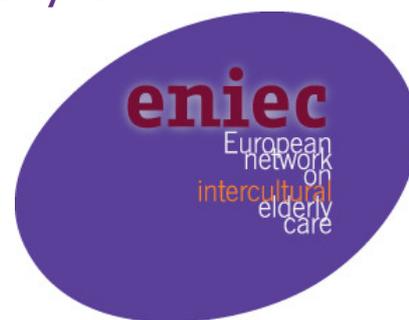


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ENIEC is..... a network organisation

At June, the 17th we have the first boardmeeting of the new chosen board in Delft in The Netherlands. We have put a lot on the agenda, like the financial strategy of ENIEC in the coming years, the next year fee, the coming annual meeting 2012 in Amsterdam, finding a host city for 2013, recruiting new members, discussion about the field of disabled people and ENIEC, and so on. Of course we will inform you about our meeting in the next newsletter.

Last weeks a lot of ENIEC members met eachother on several places. The Dutch meet reguraly because there is always a conference somewhere, but in May Hilikka Linderborg and Els Ruys were in Frankfurt, where they participated in the expertmeeting organised by the Frankfurter Verband and where Ute Bychowski and Frédéric Lauscher work. They met there potential new members from Poland, Italy and Spain. As ENIEC we

achieve more and more in recruiting members from those countries. We have now new members from Italy, Spain, Estonia and France.

ENIEC is a network organisation. The most important goal is that members meet and learn from each other and what is happening in all those different cities and areas. We are not a professionalized institute. That's a choice we made till now. A choice I do support. And I think that's what we feel and what we see when the annual meeting is there. The good energy, lot of talks about elderly (social) care, discussions, news, talking about developments and also enjoying the reunion. We try to keep it simple, as simple as possible.

The biggest challenge now is finding the host city for 2013. Important is that we have enough members in such a city to organise the annual meeting and a city who want to pay for having us there. So if there are ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

I'm looking forward to the next newsletter, also for me a surprise. I hope that you all send a lot of copy to the new editors, from a lot of different countries, from Turkey till Iceland!

Jan Booij
Chairman

ELAC award

Elderly migrants: Edinburgh, Gelsenkirchen and Brussels receive ELAC award. The cities of Edinburgh, Gelsenkirchen and Brussels are the first municipalities to have received an award for their local initiatives in the improvement of the quality of life of migrant elders, at the occasion of the European Local Authorities Competition (ELAC) awards ceremony held on 9 February 2010 in Brussels, Belgium.

In first place was the City of Edinburgh, Scotland, with a grand prize of €3 000 for "Minority Ethnic Carers of Older People Project" (MECOPP), which helped provide information, training, activities and multi-lingual support to immigrant caregivers.

The City of Gelsenkirchen, Germany, received the second award, worth €1 500, for its initiative dubbed "Participation of seniors in a diverse city", which coordinated a number of projects in the field of health, volunteering and education. The initiative notably brought together a number of linguistic backgrounds and religious groups.

Finally, the City of Brussels, Belgium, won the third prize of €1 000 for its project "Jongleren - oud geleerd en jong gedaan", which had elderly migrants share their views on Brussels with students in journalism, art or social studies after which they jointly set up an exhibition showcasing the elders' life stories.

"This competition allows local authorities and other relevant stakeholders to share their knowledge on how to better care for one another," declared Bjørg Tysdal Moe, CEMR political rapporteur on social policy and Deputy-Mayor of Stavanger, Norway. "I hope this constitutes a first step towards becoming an inclusive society."

The competition is part of the European project "Active Ageing of Migrant Elders

Across Europe" (AAMEE). It was launched by the Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration of the state of North-Rhine Westphalia and the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), in partnership with the Committee of the Regions and under the patronage of the President of the European Parliament, Jerzy Buzek.

More information on the winning projects and the ELAC competition's 16 nominated projects

See previous CEMR news item on ELAC competition and more information:
http://www.ccre.org/champs_activites_det ail_news_en.htm?ID=2000&idca=3119

http://admin5.geniebuilder.com/udata/ccr e/docs/ELAC_info_on_nominated_projects.pdf

Harry Mertens

Short cut in cultural news

The thesis of Semiha Denktas called 'Health and Health Care Use of Elderly Immigrants in the Netherlands. A comparative study' is very interesting! You can find more information of this wonderful study on the website of the Dutch organisation Mikado :
http://www.mikadonet.nl/artikel.php?artikel_id=1509.



Semiha Denktas

As the US continues its economic downturn, extended families are piling into a single home. Multigenerational households are growing and their numbers accelerating. In 2008, some 6.2 million

intergenerational households could be found in the United States (5.3% of all households). Two years later in 2010, the number jumped to 7.1 million (6.1% of all households). The increase in these two years represents a faster rate of growth than the previous eight years combined. Compared to whites, the population of Hispanics, African Americans, and Asians make up the majority living in multigenerational households

<http://www.globalaging.org/elderrights/us/2011/Multigenerational.pdf>

Quote of the month

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"
Old African proverb

ENIAM

As you know, the Amsterdam organizing committee is busy with the organisation of a fabulous meeting in this lovely city of the Netherlands. In the next newsletter you will find the exact data, because it will be discussed during the next board meeting in June. It will be in March 2012, probably during the second half? We will inform you soon. And....be prepared, it will be fantastic, like all other meetings we have had in the last 6 years!



