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#### Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

As usual we inform you on internal proceedings of the European Network as well as on more general issues concerning children's rights. We would like to direct your special attention to the European Conference: Children's Right to Education and Information in EU: Strategies for Prevention of Social and Digital Exclusion within the Knowledge Society that A.I.Cuza University and ENMCR are organising in cooperation with the Romanian National Authority for scientific research. (General News Internal). We would like to improve our newsletter and would like to know your opinion. Please send us comments, critique and feedback to info@enmcr.net



Sincerely, Rebecca Budde (Editor)

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# European Master in Children's Rights- application open

Deadline for application: 30 June for EU residents, 31 May for non-EU residents

It is still possible to apply for the MA study program European Master in Children's Rights which will start in October 2007 at the Free University Berlin in cooperation with the Institute of Education, University of London, Universidad Complutense Madrid (UCM), Spain, Stockholms Universitet, Sweden, Universiteit van Amsterdam (UvA), Netherlands, Universitatea Babes-Bolyai in Cluj- Napoca (UBB), Romania and Universitatea A. I. Cuza in Iasi, Romania.

The 60 ECTS MA programme deals with all aspects of childhood, viewed as a socio-cultural construct, and with theories of children's rights and practice in adult-child relationships.

The programme lasts one year and is organised mainly in weekend block seminars (Friday and Saturday) and some evening lectures (starting 5pm) to accommodate interested students who are working also. The first block will be held on October 20./21.2007. The exact dates for the other blocks can be found on the MA's website at <a href="https://www.fu-berlin.de/emcr">www.fu-berlin.de/emcr</a>.

At the FU, the course will be held mainly in English, however it is highly recommended that students have sound knowledge of German, as some seminars will be held in German and some materials are available only in German.

The modules taught at the Free University are:

- 1. Childhood studies and children's rights
- 2. Methods and techniques of childhood and children's rights research
- 3. Work and education of children
- 4. Socially disadvantaged and discriminated children and child rights oriented practice
- 5. Research/Thesis

More information on the content and qualification of each module can be found in the study regulations on the MA homepage: <a href="www.fu-berlin.de/emcr">www.fu-berlin.de/emcr</a>.

In addition, students have the possibility to attend selected courses and seminars at the Department of Educational Sciences and Psychology, the Faculty of Political Sciences and the Law Faculty.

The costs for the MA at the FU are 2.800€ for the whole year, excl. general administrative costs.

Application forms are available at: <a href="www.fu-berlin.de/emcr">www.fu-berlin.de/emcr</a> or on request from Rebecca Budde: <a href="mailto:rbudde@ina-fu.org">rbudde@ina-fu.org</a> and should be sent to: European Master in Children's Rights, Habelschwerdter Allee 45, D-14195 Berlin, Germany.

For further information please contact Rebecca Budde (coordination) at: rbudde@ina-fu.org . Tel: ++49-(0)30-838-53968.

Children's Right to Education and Information in EU: Strategies for Prevention of Social and Digital Exclusion within the Knowledge Society- CALL FOR PAPERS

Date: 20-21 July, 2007, Location: Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi Romania

The Centre for Social Management and Community Development at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University in cooperation with the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights and the Romanian National Authority for Scientific Research are organising the European Conference: Children's Right to Education and Information in EU: Strategies for Prevention of Social and Digital Exclusion within the Knowledge Society, which will be held from July 20-21, 2007 in Iasi,

Romania. The Conference is directed to researchers, academics, students, practitioners, activists in the field of children's rights issues in the Knowledge Society. The conference is embedded in the Intensive Programme for students: Children's European Citizenship: Information and Participation (July 16-28, 2007). The conference is structured around four sessions that will debate aspects related to children's rights to education and information in European Union within the Knowledge Society:

• Children's Rights to Education and Information within the Knowledge Society.

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- Changes in professional education within the Knowledge Society: Digital learning and the virtual classroom.
- Non-conventional educational and motivational strategies for the stimulation of the scientific and research curiosity of children.
- Preventing social and digital exclusion within the knowledge society.

Registration form, programme and practical information: on the website of the Centre for Social Management and Community Development: www.csmcd.uaic.ro/childconference (under construction) Paper proposals (abstracts of max. 500 words) should be addressed to Doina Balahur: (dbalahur@uaic.ro; doina\_balahur@yahoo.com) no later than 25 June, 2007. The full text of the papers for the Conference book should be addressed to Doina Balahur (dbalahur@uaic.ro; doina\_balahur@yahoo.com) no later than 10 July, 2007.

