

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEANIST NETWORK

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10th EASA Conference, Ljubljana 26-30 Aug 08:

The deadline to submit workshop proposals for the 10th EASA Conference is set for **October 15th**. Submissions have to be done online via EASA's and the Conference websites: <http://www.easaonline.org>. Should you be interested in convening and organising a workshop on some Europeanist theme, do not let this opportunity go away. (Latest news: the deadline has been extended for an additional fortnight!).

Europeanist Network business meeting: We also need to give some thought to the setting of the agenda for our bi-annual business meeting, to be held in the course of EASA's conference. Please, let us know about issues that you would like to put in the agenda to be discussed during this meeting.

We have not been able to hold a mid-term meeting, as suggested in Bristol we should aim to do, due to lack of adequate funding. However, there will be an occasion for the exchange of views, even if informally, at the end of October in Paris, during a seminar that is to be attended by some members of the network (see below).

Website arrangements: As you may be aware, the new EASA website allows some space for networks to set up their own webpages. Yet, somebody has to take up the responsibility to set up and develop such a webpage, in cooperation with people from *Nomad it* and EASA's Secretariat in Vienna.

In parallel, there are plans to set up a permanent website and e-mailing list, independent of EASA's website. To this end, one option available to us is the University of Madrid's *Campus Virtual*. However, alternative options may be pursued if any member/s of the network would like to take the initiative, and make a proposal in this regard.

Is there anyone who would like to volunteer for the task of webmaster (or 'webweaver'!) to the network's website?

Directory of Members: The Directory of members of the network is also in need of updating and completing. Would you please download the [directory form](#), fill it out and send it to me at: abarrera@cps.ucm.es? This is a request addressed specifically to new members of the network; but I would also like to ask those who already sent their profile time ago, please to update it and send it again (just a matter of some cut&paste, and a quick updating of relevant info).

In sum, it is our hope that the coming EASA conference in Ljubljana will mark the consolidation of this network, and a substantial expansion of its activities. To meet these goals we are in dire need of your personal involvement and initiative.

LIT Verlag series on Europeanist Anthropology: We are in talks and negotiations with Dr Veit D. Hopf, general editor of the *Ethnologie/Anthropologie* collections at LIT Verlag publishers, to start a new series on Europeanist Anthropology/Ethnology. This might be a very useful tool for the development of the network's publishing projects. I

will keep you updated on the outcome of these talks. Any alternative proposals on the issue would be most welcome.

Wenner-Gren Foundation workshop: A W-G funded workshop will take place in Paris, 25-27 October 2007, on the theme: *Anthropology in Europe. Facing the Challenges of European Convergence in Higher Education and in Research*. This workshop is meant as a preliminary/planning meeting linked to the proposed endeavour to carry out the mapping and reviewing (a drawing of the 'state of the art') of the fields of Socio-Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology in Europe. If you would like to have more information on this event, please pay a visit to: www.u-paris10.fr/dep_ethno, by going under 'Actualités'. It goes without saying that if this project does eventually go ahead, it will require the involvement of professional anthropologists, and the institutions they are affiliated to, all over Europe. One issue we may discuss during the Ljubljana's business meeting is in what ways members of the Europeanist network might get involved in the development of the proposed scholarly endeavour.

W-G new Grant Programme: You may have heard of a newly established grant program at the Wenner-Gren Foundation, named "Institutional Development Grants". The aim of these grants is "to support the growth and development of anthropological doctoral programs in countries where the discipline is underrepresented". Just take a look at the call and see if your emerging department or institute falls into this category. It is a very good opportunity for getting some substantial funding for the development of your doctoral program: <http://www.wennergren.org/programs/>.

I will keep waiting for your reactions and suggestions as regards the issues raised above. Also, please do not forget to send your updated academic profile for the building of a new Directory of Members.

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