



CiCea is the academic association for the study of young people's citizenship education and identities

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A Short Note from the President

Dear Friends from CiCea,

As you can see from this issue of the Newsmetter, CiCea is well alive with its journal, it's second announcement for a yearly research grant, its web site and it's Newsletter. It also includes links to other activities related to our goals.

Now, we need each member to bring 3 new CiCea members! This is very important for our survival, and if each one is trying hard, it will work!

Finally, I hope to see all of you at the

conference in Malmö, and especially for our Annual General Assembly, which will take place during the last morning of the conference.

If you have ideas for CiCea, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other Officers.

All the best,

Christine,

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The Association's Journal, Alistair Ross

Big changes and developments are being planned for our Journal! Plans are well advanced to have it professionally published, and on a more frequent basis.

We have been publishing the Association's Journal - Citizenship Teaching and Learning - in collaboration with the citized group. This is a UK-based group of citizenship educators, with an international outreach, and the editor, Professor Ian Davies of the University of York, is a very active member of both groups.

Over the last couple of months there have been close negotiations with an academic publishing house to take over the printing and sales of the journal - something that will be done in formal association with CiCea and citized.

This will probably start in the summer of 2010, and by 2011 we hope to be

regularly producing three issues a year. All Association members will continue to get their copies directly from CiCea - and for our Institutional members, this will be a way of securing copies for your University Library at a substantial saving! The negotiations are not quite complete yet - when we have final confirmation, we will report it to you in the Newsletter.

Meanwhile - Why not send in your articles to Ian Davies for consideration? All the details about style, length, and where to send it are on the Association website (www.cicea.eu). Citizenship Teaching and Learning is a refereed journal, of high quality and esteem, so it is a good point for your cv! There are only two more issues in the current format (and these are already nearly full), so sending your work in now will mean that you will be in the early issues in the new professional publication style.

The **Annual Association General Assembly meeting** is scheduled to take place on the morning of the last day, Saturday the 23rd of May at the CiCe annual conference in Malmö.

CiCe's 11th Conference Malmö 2009

"Human Rights and Citizenship Education"

The conference will be in the heart of Malmö in the Malmö högskola, Lärarutbildningen on **21-23 May 2009**.

Book on line at www.cice.londonmet.ac.uk/members/cbooking.htm

Research Student Conference

The CiCe Conference will be preceded by our third Research Student Conference: a comprehensive and exciting training package for PhD students. There are a very limited number of places: applications and proposals should be submitted as soon as possible – see the attached call and booking form.

20-21 May 2009,
Malmö högskola,
Lärarutbildningen

Research Students are encouraged to stay for the main conference from 21-23 May.

Unesco Chair On Gender Equality And Empowerment – University Of Cyprus

A UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Empowerment has recently been established at the University of Cyprus, with Dr Mary Koutselini, Department of Education as Chairholder. The network of partners includes institutions, academicians, GOs and NGO's in Europe, the Balkans and Middle East. It should be noted that members of CICE and CICEA participate in the Chair's partnership.

The Chair's Partnership is carefully designed to contribute to North-South and South-South collaboration, regardless of geographical locations, for the promotion of a creative dialogue and mainstream anticipation of problems and negative attitudes in the socio-economic, educational, and political sphere. From this point of view, the partnership seeks to diagnose the real needs of each region and to act as a creative think tank that supports the development of local poles for the elimination of the theory-praxis divide in gender equality and empowerment. Geographically and historically, lying at the [crossroads](#) of three continents, where East meets West, Cyprus forms a

bridge between different cultures and religions. The UNESCO Chair on a priority programme area for UNESCO such as Gender Equality and Empowerment, at the University of Cyprus, aims through its cultural diverse and capable partnership to provide a new paradigm on how common problems faced by the populations of the region can be addressed through the gender perspective.

University of Cyprus and its partners on Gender Equality and Empowerment aim at functioning not only as a centre of excellence for local development on gender empowerment and collaboration, but also as a dynamic pole of synergy among chairs, networks, and working groups that combine their efforts for the achievement of the objectives of UNESCO regarding its overarching global priority of gender equality as described in its Approved Programme and Budget 2008 - 2009 and the Medium-Term Strategy 2008-2013. To achieve its objectives, the Chair undertakes an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation activities in the field of women and gender studies.

