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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The EARLI SIG 13 has a Newsletter! Its purpose is to offer all SIG 13 members a forum for matters related to research on moral and democratic education. The newsletter welcomes contributions from all SIG 13 members at all academic levels, senior researchers as well as juniors. The intention is to support and strengthen the community, and to promote a fruitful dialogue on research-related issues. However, please note that opinions expressed in the newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of SIG 13 as a whole.

The SIG 13 Newsletter will be published twice a year, preferably in spring and autumn. In addition, special issues may be published for special occasions, for example, prior to the biannual EARLI meetings. The newsletter will be distributed via e-mail to all SIG 13 members, and published on the SIG 13 homepage. The newsletter will also be distributed to members of the executive committee of EARLI.

The newsletter is produced in several steps. First there will be a **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS** to all SIG 13 members. The authors can e-mail their contributions directly to the editor, who will edit the newsletter according to the layout and disposition of the newsletter template. After this the editor will send the complete (but not yet published) newsletter to the joint coordinators. The joint coordinators proofread the proposed newsletter. If nothing needs to be corrected – the newsletter will then be distributed. If corrections are required, the joint coordinators will return the newsletter to the editor with a detailed description of what that needs to be adjusted.

In order to make the newsletter a reality, your contributions are significant. Please see the **GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS** for detailed information. It is important to encourage wide participation, and that is why a broad spectrum of contributions is welcomed. Perhaps you want to discuss a research problem? Or pose a question that can be answered by senior researcher in the same issue? Summaries of new dissertations are also most welcome, as are English summaries of articles written in non-English languages. You can also use the newsletter to inform your colleagues about new books, or recommend old goodies, interesting upcoming events, and invite others to take part in your future research plans. If you have published an article or book, we would all like to know! You can also draw the members' attention to worthwhile articles or books. There will also be some regular features in the newsletter, e.g. **THREE QUESTIONS**, which enables a specific member to present himself or herself to the readership. Our aim is for the newsletter to be used, not just read, and for it to develop in line with the SIG 13 members' engagement.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please read the **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS** and **GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS**, and send your text to the interim editor (Anna.Tapola@hik.se).

Kind regards,

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The Notice Board

This is where you can find information about upcoming events, conferences, workshops, new books, job announcements, other opportunities, etc.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

EARLI SIG 13 2008 will be held in Florina, Greece, 24–27 August, 2008. This is the first SIG 13 symposium that takes place between the regular EARLI conferences. See further information below or go to the symposium website (www.eled.uowm.gr/sig13).

EARLI biannual SIG conferences

Information about all the SIG biannual meetings in 2008 is available at the website (www.earli.org/conferences/SIG-Conferences).

AME 2008 (Association for Moral Education)

The annual conference will be held 13–16 November at University of Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, USA.

More information at www.nd.edu/~ame2008/

AERA 2009 (American Educational Research Association)

The annual meeting will be 13–17 April in San Diego, California, USA.

Please consult the website for more information (www.aera.net).

AME 2009 (Association for Moral Education)

The annual conference will be 2–4 July at Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

More information about the conference will be at the AME website later on.

EARLI 2009

The biannual conference will be in Amsterdam. 25–29 August.

Submission deadline (proposals): 31 October, 2008.

More information: www.earli2009.org/

JURE 2009 (Junior Researchers of EARLI)

The JURE pre-conference will be in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 23–25 August.

More information at the website (www.earli2009.org/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=1).

AERA 2010 (American Educational Research Association)

The annual meeting will be 30 April – 4 May in Denver, Colorado, USA.

Please consult the website for more information (www.aera.net).

AERA 2011 (American Educational Research Association)

The annual meeting will be 8–12 April in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

Please go to www.aera.net for more information later on.

EARLI 2011 biannual conference will take place in Exeter, United Kingdom, during the last week of August. Check the EARLI website for more information later on.

AERA 2012 (American Educational Research Association) 2012.
The annual meeting will be 13–17 April in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

BOOKS

You are welcome to inform the SIG 13 community about new books, written by yourself or someone else. Or, perhaps you want to recommend some good old once?

Patry, J-L., Weyringer, S. & Weinberger, A. (2007). Combining values and knowledge education. In D. N. Aspin & J. D. Chapman (Eds.). *Values education and lifelong learning*. Dodrecht: Springer.

Call for Contributions

All SIG 13 members are cordially invited to contribute to the newsletter. The next SIG 13 Newsletter is planned to be launched during the autumn 2008. Please send your proposals, texts, photos, and other contributions to the interim editor (Anna.Tapola@hik.se).

