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Editorial

The economic and subsequently social crisis has affected the lives of citizens in all countries of Europe. Europe faces the greatest challenge of the last decades as it struggles to leave the crisis behind unharmed. In the destabilized labour market, characterized by a sharp rise of unemployment in many countries, career guidance and counselling has become an essential factor to help people cope with today's lack of stability and "construct" their career pathways. New theories arise in order to address the current trends and needs; and redefine the nature of career support.

It is clear that Europe needs to establish collaboration, creative dialogue, and exchange expertise between the different countries in order to tackle today's challenges. The European Summit on Developing the Career Workforce of the Future in Canterbury, UK was a significant step for the development of a common perspective regarding the training of career professionals across Europe (p. 2-7). It attracted the interest of about 200 professionals, policy-makers and academics dealing with career guidance and counselling from 32 European countries.

The proposal of NICE for tackling fundamental challenges in raising the quality of career services through the professionalization of the career workforce received strong support at the event. The draft of European Competence Standards for the Academic Training of Career Professionals was discussed constructively. Although there were some recommendations and wishes for improvement, the initiative was generally supported. Similarly, there was strong support for fostering better cooperation between policy, theory and practice and promoting large-scale research in our field. The

NICE Conference in Bratislava (p. 7) in May 2015 will give us the opportunity to share the results of our work, and set the objectives for the future.

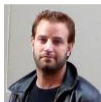
Another highlight from 2014 was definitely the first summer school of the European Doctoral Programme in Career Guidance and Counselling (p. 12-16), which gave 28 PhD researchers from various European countries the opportunity to build a European research community and develop their skills for interdisciplinary research in our field.

The third issue of the NICE newsletter is the result of the collaboration from career counselling experts from over 20 countries. It has become a useful tool not only for the co-ordination of our efforts and monitoring of the progress of the various NICE working groups; but for the dissemination of news and developments regarding career counselling issues from all around Europe, now also including recent book publications (p. 8-11).

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European Competence Standards: Feedback, Insight and Changes

What are the results of the feedback on the European Competence Standards (ECS) collected at the Canterbury Summit (pages 2-5)?

Synthesis of Discussions around the Critique of Reality in Canterbury

What are the challenges, which career professionals have to cope with in everyday practice? What are the biggest challenges for the future? (Pages 5-6).

Postcard Evaluation of the European Summit in Canterbury

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Sixth NICE Conference on Bratislava

From May 28-30, 2015, the European academic network NICE will come together at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (page 7).

News from around Europe & Recent Book Publications

Find news from 15 European countries in this issue of the NICE Newsletter: New degree programs, important policy developments, invitations for cooperation etc. (pages 8-11).

News from European Doctoral Programme in Career Guidance and Counselling

Find news from the ECADOC project and the next summer school in Paris (pages 12-16).