Collaboration between UNESCO's Chair and CICEA members aims at promoting Citizenship education for Gender Equality and Empowerment and it is more than welcome.

For more information please contact Mary Koutselini, at the University of Cyprus.

International Conference The Psychologist in the Community

17 to 20 September 2009
Arad, Romania

Organized by "Vasile Goldis" Western University Arad, Romania, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Department of Psychology.

We would be honored to have you as a guest on a topic related to the main subject of the conference, a topic proposed by you.
By Filimon Letitia

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Conference

"Globalising Citizenship Education: Ambitions and Realities"

24 to 26 June 2009
**Tai Po Campus, the Hong Kong Institute
of Education**

jointly organized by the citized and the
Hong Kong Institute of Education

<https://www.ied.edu.hk/2009citized/pament.html>

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New researches for citizenship

By *Ifigenia Vamvakidou and Argiris Kiridis, Project supervisors, Pedagogical School of University of Western Macedonia.*

Evdoxia Traianou: PhD Candidate.
Title of thesis: "Citizenship through history learning: The aspects of curriculum, textbooks and students' point of view in Greek educational system"

.We examine whether the history curriculum of the Greek educational system, the state approved history textbooks, teacher guidelines and other supplementary materials promote citizenship and political socialization. More specific we examine student's levels of knowledge about political concepts such as utilized in the curriculum, basic civic skills like greater confidence to understand political concepts and better interpretation of political issues and civic engagement such as volunteering, community service and political engagement. In order to achieve these goals we examine curriculum and textbook by discourse analysis and distribute questionnaires to students. The research is conducted at third grade of lower secondary education (14 year old students).

Christos Zagkos, "The parliamentary elections in the prefecture of Florina (1926-2009). The political culture and the national ideology as they are presented in the local press of the region"

Using the content analysis method in combination with the semiotic analysis of the local newspapers and the method of leximetry we are trying to reveal the "hidden" messages of the pre-election newspaper articles, to investigate the relations between political power and press, to analyze the methods of the political propaganda used by the local press and finally to investigate the features of the local political culture.

Maria Keramyda, TV advertisements and children: Exploring the ways children understand TV advertisements and the outcomes of media education.

After examining scientific results regarding the amount of time children spend watching television and the way they understand its messages, we came up with two main goals: a) to study the way children comprehend and understand TV advertisements, especially as far as gender and identity is concerned, and b) to study the potential of improving the way children comprehend and understand this TV genre, after having attended several classes on how to read an advertisement, c) Are there any patterns referring to the western culture and the western way of life.

Research Grants Competition 2009

The CiCea Association is delighted to be able to announce its new Research Grants Competition. We are inviting applications from groups of Association members for research support. The Executive hope to make at least one award of Euros 1,500 in May 2009.

Applications should be made following the format shown below, and e-mailed to the Association office (cicea@londonmet.ac.uk) by April 30th.

The Executive suggest that before making an application potential, applicants study the feedback given after last year's competition and read the application guidelines (please find it on our website: <http://cicea.eu>). The executive will announce the outcomes in May.

Useful links:

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS DEALING WITH CITIZENSHIP ISSUES

European Commission

http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/archive/citizen/index_en.html

Europe Direct Dialogue With Citizens

http://europa.eu.int/citizens/index_en.html

UNESCO

<http://www.unesco.org/education/index.html>

Cited Forum

<http://www3.itu.ch/ibe-cited/index.html>

United Nations OHCHR

<http://www.unhchr.ch/education/main.htm>

The biggest number of members from one country!

Short interview with **Prof. Magda Danciu**,
University of Oradea, Romania
Interviewer: Dr. Márta Fülöp

MF: CiCea has the biggest number of members from Romania. You have been a very active and long-term member of CiCe participating in different working groups. Now you are also a member of CiCea. How would you explain the keen interest towards the work in CiCea in Romania?

MD: After joining the EU people's interest for the issue of citizenship has grown in Romania and there has been the need for teaching young people (pupils, students) about how to cope with this moment in the present history of their/our country.

MF: What can CiCea offer to those who are interested in these issues?

