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Dear EMNI member,

We wish you a Happy New Year full with interesting mediations and new developments!

This is the first EMNI newsletter of 2010 in which we intent to give you an update of our activities over the past months. Regrettably, we encountered some major logistical problems which have mainly been overcome by now, but which have led to some information backlog.

EMNI Conference 2010 in Paris!

The third European conference on mediation will take place in the Paris region on **May 27 & 28, 2010**. This event is held by EMNI (the European Mediation Network Initiative) and its organization was delegated to the French *Association Nationale des Médiateurs*, which works in close partnership with ESSEC-IRENE (the Institute for Research and Education on Negotiation): www.europemediation2010.com/index.php

Mediation is getting its due place in more and more European countries. Its contribution to civil society and democracy is the focus point of this third Conference. Local and national authorities, National Ombudsmen, and many business firms recognize mediation as a valuable tool. Learn how you can promote this in your country from others at this interesting Paris conference.

Call for papers

Any member who has an interesting experience, wants to share new developments or insights regarding our profession is invited to suggest your workshop. The call for papers have been sent earlier to you. However, you may find the information again in the attachment.

For questions and submitting your workshop proposal, please contact the organizing committee: cemediation2010@gmail.com

EMNI Conference 2012 shall take place where?

The fourth European Conference will be held in **2012**. Any country may candidate itself to be the host country. A conference committee will select the best venue on a basis of several criteria. Please let us know when you are interested to candidate to be the next host: secretariat@emni.org.

EMNI website

Thanks to Gosta, the EMNI website has now a revised version. Please check at: www.mediationeurope.net

New Bank account

EMNI's bank account has been changed into:

European Mediation Network Initiative
 c/o Advokat Gøsta Thommesen
 Prinsens gate 22
 NO-0157 Oslo
 Norway

Bank:

Fokus Bank of Oslo, Norway – SWIFT code: DABANO22

Accounts:

8101 22 99761 - IBAN: NO7281012299761 – GENERAL OPERATION

8101 22 99788 - IBAN: NO2281012299788 – MEMBERSHIP FEES **ONLY**

8101 22 99818 - IBAN: NO8581012299818 – PROJECTS OR OTHER
 SPECIALIZED PURPOSES – TO BE DECIDED

We hope to open a bank account in a Euro zone as soon as possible.

EMNI organization matters

As planned, Christoph Paul has swapped his position in the executive committee with Cristina Lenz of the BMWA (www.bmwa.de) in Germany(.We thank Christoph for his tremendous support!

Since our last newsletter the board has met several times: an activity plan has been developed, and the preparations for the conference have started. Meetings with Gabrielle Planes and Patricia Malbosc from the French National Association of Mediators have taken place. Several committees has been established which need more active members who support them. The following committees are working since November 2008:

Karen Erwin , Balazs Furjes	Governance Committee – statutes, organisational, general assembly
Gabrielle Planes , Smilja Gavric, Ursula Caser, Gordana Ristin, Tsisana Shamlikashvili	Next European Conference
Gosta Thomessen , Gordana Ristin, Srdjan Simac, Jelena Arsic	Web site – open pages – coordinator of web group
Frantisek Kutlik , Linda Reijerkerk and Gosta Thomessen (Christoph)	Marketing, funding and sponsorship
Jukka Salomaa	“Area manager “ – Nordic countries
Srdjan Simac, Jelena Arsic	“Area manager “ – South Eastern Europe
Ursula Caser	“Area manager “ – Spain, Portugal
Tsisana Shamlikashvili	“Area manager “ – former Soviet Union
Frantisek Kutlik	“Area manager “ – other organisations
Ewald Filler	Austrian contact – formal/legal
Esra Çuhadar Gürkaynak , Linda Reijerkerk, Ursula Caser	Membership communication

Hands on!

EMNI can not be effective without the help of its members. We need more hands and more active members to support EMNI with their time and skills. As we are a volunteer organisation with limited financial support we need more volunteers: especially the committees working on membership communication and the website need your energy, time and inspiration. Please join and assist your EMNI colleges in making their work easier.

Logo

In order to enlarge the visibility of EMNI an EMNI logo has been developed through the support of Tsisana Shamlkashvili and her colleagues. The logo is expressing our profession as well as EMNI's European focus and its objective of networking. We would like to thank her for her support in this.

Newsletter

This newsletter is supposed to be published on a regular basis and will be published as an internet/ email based newsletter in order to reduce costs and foster its distribution. In the future it will have more information on regional events and developments in our professional fields.

If you have news from the region (regional conferences, etc.), new developments or interesting academic research or insights, contact secretariat@emni.org of the communication committee:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send any news and suggestions to: secretariat@emni.org.

Again, thank you for all your support and co-operation. You will soon be hearing from us again.

Kind regards,

Linda Reijerkerk

Gøsta Thommesen

Cristina Lenz and Christoph Paul

Smilja Gavric