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Welcome to the newsletter of the European Honors Council (EHC), presenting you news, events and materials to foster exchange in the honors community and beyond.

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Journal of the European Honors Council update



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Six contributions have now been published in the second issue of the Journal of the European Honors Council (JEHC). This includes a note about honors education in China and an extensive paper describing the honours learning environment of Windesheim University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands (including links to videos!). The issue consists of contributions connected to the international conference held at Windesheim in June 2017. The Editorial Board expects to finish [the issue](#) before the end of the year.

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](#).



Honors International Faculty Institute: Reunion and new edition June 2018

Inspiration. Energy. Excitement. Learning, Memories. Good food and drinks. Fun. Wondering what all of these have in common? These and other qualities abounded at the special reunion of friends who participated in Honors International Faculty Institute (HIFI) '16 and HIFI '17 as the group gathered at the National Collegiate Honors Council meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., 8-12 Nov. 2017. As co-

organizer John Zubizarreta recounts: 'Participants enjoyed reminiscing about the valuable work accomplished in two years of rewarding institutes at Hanze University of Applied Science in Groningen (The Netherlands) and Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas (U.S.A.). We exchanged updates on our work in honors and how we have continued to benefit from the generous sharing and strong community building that distinguish the institutes. As we gazed out over the city of Atlanta from the rounded glass perimeter of the Sun Dial restaurant, 72 floors atop the Peachtree Westin Hotel, we recognized how lucky we have been to take advantage of the opportunities of the HIFI institutes. Even better, we recognized how much we have all bonded as colleagues and friends, brought together by our passion for honors education. An amazing group, indeed! We hope that we can welcome more fabulous colleagues to join us at HIFI '18, making our next reunion even bigger and better.'

The flyer for the 2018 edition can be found [here](#).

The Honors International Faculty Institute is supported by the EHC

X-Honours Congressival June 2018

From 6-8 June 2018, NHL Stenden UAS in Leeuwarden will host the international X-Honours Congressival. More info can also be found at www.honours2018.nl



6, 7 and 8 June 2018
Leeuwarden, the Netherlands

Krekt wat oars as oars. This Frisian expression underlines one of the traits for which we are known both here and across the border: the courage to be different. This Frisian characteristic results in wonderful ideas. We are eager to share these ideas with you during the X-Honours Congressival on 6, 7 and 8 June 2018. A congress that will inspire, stimulate, but above all engage!

Would you like to be our guest, or a speaker? Check the latest information on www.honours2018.nl.

Call for papers: ECHA conference August 2018

Abstracts can now be submitted for contributions to the 16th Conference of the European Council for High Ability (ECHA), held in Dublin (Ireland) from 8-11 August 2018. ECHA connects educators, researchers, psychologists, teachers, parents and the highly able themselves (not specifically focused on higher education). The conference will promote the exchange of information among people interested in this field. Abstracts can be submitted until January 24, 2018. More information can be found [here](#).

Working in Europe to Connect Talent Development in Higher Education



How can we join forces around Europe to develop tools that can help teachers spot and stimulate talented students? That is the aim in the project 'Working in Europe to Connect talent Development in Higher Education', which brings together nine organisations from six countries. The project partners held their first meeting at Hanze University of Applied Sciences in Groningen in October, further detailing their

plans to be worked out in the coming three years. The project receives EU funding under the Strategic Partnerships program within Erasmus+ Key Action 2. The European Honors Council is associate partner in this project.

University of Antwerp starts honours program for last-year students secondary education

From the academic year 2018-2019, last year students of secondary education in Belgium will be able to follow an honours course at the University of Antwerp. This new offer has been developed because schools were asking for ways to enable their strongest students to follow a course at university level. More info (in Dutch) can be found [here](#).

Student Research Conference held

On November 15th, the eighth edition of the Student Research Conference took place at University College Roosevelt in Middelburg, the Netherlands. Authors of the best undergraduate research from most universities (for applied sciences) throughout the Netherlands and Belgium competed for one of the awards in their category. Honors students can be encouraged to send in their work for the next edition in 2018.

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
Find the newsletter archive [here](#).

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The next issue of this newsletter is scheduled for February 2018. If you have input for the next newsletter, please [send](#) it in by February 1st.