#### Membership in the International Network of Children's Organizations

ENMCR has recently become a member of the newly founded International Network of Children's Organizations. The *Center for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence* is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Cyprus and dedicated to the study of childhood and adolescence. The Centre has recently received funding from the *United Nations Development Programme – Action for Cooperation and Trust* to set up an international network of children's organizations in order to facilitate their networking needs. The main aims of the Network are: (a) to bring together organizations which produce research on children and childhood as well as organizations which utilize research findings as part of the services they provide, (b) to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and to encourage collaboration between organizations and individuals at an international level, and (c) to act as an virtual resource centre for academics, researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and the general public.

The Network initiative will attempt to facilitate the production and dissemination of research and research findings through collaborations that bring together both research and practice-oriented organizations as well as organizations from countries that have been in the core of research production and countries where research on children is fairly new and needs further development. Members of the Network are organizations which work with children whether as research institutions or in a more applied capacity such as, for instance, organizations which provide services to children and their families or are concerned with child or family-related issues.

Interested organizations can contact the centre for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence through: Mr. Chirstos Chrysanthou, Project Coordinator, Center for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence, 6 Diogenes Str., Engomi P.O Box 22006, 1516 Nicosia Cyprus

Email: <a href="mailto:christos@cycollege.ac.cy">christos@cycollege.ac.cy</a>, Tel: + 357 22 71 31 39, Fax: + 357 22 71 31 56, Website: <a href="http://www.cycollege.ac.cy">www.cycollege.ac.cy</a>

#### Requests for membership ENMCR

Two universities have submitted their letters of intent to become members of the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights:

The UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights at the University of Antwerp has been established in January 2007 and offers training in children's rights both in English and Dutch. In cooperation with the Centre for Children's Rights of the University of Ghent an intensive training course will be offered in 2008. The research activities of the chair focus on economic, social and cultural rights of children, particularly at the intersection of the rights of the child and human rights more generally. Specific attention is paid to the North-South dimension and development cooperation.

For further information on the UNICEF chair please visit: <a href="www.ua.ac.be/wouter.vandenhole">www.ua.ac.be/wouter.vandenhole</a> or contact Wouter Vandenhole directly at: <a href="www.ua.ac.be">wouter.vandenhole@ua.ac.be</a>.

The **Faculty of Social Policy of Mykolas Romeris University** offers BA and MA study programmes in social work, law and penitentiary activities, psychology, protection of children's rights. Educational programmes and activities are tightly connected to children's rights. The faculty has an interest to engage in working in a broader international context with ENMCR in order to share studies, ideas and experiences aiming at improving children's rights worldwide. For further information please visit:

www.mruni.eu or contact Prof. Dr. Brigita Kairiene at: brigita.kairiene@gmail.com.

The General Assembly of ENMCR will vote on all applicant universities' membership in its next meeting on July 20-22, 2007 in Iasi, Romania.

# General News External

#### **Eurochild Annual Conference**

Date: 22-23 November, Location: Malta

Eurochild's next Annual Conference will take place from 21 to 23 November 2007 in Malta. This year's title will be "Preventing social exclusion of children and young people in Europe: Participation & yearly intervention". For further information please visit: <a href="https://www.eurochild.org">www.eurochild.org</a>

#### Safer Internet and online technologies for children- Public consultation

The European Commission has launched a public consultation to identify the most effective ways of making the online environment and communication technologies safe for users, in particular children. The current Safer Internet plus programme will end in 2008 and the Commission is conducting this consultation for creating a basis for deciding whether to propose a follow-up programme from 2009 to 2013 and how best to address issues relating to online technologies in the future. The public consultation was launched on 12 April 2007 and will be open until 7 June 2007. It is structured around three topics covering: illegal content, harmful content, user-generated content and on-line communication. For more information:

http://ec.europa.eu/information\_society/activities/sip/public\_consultation/index\_en.htm