Deadline: 31 October 2008

Upcoming meeting

The First SIG 13 Symposium

The first SIG 13 symposium will take place in Florina (Greece) in August. The meeting is organised by Dimitris Pnevmatikos and a local team. However, the SIG 13 joint coordinators, Cees Klaassen and Jean-Luc Patry, are also members of the organising committee. The organisers have received about 25 proposals from the SIG 13 members. Taking into consideration this is the first SIG 13 biannual meeting, there appears to be a substantial interest from the members to take part of the event.

- How many participants do you expect to turn up in Florina?

The question goes to Dimitris:

I expect that about 20 SIG or EARLI Members and 15–20 colleagues from my and other Greek universities and post-graduate students should participate at the Symposium. However, I do not have the exactly number of participants until now.

The meeting will open in the evening 24 August with a reception at the University of Western Macedonia, School of Education, in the town Florina (approximately 16.000 inhabitants). After this event the participants will go to the actual conference venue in Nymphaeum, which – according to tourist information – appears to be a picturesque old village with cobble stones and folk arts.

The two following days are allocated for various meeting, research presentations, and other matters that are of concern to the SIG 13 community. After the Wednesday's morning meeting the group will have the opportunity to go to Vergina, which is an archaeological site. After this visit the group will be bussed to Thessaloniki.

Vergina is an ancient burial site of Macedonian kings, and it was also their first capital. Nowadays, Vergina has gained the title of being a World Heritage-site. It is also called the Royal Tombs, and the place has been the scene for many remarkable historical events. For example, the former king Phillip II was assassinated there during his daughter Cleopatra's wedding. One of the tombs probably belonged to Phillip II. The Golden Larnax at the Museum of Vergina, contains the remains of the king.

Macedonia and the rest of northern Greece seems to be permeated with major historical events. Florina is situated very close to the Albanian border and the border to Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, a part of Balkan that has been subject to political turmoil during the 1990's. So, even if the Greek northern region to some extent is off the most common tourist itineraries, foreigners – and indeed their armies – appear to have troubled the area ever since ancient times.

ANNA TAPOLA

Additional information:

The symposium website (www.eled.uowm.gr/sig13)

Kastoria http://www.ditikimakedonia-region.com/en_contents.asp?id=95&category=107

Dispelio http://www.ditikimakedonia-region.com/en_contents.asp?id=97&category=107

The SIG 13 Business Meeting 2007

Report on the business meeting of the SIG 13 Moral and Democratic Education held on Wednesday, 29 August, 19.30-20.25 at the 12th Biennial EARLI conference in Budapest, Hungary.

The agenda of this meeting was as follows:

1. The election of the next joint coordinator
2. Proposal for SIG meeting between the EARLI conference
3. The publication plan
4. The idea of a bi-annual prize: suggestions and procedures
5. The Newsletter for the SIG
6. Recruitment of new Members
7. Suggestions and planning of other possible SIG activities

Ad 1. The business meeting was opened by Nava Maslovaty and chaired by Cees Klaassen, (who by the way is also responsible for these minutes of the meeting). Nava Maslovaty was thanked by the chair for all the work she has done and for her contributions to the well-being of the SIG 13. The hope was expressed that she is willing to advise the present coordinators now and then in order to keep the SIG in good shape.

Ad 2. The members were informed about the possibility to get some funding for any in-between activities outside the bi-annual conferences. These (European) activities can be funded by EARLI to the maximal (two year) amount of 2500 Euro. Because there are no possibilities to accumulate this amount over a few years it is not possible to plan a very broad attended in-between workshop or something like that. Later on in the meeting we had a discussion about our SIG publication activities and the suggestion came to the fore to ask to use the 2500 Euro for travelling and overnight costs for the authors preparing the book.

There will be an in-between meeting of SIG-members in Florina (Greece) in the form of a symposium. There will also be a business meeting at this conference where we can discuss the possibility and preparation of a new SIG publication in the form of a book which expresses the European approach of our SIG to the themes and problems under study.

Ad 3. The joint coordinators of the past years Cees Klaassen and Nava Maslovaty are preparing a book with contributions of the Budapest conference. There are already various publication activities underway.

Ad 4. Nava Maslovaty intends to start a foundation to grant two types of award with the Participation of SIG 13 “Moral and Democratic Education” (MDE.) in EARLI. The purpose of these awards will be to encourage expert and young scientists to participate actively in the activities of the special interest group 13 : Moral and Democratic Education, and to publish excellent works in scientific journals, to cooperate with scientists from various countries. The idea is that the Awards will be given once every two years at the bi-annual conference of the Association and the interest group. The amount of €000 will be divided into two: One for the best paper by a young scientist in the SIG 13 “Moral and Democratic Education” (MDE.) in EARLI and another one for the best article written and published by a member of the MDE special interest group 13 in the course of the last two years. The two types of award will be given jointly with the judgment and recommendation of the interest group and with the approval of the Foundation. Every two years the total amount mentioned above will be divided for both types of award by SIG 13 “Moral and Democratic Education” in EARLI in collaboration with and participation of the Foundation.

