



## **Newsletter 12 – September/October 2017**

Welcome to this first issue of the newsletter of the European Honors Council (EHC) of the academic year 2017-2018!

We present you news, events and materials to foster exchange in the honors community and beyond. In this newsletter:

- WeTalent project receives EU grant
- Metropolitan Honors College in development
- Successful Honors International Faculty Institute, plan to return in 2018
- Journal of the EHC – second issue update
- Special issue Gifted Child Quarterly on talent development

### **WeTalent project receives EU grant**

Europe simply cannot afford to waste talent. Therefore, nine organisations strongly committed to talent development in higher education have now joined forces to develop tools that can help teachers spot and stimulate talents. Their WeTalent project has received EU funding under the Strategic Partnerships program within Erasmus+ Key Action 2, allowing it to run from September 2017 to August 2020.

The European Honors Council is proud to be associate partner in this project. Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen from the Netherlands will lead the consortium. A full press release can be found [here](#).

### **Metropolitan Honors College in development**

The Metropolitan University College in Copenhagen (Denmark) is developing a new Honors programme called “The Metropolitan Honors College”. The Metropolitan Honors College is supported by a grant by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. Metropolitan Honors College will first and foremost target ambitious students and provide support and motivation to foster their talent, which will later benefit their field of profession. The project will initially focus on the teacher’s education programme.

Find out more about Metropolitan Honors College [here](#)

### **Successful Honors International Faculty Institute, plan to return in 2018**

The second edition of the Honors International Faculty Institute (HIFI) was held at Texas Christian University in the USA in May. The institute is designed to create an opportunity for faculty members involved in honors education to share ideas, learn what is happening with honors education worldwide and, most importantly, enhance the skills and resources to



design and implement effective honors courses. Twenty-one participants from across the United States and the Netherlands participated in the three-day intensive workshop. Their enthusiasm is echoed in a short film and report which can be found [here](#).

A new edition of HIFI is on the agenda for 2018.

### Journal of the European Honors Council update



The second issue of the Journal of the European Honors Council (JEHC), focusing on contributions connected to the Windesheim conference, is now in preparation. We expect to publish the first notes and papers within the next few weeks.

Other papers and notes are now also very welcome! Notes are short contributions (up to 1,500 words) on good practices or preliminary research results. Papers are peer-reviewed contributions of up to 5,000 words. Instructions for authors can be found [here](#).

### Special issue Gifted Child Quarterly on talent development

The journal Gifted Child Quarterly has released a [special issue](#) focused on results of the Inaugural European–North American Summit on talent development, held in Washington DC in April 2016. This conference concerned talent development in general, not specifically in higher education. Resulting articles are partly published in Gifted Child Quarterly and partly in the journal High Ability Studies. The first four clusters at the conference (theoretical perspectives, societal participation, the context of school, and outside of school) make up the special issue of Gifted Child Quarterly, which was released in July.

Articles arising from presentations in the clusters outcomes, psychosocial factors, adaptive and maladaptive learning, and high achievement and performance are in the [special issue](#) of High Ability Studies, which was released in March.

The introduction is available in open access and can be found [here](#), for the other articles a subscription is needed.

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