#### Safer Internet Forum 2007

The Safer Internet Forum 2007 will take place on 20-21 June in Luxembourg. The Forum will be composed of three workshops and a plenary session for discussing relevant issues with stakeholders which, in addition to the public consultation on Safer Internet and online technologies for children, will give input for the Commission's decision whether to propose a follow-up programme from 2009 to 2013. The three workshops focus on: Online-related sexual abuse of children, in particular grooming; Assessing the need for awareness-raising for creating a safe online environment for children; and the impact and consequences of convergence of online technologies for online safety. Participants will include representatives of industry, law enforcement authorities, child welfare organisations and policy makers. The deadline for registration is 13 June 2007. For more information:

http://ec.europa.eu/information\_society/activities/sip/index\_en.htm

Source: eurochild news

#### Mainstream the rights of children in EU policies

EU policy makers must acknowledge children as individuals, heed their concerns, and protect their rights. This was the main conclusion of a public hearing held at the European Parliament on Tuesday, to help shape an EU strategy on the rights of the child. Violence in all its forms, including bullying, child abuse, and sexual abuse, is what worries children most, said the experts.

The meeting was co-organised by the Civil Liberties' Committee and seven other committees to help prepare Parliament's response to the Commission communication "Towards an EU strategy on the rights of the child". Representatives of EU institutions, international organisations and NGOs shared their views with MEPs. The need to mainstream consideration of children's needs in EU policies was stressed by Civil Liberties Committee Chairman Jean-Marie Cavada (ALDE, FR) in his opening remarks. It is "important to take stock of the children's rights situation in the European Union, to take account of children's rights systematically in our policies, in our strategies and in our programmes", he said. Mr Cavada welcomed the Commission communication as a first step in the right direction, but noted that, unfortunately, "there is no specific legal basis that allows the European Union to act di-

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rectly in this field". "Children may now systematically be considered as a self-standing concern in European Union budgets, policies, laws and programmes", said Marta Santos Pais, Director of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre. Ms Santos Pais reminded the audience that "in spite of the progress made, the lives of millions of children continue to be marked by poverty", adding that even in EU Member States Bulgaria and Romania, children are twice as likely as adults to be victims of poverty. The EU needs "a global strategy" to tackle all problems related to children, acknowledged Commission Vice-President Franco Frattini, who announced that the first European Forum on children's rights, co-organised by the Commission and the Council Presidency, will be held on 4 June in Berlin.

#### Involve children in shaping decisions, within and beyond the EU

Their main concern is violence, in all its manifestations: bullying, child abuse, and sexual abuse, said Clare Feinstein of the international NGO "Save The Children", reporting on replies to an online consultation of 7-17 year-olds, that used a child-friendly version of the Commission paper. Other concerns included discrimination and social exclusion, the effects of alcohol and drugs and child poverty. Young people are aware that they can "help adults to understand issues important to children" and had even asked to be "directly involved in decision making", said Ms Feinstein, suggesting that this could be done through a child rights specialist unit set up to assist EU lawmakers on permanent basis. Young people have far too little influence on the decision making process.

The EU also needs to take a more child-focused approach in its dealings with third countries, said Deepali Sood, speaking on behalf of the NGO Plan International. Ms Sood presented the findings of a similar online consultation of children and young people in developing countries. "I urge the EU institutions to listen to what the children have said and focus on these issues while formulating its external policies", she said. Like their EU counterparts, third country children listed concerns about poverty, sexual abuse and violence, but added others about unclean water, inadequate medical services and malnutrition. They too asked to be heard when adults take decisions.

#### Violence teaches contempt

Hitting a child is a sign of, and (for the child itself) a lesson in, contempt for the rights of the small and the weak, said UN expert Paulo Pinheiro. Despite commitments to protect children's rights, violence against children persists "in every region of the world", and so does acceptance of it, he said. Many types of violence – in the home or at school – are not even recognized as such. This is one of the reasons why Mr Pinheiro, in his UN report, advocates the "prohibition of all types of violence against children" by 2009 – with no exceptions. Hearing the children's voice directly is important, Mr Pinheiro added. We want to have children involved in our meetings and consultations, he said, "not as an ornament, but as a real voice".

Maja Eriksson, a member of the former Network of Experts on Fundamental rights, said that very few victims of child pornography and sexual abuse are given access to justice. She also pointed out that corporal punishment in the family is not prohibited by law in some Member States, such as Spain and Luxembourg. Christa Stolle, Secretary General of "Terre des Femmes", spoke about violence against girls, particularly about genital mutilation and honour killings. She explained that the practice is still common in many parts of the world beyond the African continent: some 19,000 women have suffered genital mutilation in Germany, she said.

