

NOCIES

Newsletter, March 2008

Dear Members,

This is the first of what is planned to be bi-annual newsletters. The Executive Committee of NOCIES joins me in sending you this first newsletter, as a means of sharing with you news that is important for the re-vitalization of this important organization.

Firstly, I would like to ask that as many of you as possible who will be participating in the NERA conference in Copenhagen next week plan to attend a NOICES meeting on Friday, March 7th in room B103f at 16:45-17:45.

The agenda for this meeting is the following:

1. Report of the Secretary
2. Report on Future Activities of NOICES
3. Other issues

We are in the process of organizing a NOCIES website. Arrangements have been made with a web hotel to house the webpage. Halla Holmarsdottir is working on the webpage at present.

We would like to discuss three up-coming events, the CESE conference in Athens on July 7-10, an application for a NERA network and an application for funding, which is being prepared by our colleagues in Norway.

For the CESE conference we have discussed organizing two panels, with the title "Nordic Perspectives on Education". The strict deadline for the submission of

abstracts/panel proposals for the CESE conference is March 31. I can prepare the two panel proposals for submission, if you send me your abstracts as well as all your contact information. We feel that the CESE conference provides an opportunity for us to present as a group, showing in this manner the contributions we Nordic members can make to Comparative and International Education in Europe.

We discussed in Sarajevo applying for a NERA network, which will provide us with a formal framework and some funding. The application is to be submitted before August this year. In order to apply, we need to agree on the name of the network as well as to have persons who are included in the application as members of the network, such the application be granted. Please give these issues some consideration and let the members of the Executive Board know i) your suggestions for the name of the network and ii) if you wish to be included in the application as a future member of the proposed network.

An application is being prepared for submission to NORDPLUS on March 14th. We hope that this application will be favorably received.

Hoping to see you all soon in Copenhagen!

For the Executive Committee

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