PS...did you know...??

PS – GOOD TO KNOW- FROM MEMBERS

Anne Rose Abendanon (Netherlands).

With proud we announce that Anne Rose Abendanon has received a Knighthood decoration from the Dutch Queen of Holland for her voluntary work during at least fifteen years. Congratulations Anne Rose! GOOD EXAMPLE, IS WORTH TO FOLLOW.



Anne Rose Abendanon

Frédéric Lauscher (Germany) and Jan Booij (Netherlands)

are going to participate as speakers on the International elderly care congress in Frankfurt next May 20th. The objective of this meeting is to share initiatives to ensure a good quality of life of the elderly, even if the financial resources are limited.

Sophie de Meere (Belgium) has found a new job. She will become a social worker in Kortrijk, but in the field of youth care. So she will leave Eniec. We are very sorry for that, but we are happy she has found a new nice job and that she has brought three fantastic new Belgium ladies to our network!

PS - THEORIES/ STUDIES/ PROGRAMS/ BOOKS

PROJECT - The VINTAGE project-Good Health into Older Age – is an EC funded project. It's main objective is to improve knowledge and to build capacity, encouraging evidence- and experience-based decisions for prevention of harmful use of alcohol among elderly. The

coordinators of the VINTAGE project have presented the report "[Best practices on preventing the harmful use of alcohol amongst older people, including transition from work to retirement](#)"

More information:

<http://www.epicentro.iss.it/vintage/pdf/VINTAGE%20Report%20Best%20Practice%20final.pdf>

PROJECT - The European project "AENEAS - Attaining Energy-Efficient Mobility in an Ageing Society".

AENEAS is a new European project in the framework of the Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) programme. The project's objective is nothing less than to become the cornerstone for international reference projects in the field of urban mobility of older people. It is an open forum for all transport practitioners interested in the topic of energy-efficient mobility in an ageing society.

More information <http://www.aeneas-project.eu/?page=about>

MEETING - Brussels, European Parliament.

Intergroup meeting: Improving medicines for Older people

Wednesday June 15, 2011



Presentation of an ENIEC member

Maiu Kauber

Born: Kohtla-Järve, Estonia

Home: Tallinn, Estonia

Profession: I work as a Head of the Social Work Department of Tallinn Pedagogical College. My job is to educate social workers and social care workers, also developing the social work field in general. I teach gerontology and have wrote teaching materials and a book about supporting elderly through care. Last two years I have been an expert in INTERREG IV A SFE1 project „Empowering Socially Excluded Elderly within Russian Minority in Estonia and Finland”, where in collaboration with our Finnish partners a model of self-care empowering was worked out and published as a handbook for elderly with guidelines for better everyday coping. My next challenge as an expert is in INTERREG IV A SFE33 project “Creating Healthy and Secure Environment for the Elderly with Dementia”, which purpose is to support elderly with dementia and their families.

Relation to ENIEC: I’m very pleased, that I was invited to participate in ENIEC’s activities by good Finnish colleagues, special thanks to Hilikka Linderborg.

Thoughts about ENIEC: It’s amazing that we have such network of wonderful and active people! Europe’s population is ageing and this sets new tasks to everybody who care about elderly people and work with them. Along with the

problems that will come up we should also see all the positive that communicating with elderly has to give to younger generations.

Something about your personal

situation: I've lived in Tallinn, the capital city of Estonia all my life. I went to school here and I've been working here. My first occupation was a nurse and I worked in the hospital for ten years. When Estonia regained it's independency, the social work field started to develop and since then this has been my life-job.

Besides work I have a relaxing hobby – I like to knit and crochet, but my latest greatest love is patchwork. ☺

Have you been to the Annual Meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden?

Yes. This was my first ENIEC's meeting and it was an extremely interesting experience – so many people concerned about elderly are united in this organisation.

Where will you be in March 2012? In Amsterdam, on the next Annual Meeting, I hope!

Invitation – Helena Bjurback:

Sweden. it was interesting to get acquainted with a person who share same thoughts!



When can you expect the Eniec newsletter?

Around the: 18th of April, 23rd of May, 20th of June, 19th of September, 17th of October, 21st of November, 16th of January, 17th of February, 17th of April.

Deadlines:

around the 1st -or a bit later- of the month that the newsletter will be there, all input should be sent to the new editors.

Message form the new editors

Be prepared...the new editors will send an email to some of you, to ask questions, about your dreams, to get information of you. We have so much to share and we should use this network. Of course this already happens a lot as Jan writes in his introducing words of this newsletter. But we can do more! If you have some information, let us know. And if you do not mail us, we will mail you, haha!!

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Send your items for the next ENIEC newsletter before June **10th** , 2011 to the editors.

