



EUROPEAN *dyslexia*  
ASSOCIATION  
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COMMUNIQUÉ  
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
*20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> of January 2012 in Växjö/Sweden*

1) The next Meetings of the Board of Directors have been fixed:

.) San Marino 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2012

.) Paris 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 (or 30.11.-2.12.2012)

2) The 3<sup>rd</sup> EDA Community Summer School will be staged from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 again in San Marino. As the Board wants to keep the structure and setting, attendants nominated by EDA-member organisations will be given priority for places. The board has invited Mrs. Androulla Vassiliou, EU Commissioner for Education to attend.

Day 1: Training teachers and associated staff (i.e. "Adult learner trainers")

Day 2: Dyslexia and IT, including typing as primary cultural ability

Day 3: Adult dyslexia

The Board will send a flyer early 2012. Further information will be published February 2012 at the website.

Application procedures will be published on the website from February and via newsletter.

3) The Annual General Assembly of the EDA will take place in the frame of the EDA Community Summer School on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2012, 3.00 p.m. in San Marino. Formal Convocation and the agenda will be sent out before 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2012. Nominations for election to become Board Director of the EDA are welcome.

4) The Board has fixed the IV. All-European Dyslexia Conference, which will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> (evening) to 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2013 in cooperation with the Linnaeus University in Växjö, Sweden. **Please avoid planning any major events in this period.** Further details will be displayed on the EDA Website in the near future.

5) The EDA is involved EUPALT project. The EDA was invited from the Project Leaders for the dissemination parts. EUPALT has been accepted from the EU agencies.

6) Our member DYSPEL, Luxemburg, coordinates a Grundtvig Project (European Lifelong Learning Project): DYSSpeLD – Roadmap for Teacher and Adult learner training. EDA is an Associate Partner in this project. EDA members will be contacted by the coordinator DYSPEL for comments regarding the results. The final outcome will be a Teacher Training Course - to be finalised by June 2013. This TTC will be available online, free of charge.

7) Board Director Christina Sczygiel represented the EDA at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the (American) International Dyslexia Association (IDA), held in Chicago, USA on 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2011 and strengthens the ties between EDA and IDA.

8) The EDA is pleased to announce the launch of the website [www.dyslexia.eu.com](http://www.dyslexia.eu.com) dedicated to showcasing European projects on dyslexia (please forward the next paragraphs to eU-projects leaders you are aware of).

This website will be live from 1st of March 2012. Useful information and homepage links from EU funded projects and other projects of European interest can be placed on the dedicated EDA website [www.dyslexia.eu.com](http://www.dyslexia.eu.com) during the course of the project.

The aim is to disseminate information about the projects to a wide audience and spread good practice.

This website will therefore become an important source of information about dyslexia in the international context and a point of reference for those wishing to access and build upon existing and previous project work.

Project leaders wishing to post information on the website please e-mail [contact-eda@eda-info.eu](mailto:contact-eda@eda-info.eu) for further details.

Posting during the life of the projects is free. Space on the website will be limited to a description of the main project

aims, outcomes and useful information, but links can be given to project homepages for further information.

There is a fee of 250 Euros for the continued posting of the information after the end of the project, as a means of dissemination. This covers a period of 5 years after the end of the project. Project leaders may wish to build this cost into their project planning as an excellent way to ensure continued and wide dissemination of results.

It is hoped that by bringing together contributors from all around Europe in this way the EDA can provide share experiences, support each other and move quickly towards a Dyslexia Friendly Europe.

- 9) Please visit regularly the new EDA website address [www.eda-info.eu](http://www.eda-info.eu) and inform your members about this change. The EDA intends to translate all contents into European languages. Your association's help is asked to translate the content in most European languages!

To cover the costs of its activities the Board decided to accept clearly separated adverts from serious commercial partners in the field of DYS on [www.eda-info.eu](http://www.eda-info.eu) under a clear Legal Information of Non-Endorsement.

- 10) In accordance with the European Blind Unions the EDA has successfully submitted a petition to the European Parliament.

This petition concerning our issue was „fast-tracked" onto the agenda of the European Parliaments Petitions Committee meeting on 3rd October 2011 and has been accepted.

The Petitions Committee chaired by Mrs. Erminia Mazzoni (EPP, IT) decided to leave the case open and to address urgently an oral question, with draft resolution, to the Commission and the Council in the EP plenary on this issue.

This will happen in one of the EP Plenary's sessions March/May/June 2012.

- 11) The board created a new Financial Development Committee. The purpose is to develop the principles for sponsorship and advertising activities of the EDA. It is chaired by EDA-Treasurer Rudy Vandevoorde.

- 12) In the last communiqué you were informed that the adherent membership of the Kärntner Landesverband Legasthenie (Austria- Carinthian Dyslexia Association) was terminated. A registered letter informing them of this was sent on 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2011.

As it has been noted that the Kärntner Landesverband Legasthenie still uses the words "Member of the EDA" and materials which are intellectual property of the EDA on their publications and website. A second letter has been sent from the Board informing them that this is inappropriate and should cease immediately.

Best wishes

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*on behalf of*

*Dr. Anne-Marie Montarnal, Secretary of the EDA*