



# EHC

## EUROPEAN HONORS COUNCIL

### Newsletter 9 – April 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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## JOURNAL

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The European Honors Council has decided to start publishing its own journal! The aim of the Journal of the European Honors Council is to share research results, knowledge and good practices related to talent development in European higher education. The Journal publishes peer-reviewed research papers, as well as notes on good practices or preliminary research results. It is published in open access for we believe it is crucial that research results are freely available to everyone. The journal can be found online at [www.jehc.eu](http://www.jehc.eu)

The Journal's first issue is devoted to papers and notes related to presentations at the International Honors Conference in Utrecht, the Netherlands, held in June 2016.

Three notes and papers have already been published:

- Note: [Identifying a Culture of Excellence](#), by Bouke van Gorp, Nelleke de Jong, Elanor Kamans, Svenja Buttner.
- Note: [Honors education in France - preliminary research results](#), by David Ollivier de Leth & Maarten Hogenstijn.
- Paper: [Different views on assuring the quality of honours programmes](#), by Pierre van Eijl, Henmar Moesker, Marleen Eyckmans.

More papers and notes are on the way, so please check the website for updates!

### Meet the EHC Board at international honors conference Windesheim

On 8-9 June 2017, the [International honors conference at Windesheim UAS in Zwolle](#), the Netherlands will be held. The conference is now open for registration.

Four sessions that are connected to the EHC board can be found in the program in the line 'International collaboration in honours'

They can be found under the following titles:

- We cannot afford to lose talent
- Bringing honours students together internationally
- Platform for honours information & discussion in Europe (EHC)
- Growing in honors

In the session 'We cannot afford to lose talent' (held on Thursday 8 June, 13.45-15.00) 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.

The full conference programme, including pre-conference options, can be found [here](#).



The screenshot shows the Windesheim University website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Erasmus+ logo, 'Contact and directions', and language options 'NL | EN'. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation bar, there are menu items: 'Study Programmes', 'Studying at', 'Research', 'Partnerships', and 'About Windesheim'. A large banner image shows four diverse students smiling. Below the banner, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'About Windesheim > Events > International Honours Conference 2017 (8 and 9 June)'. A yellow box highlights '8 Jun'. The main heading reads 'Windesheim University of Applied Sciences hosts the International Honours Conference on 8 and 9 June 2017'. Below this, it states 'The central theme of this year's conference is Honours Communities.' On the left, there is a sidebar menu for 'International Honours Conference' with options: 'Preconference programme', 'Programme', 'Practical information', 'Students', and 'Contact'. On the right, there is a 'Sign in' button and a prompt: 'Are you Windesheim staff or a student? Please sign in for International Honours Conference 2017 at...'

### Student Bart Rodermans on Student Committee

Bart Rodermans is member of the EHC Student Committee and will also co-organize the session 'Bringing honors students together' at the Windesheim conference. He introduces himself below.

*"My name is Bart Rodermans. Born and raised in the city of Groningen, the Netherlands. 22 years old. Studying to become a geography teacher at the NHL University of Applied Sciences, Leeuwarden.*

*My two big passions are geography and teaching. And this is what I primarily want to do; be a geography teacher. Besides being a geography teacher I am looking for new challenges all the time. For now I find these challenges in a lot of extracurricular activities I participate in. Examples are; being the chairman of the board of the study association I initiated with some other students, actively participating in my own Honours program and becoming active within the EHC.*

*Looking forward I know I want to teach part time and have other activities besides teaching. Keep studying (I want to get multiple degrees so I can teach multiple subjects), working on research and participating in different governing bodies. I want to stay in touch with Honours programs as well because I am convinced that programs like these add a big value in the life of students and their personal/professional development."*

### **EHC partner in two grant applications**

Over the last few months, the Board of the EHC has devoted a lot of time to the preparation of two grant applications in the EU's Erasmus+ Program. Both applications aim to further strengthen talent development programs in European higher education, but they do so in different ways. One application is focused on policy makers, while the other focuses on teachers and students. In both applications the EHC is involved as an associate partner. Funding decisions are expected in the summer.

### **More info?**

Please feel free to send this newsletter around to colleagues and friends, and invite them to also [join](#) the EHC. See [www.honorscouncil.eu](http://www.honorscouncil.eu)

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