to talk to like-minded students from other faculties!' Do you want to connect? Please send an e-mail to: joyce.crombach@zuyd.nl

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