#### Teach finance to tackle poverty

It is a common misconception that child poverty only occurs in developing countries, said Executive Director of Aflatoun/Child Savings International, Jeroo Billimora. In fact, one in five children in the EU lives below the poverty line. While children at risk were manifestations of the problem, child poverty was its root, she noted, calling on the EU to make child poverty one of its priorities. In order to tackle child poverty head on, she said social, but more importantly, financial education should be made part of the school curriculum in Member States and a budget for such education was asked for. For further information contact: Federico De Girolamo, Press Service, e-mail: legapress@europarl.europa.eu Tel: (32-2) 28 31389 or Piotr Zalewski, e-mail: piotr.zalewski@europarl.europa.eu Tel: (32-2) 28 32232

#### Internet safety:

The Internet has become one of the most popular means of communication among young people, who have access to it at school, in cybercafés and on mobile telephones. As, for example, there are currently an estimated 260 million Internet pages containing pornographic content, it was considered urgently necessary for the EU to propose a set of measures at EU level to provide at least a minimum degree of protection for the most vulnerable and for minors. So Parliament welcomed a Commission proposal on the possible creation of a new top-level domain named ".KID.eu" with content designed for children. This domain could provide a secure Internet area regularly monitored by an independent authority. Parliament also called upon Member States to launch information campaigns to increase public awareness of the potential dangers of Internet and to distribute information packs concerning tips on "safe surfing", protective filter systems and the use of free hotlines to be introduced in each Member State for registering complaints or reporting harmful content. Ongoing training should be provided for teachers and educators concerning the use of Internet and the dangers of online discussion groups such as forums and chatlines.

For further information, contact: Dirk Anthony Huyssoon, Press Service - Press Officer. E-mail: <u>cult-press@europarl.europa.eu</u>. Tel: (32-2) 28 42408 (BXL) or (33-3) 881 73856 (STR)

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#### Child Pornography: Number of serious abuse images rockets

The number of images of serious child abuse online has quadrupled over three years, according to figures from a the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF: www.iwf.org.uk), who says that the most distressing grade of images account for nearly a third of all reports of child pornography it receives. Last year the IWF processed 31,776 reports of illegal images on the internet - up from 24,000 in 2005. The material was hosted on more than 3,000 websites. Less than 1% of the original material was traced back to Britain, while 82% of all the images it investigated were hosted on websites in Russia or the US, creating serious fears over the possibility of child trafficking and industrial-level abuse.

#### Communicating the UN CRC

Save the Children and the Children's Rights Alliance for England are working with England's Department for Education and Skills to better communicate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). As part of this they are gathering information and examples from other countries about the ways in which they have approached Article 42.

They need information on the following:

- Strategies for education & awareness raising
- Messages and mediums used
- Who has carried out this work? eg governments/ NGOs?
- How effective campaigns have been?
- Examples of specific materials used for children and other audiences

Please contact Nicola Stock, Communications Officer on +44 113 6888655 or e-mail: n.stocks@savethechildren.org.uk if you have any information that would be useful.

### Undocumented children

#### Belgium:

The Belgian Movement for Undocumented Children notes that an increasing number of undocumented children are locked up with their parents in detention centres in Merksplas (Antwerp) and Steenokkerzeel. 152 children were detained in 2004, 510 children in 2005, and 627 during the first ten months of 2006. In Vottem, undocumented children are no longer detained with their parents, because of the long-term and continued protest of action groups and large social organisations.

For more information: www.kinderenzonderpapieren.be

#### Czech Republic:

Undocumented children could soon have a chance to attend Czech schools without problems, according to a prepared amendment to the schooling law, said Pavla Burdova-Hradecna from an advisory

centre for refugees on 5 March. Under the current law, schools are obliged to demand children to submit evidence about their legal stay in the Czech Republic.

