

Letter from your Regional Director

In August 2022 I started as the new Europe Regional Director 2022-2024. I am very honored to have been asked for this position.

For every one who doesn't know me:

I am Marie-Antoinette Hubers de Wolf and I am 66 years old. Before I became a teacher in 1993 I was a creative therapist and a nurse in an hospital and later in a nursing home for people with Dementia. After 29 years of teaching nursing to young and adult people, I retired on September first from this year. I got a lot of hobbies, gardening in my vegetable and fruit garden, knitting, crochet, sewing, eco printing, cooking and traveling.



Working with the state organizations from Europe is exiting. I will meet the State Organization Presidents every six weeks.

The most important goal for this biennium is to encourage the members of Europe to connect, learn from each other, share good ideas and meet in person or on Zoom. This is hopefully the key to more members.

In order to realize this connection the European Forum started the idea of sharing educational topics in 2021. Each country was instructed to hold a seminar or discussion on an educational topic through a ZOOM meeting. We will continue these Educational topic in this biennium. The recorded topics from last year are still on the European website and are available for everyone and English spoken. This opportunity brought members closer together. The first one will be on in January 2023 and will be organized by Germany.

This year we will again hold a joint Christmas celebration on Lucia Day (December 13). During this gathering all countries share their traditions around Christmas with songs, recipes, costumes and much more.

There is still the exchange program that Daniela von Essen developed in 2016-2020.

Moving forward with Vitality, Relevance and Sustainability in our Changing World is the theme of the three International Conferences. Yes, our world is changing. The war in Ukraine turned the world upside down. In Europe we have a lot of refugees, especially women and children. First they needed an safe home and after that, education and work. In many countries in Europe special classrooms have been set up for this group. Ukrainian teachers were asked to continue teaching in person or on line so that all children still could follow lessons: both in Ukraine and in other European countries.

The Steering Committee had their first meeting in Tampere. We visited the Tampere Hall and the conference hotel. Arrangements are being made and hard work is now on its way to make the International Conference in 2023 a great success.

The conference will give participants the opportunity to meet, learn and promote diversity in our society. Moreover we will also have a lot of fun. Tampere is now the most popular city of Finland. I hope you will consider to come July 26th-29th, 2023.

If you want to ask me a question, please do so. You can send it to your State Organization President or directly to me: mac.dewolf@gmail.com

Warm regards

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