MD: The CiCe project has worked on providing theoretical background and guidelines, plus a good practical demonstration of how these theories can come to life and can be applied in different countries, with focus on local/regional particularities. The initial members of the thematic network, prof. Vasile Marcu, prof. Letitia Filimon and myself, worked on presenting, explaining, lecturing to our students and colleagues on the academic findings coming from the other universities of Europe, included in the publication emerging from the project working groups and researchers.

MF: You and your colleagues organized the first Working Group seminar for CiCe 4 in your university last October. Did this have any effect on the number of members joining the Association?

MD: The nearing, and then the real happening of the CiCe event in our university made our colleagues more concerned with the issues developed within the project. This was an important event to come and members of approached NGOs decided to join the Association to share the information, newsletters, journals with their peers.

MF: Do you consider it professionally valuable for you and your colleagues to be member of CiCea?

MD: The CiCea members, both institutions and individuals, consider the membership of such an international association a relevant element in their institutional or personal CV.

MF: We are very pleased to have you and the Romanian colleagues as members and continue to have a fruitful cooperation with the Romanian members.

Annual Research Student Conferences

This year CiCe organizes again the annual „New Researchers for the New Europe” conference and workshop for research students. This is a one and a half day long pre-conference of the main CiCe conference.

This will be the fourth occasion to get research students together from several different countries of Europe to present and discuss their ongoing research work with fellow students and an international and interdisciplinary group of professors. So far these conferences have been very much appreciated by students, it is a good way to get and give professionally high level feedback on their work in a friendly and safe atmosphere.

The conference is also a good occasion to get to know other young researchers in the field and establish long-term collegial relationships. This year the conference will be held in Malmö and we have 16 students to present their work from universities in Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Portugal, Sweden, and the UK. The members of the team of professors are Luigi Cajani professor of history from the University of Rome La Sapienza, Penelope Harnett professor of education from the University of West England, Roger Johansson professor of history, University of Malmö. The group is chaired by Márta Fülöp, professor of social psychology, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.

Please think of potential student participants for our next conference in Barcelona, 2010!

Márta Fülöp,

Research and Publication Officer, CiCea

Useful links:

**NEWTWORKS
DEALING WITH
CITIZENSHIP ISSUES**

CIVNET

<http://www.civnet.org/>

**POLITEIA (Network
for citizenship and
democracy in Europe)**

<http://www.politeia.net/>

**European Business
Network for Social
Cohesion**

<http://www.csreurope.org/>

**International
Network - Education
for Democracy,
Human Rights and
Tolerance**

<http://www.tolerance-net.org/>

European Schoolnet

<http://eunbrux02.eun.org/portal/index-en.cfm>

MyEurope

http://myeurope.eun.org/eun.org2/eun/en/index_myeurope.cfm

**Civic Education
Project (CEP)**

<http://www.cep.org.hu/>

Civic education

<http://www.civic-edu.net/>

Teaching Psychological Research Methods in Master Programme

By Irina Plotka (Higher School of Psychology) and Nina Blumenau (Transport and Communication Institute), Riga, Latvia

The Higher School of Psychology (HSP) realises the professional study programme of occupational psychology. Within the framework of the study programme the professional skills and abilities are developed in such directions as applied psychology in professional work, methods of managerial decision-taking, career development, psychological regulation of work, skills in methods of psychological self-regulation, personal adaptation and destruction in professional activity, risk factors in professional activity. The skills acquired under the present study programme allow for psychological support to be offered to the staff during the period of adaptation, professional crises, stressful situations, as well as to facilitate professional development, and offer counselling to the management of the enterprise on the problematic issues in staff management, work management, optimization and favourable atmosphere to be created in the work setting.

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International Conference

**Ecole(s) et culture(s) : Quels savoirs ?
Quelles pratiques ?**

**November, 12-13, 2009
L'Université Lille 3, Lille, France**

A conference on theory and practice in Learning Psychology, Didactics and Culture

Organised by :

Théophile - CIREL, EA 4354 (Université Lille 3),

Laboratoire PIPS-RIICE / GRIPS-Sco (Université - IUFM de Picardie)

Association ARDéCo (Association pour la Recherche sur le Développement des Compétences)

Registration and call for papers:

<http://evenements.univ-lille3.fr/ecoles-cultures2009/>

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