#### Children's rights an integral EU value: EU 2006 Human Rights report

The EU Annual Report on Human Rights discusses its policies and actions regarding human rights, both internally and externally. The most recent report covers July 2005 to June 2006 and includes references to **children's rights** in several sections, stating that "children's rights form part of the human rights that the EU and the Member States are bound to respect under international and European treaties...". Section 4.3 of the report discusses the Commission's recent Communication. It also discusses issues of child poverty, social exclusion, migration, safety, trafficking, family law & children's rights in the context of enlargement. For the full report: http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external\_relations/human\_rights/doc/report\_06\_en.pdf

## Exploring Children's Rights - Nine short projects for primary level

Children should know what rights they have, but they should also learn how to appreciate and to use them. To encourage children to do so, the challenge for the teacher is to create a setting that is governed by the spirit of democracy and human rights. This manual has been designed for teachers who are looking for tools to teach children's rights to students at primary schools. Author(s): Rolf Gollob / Peter Krapf. Council of Europe Publishing. Price: 15€/ 23 \$ + 10% postage. To place an order directly:

http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS\_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit\_aliasid=2 194

#### The complexity of the migration of children and adolescents Europe

Les mineurs étrangers isolés en Europe (Foreign Unaccompanied Minors in Europe), n. 240 of the trimestral "Accueillir" by SSAE Service Sociale d'Aide aux Emigrants (Social Service for the Aid of Migrants). This report outlines a picture of the complexity of the migration of children and adolescents in several European countries. A second dossier deals with the reception and the integration of foreigners by territorial actors in their public communication. For more information: http://www.ssae.net/rubrique.php3?id\_rubrique=14

#### Film about children of undocumented migrants

Let Them Grow Up Here! (Laissez-les grandir ici!) is a film about children of undocumented migrants, who voice their need for support and mobilisation and who want their families to be regularised. The French Education Without Borders Network (RESF - Réseau éducation sans frontières) and 350 professionals were involved in the making of the film. The film will serve as a support for a nationwide petition in France of the same name and can be viewed at:

http://www.educationsansfrontieres.org/spip.php?article4631

# International Conference: The migration of unaccompanied minors in Europe Date: 10-11 October 2007, Location: Poitiers, France

The International Conference on 'The migration of unaccompanied minors in Europe: the contexts of origin, the migration routes and the reception systems' will take place at Poitiers (France) on 10th -11th October 2007. This conference aims to generate a forum of exchange and discussion on this issue and pretend to establish two main objectives: on the one hand, to establish a dialogue between researchers and specialised practitioners in order to put forward a more coherent social and legal treatment that should make prevail the respect of children's rights over immigration rules. On the other hand, to integrate the research findings on this issue with the purpose of achieving a better understanding of the current migration trends and to develop a methodological thought in order to get a better knowledge of the contexts of origin and the different dimensions of this increasing depart of separated children from numerous countries. For the call for papers:

http://www.oijj.org/doc/jornadas/poitiers\_2006/papers\_en.doc

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# Day of General Discussion 2007: Resources for the Rights of the Child - responsibility of States Date: 21 September 2007, Location: Geneva, Switzerland

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has decided to devote its next day of general discussion to the theme of resources for the rights of the child -responsibility of States which will focus on investments for the implementation of economic, social and cultural rights of children (CRC article 4). The meeting will take place at the Palais Wilson in Geneva, Switzerland, on Friday, 21 September 2007 from 10:00-18:00. The meeting is open to representatives of non-governmental organisations, children and their organisations/networks, UN programmes and agencies, governments and other interested individuals, experts and organisations.

NGOs and children are invited to submit written contributions on the themes mentioned above to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The Committee requests that written contributions be limited to a maximum of seven pages. Although documents may be submitted in English, French or Spanish, they will not be translated into the other languages. Guidelines and additional information will be available shortly on the OHCHR website at

http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/discussion.htm.

Written contributions should be sent electronically to: <u>CRCgeneraldiscussion@ohchr.org</u>. Submission deadline: 25 June 2007

# Congress on 'Phenomena in Juvenile Delinquency: new penal forms'

Date: 6-7 November 2007, Location: Sevilla, Spain

The General Direction of Juvenile Reform, Council of Justice and Public Administration of the Assembly of Andalucía is organising with the help of the International Juvenile Justice Observatory this international event. It will bring together academic experts, researchers, policy and practice professionals from different countries in order to develop and communicate transversal strategies policy responses to juvenile delinquency according to the following axes: Identification of Recent Patterns in Juvenile Delinquency (origin, analysis and comparative trends) and Policy and Practice Interventions (New initiatives and responses to juvenile delinquency).

For more information: <a href="http://www.oijj.org/plantilla.php?pag=100700&idioma=en">http://www.oijj.org/plantilla.php?pag=100700&idioma=en</a>

# Final Conference of project: Living democracy in Kindergarten and school (Demokratie leben in Kindergarten und Schule)

Date: 1 December 2007, Location: Eberswalde, Germany

The organisers invite to reflect on the cooperative process throughout the project's duration, highlight the successes and demonstrate what has been changed by means of the project activities, as well as to discuss the experiences made and the insights gained. The exact program of the conference will be made available in early autumn. Contact: project office: Ringstraße 183 (Kita Pusteblume), 16227 Eberswalde, Tel.: (03334) 38 44 70, Fax: 38 44 71

#### **Job Postings:**

The network DECET is looking for a Manager of Secretariat for the new Brussels-based office. DECET (Diversity in Early Childhood Education and Training) brings together a network of European organizations and projects with common goals about valuing diversity in early childhood education and training. The network aims at promoting and studying democratic child care, acknowledging the multiple (cultural and other) identities of children and families. DECET are looking to create a Secretariat in Kind en Gezin in Brussels. The person appointed will be responsible for administration, management of the secretariat and the creation of effective communication systems for the DECET network. This is a full-time position starting middle of July 2007 for an initial period of 3 years. Responsibilities (a.o.): Be responsible to the Strategic Core Group of DECET through the offices of the coordinator, Manage and administer all aspects of DECET including finance, network meetings, committee meetings, newsletters and training programmes, Liaise, work and fundraise with the European Union funding agencies on issues related to the children and families and respect for diversity. Further information on DECET from: <a href="http://www.decet.org/">http://www.decet.org/</a>. Please send your CV and motivational letter to: p.lee@strath.ac.uk

# **Funding**

# Promoting fundamental rights and democratic participation in the EU

The financial instrument Fundamental Rights and Citizenship under new Financial Perspectives 2007-2013 has received the European Council's final green-light. The adoption of this programme is aimed at strengthening the EU action in this field, supporting respect for fundamental rights and encouraging citizens' participation in the democratic life of the EU. It fosters civil society and bolsters an open and transparent dialogue between stakeholders. Projects financed under this instrument will also promote tolerance and a better intercultural understanding throughout Europe, fighting racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism. For more information:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice home/funding/rights/funding rights en.htm

#### Boosting EU-Australia relations in education and training

From 16-19 April, European Commissioner in charge of Education, Training, Culture and Youth Ján Figel', visited Australia to mark a new era in EU-Australia co-operation in higher education and training. He also promoted celebrations marking a decade of official co-operation between Australia and the EU as well as the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. Commissioner Figel' particularly welcomed Australia's efforts to become "Bologna-compatible", having already a three-cycle degree system and a national qualifications framework. It is also planning to adopt a credit-transfer system and a diploma supplement that will benefit students from both the EU and Australia in helping them to get their studies recognised overseas. The ultimate goal is to make the education systems of both continents more compatible with each other. EU-Australia co-operation in higher education and vocational training: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu others/australia/index en.html

# **Upcoming Dates**

May 31st, 2007: Deadline applications for EMCR at FU Berlin (non-EU residents)

May 31st, 2007: Deadline for upload of photos in the frame of competition youthphotos.eu

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007: First world day for a responsible and respectful tourism June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007: Opening session for European Forum on Children's Rights

June 18th - 22nd, 2007: Juvenile Justice and Human Rights- course Copenhagen, Denmark

June 20-21, 2007: The Safer Internet Forum 2007. Deadline for registration is 13 June 2007

June 25th, 2007: Deadline submission abstracts for European Conference in Iasi, Romania

June 25th, 2007: Deadline submission written contributions General Day of Discussion

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007**: Deadline applications for EMCR at Fu Berlin (EU residents)

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007: Deadline submission full papers for European Conference (Iasi, Romania) book

July 16th-28th, 2007: Intensive Programme: Children's European Citizenship: Information and Participation

July 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2007: European Conference: Children's Right to Education and Information in EU:

Strategies for Prevention of Social and Digital Exclusion within the Knowledge Society

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007: General Assembly ENMCR (Iasi, Romania)

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007: Day of General Discussion (UN Committee on Children's Rights)

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007: Deadline submission for Medius –new prize for final theses

October 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>, 2007: Intl. Conference: The migration of unaccompanied minors in Europe

November 6-7, 2007: Congress on 'Phenomena in Juvenile Delinquency: new penal forms'

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