Ad 5. There are plans to make a newsletter for the SIG. Anna Tapola will think about the construction and suggestions for the content of this newsletter in close contact with Cees Klaassen and Jean-Luc Patry. Members of the SIG will be asked to contribute to this newsletter so that it can have a strong communicative function. In the newsletter special attention will be paid to present and future plans and developments of research projects and programs.

Ad 6. Every member of the SIG is asked to make suggestions for new members. It would be nice to send the newsletter of the SIG also to potential new members.

Ad 7. This year we have organized three symposia in the Budapest meeting two regular and one invited symposium and an invited paper was read by Fritz Oser (on Painful learning and learning for hope). At the meeting the suggestion was made to try to organize one more symposium in the next conference in Amsterdam.

After the formal meeting members were invited to celebrate together in a dinner in town.

CEES KLAASSEN

Three Questions to Jean-Luc Patry

- Why is moral and democratic education important?

Today's societies are dominated by ideas of "making of", by ideas of what can be done. Science has provided us with a huge progress. Anything can be achieved, it seems. But should be done what can be done? How important is responsibility in our societies? The recent discussions about global warming, sustainable development and the like show that sensitivity for moral issues has increased dramatically in the last decades. From an ethical standpoint this is highly positive. But are the members of the society ready for this debate? I think that improvements in moral competence is urgent – not in the sense of promoting

specific values, but in the sense of moral sensitivity and, particularly, moral argumentation. The central challenges of today's and tomorrow's world will not be met adequately with ideological slogans but with responsible decisions based on knowledge of facts and moral arguments.

Responsible judgments by everyone are the more important since in democracies everyone is required to participate in decision making. Democracy itself is ethically justified, but its quality is fully dependent upon the quality of the deciders – the people. Again, the better decisions are argued for, the better they are. And again, facts and values need to be taken into account herewith. →

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Combining Values and Knowledge Education:

This is the project "VaKE"

which combines dilemma

discussion and knowledge acquisition

in a constructivist way. Other issues are

situation specificity and methodical issues.



PERSONAL FILE

Hidden talents:

Saying no (I had to learn this the hard way, and maybe it's still not a real talent)

Listen to: The whole spectrum, with Beethoven at the top of the pyramid.

My (not any more) secret bolthole:

Everywhere with no telephone and email

Favourite (non-scientific) book: Kurt Tucholsky: Schloss Gripsholm

This indicates clearly that the aim is not to confront values education with knowledge education in the sense of a competition (doing values education as an inhibition of knowledge education, and vice versa). Rather, it is important to render values and knowledge education complementary in the sense that one is done in reference to the other and vice versa. Sustainability in both senses of the word – long term effects and responsibility – will be achieved only if facts and values are seen as two sides of the same medal and treated such in education.

- Why are you engaged in SIG 13?

Educational aims such as the ones presented above are best served if they are firmly justified and if the educational principles to achieve them are well based on scientific research and theory building. This requires (1) solid scientific research and (2) international cooperation. EARLI is devoted to both aims, and SIG 13 is devoted to the content area of moral and democratic education. That's why the SIG 13 makes sense.

- How do you want the SIG 13 community to develop?

The SIG unites a group of highly competent researchers. Their work can be rendered even more powerful, I think, if their

cooperation is increased. The future of the field will depend on whether the members of the SIG not only exchange information and communicate about their mutual research work, including joint publications in edited volumes, conferences, and – an innovation – the newsletter, but if they engage in joint research work. One could imagine, in some time, that a joint project will be submitted, for instance within the FP 7 program of the EU – this might be a very fruitful endeavor.

Similarly there is the need to solve some issues that are particular to our field, although they should be discussed in other fields as well. Moral and democratic education has necessarily (and more explicitly than elsewhere) to do with values. Yet many researchers (and most members of EARLI, I think) perceive research as purely empirical work where values decisions have to be avoided. It is a question of honesty as well as of transparency that researchers admit the values decisions they necessarily make and hence make it available for argumentation and critique. If the SIG can proceed in this direction and establish a dialogue on these values, this would be a strong step forward. The “three questions” section of the Newsletter is an excellent starting point for this.

Important Message to All New Doctors

- Have you recently* graduated from your doctoral studies?
- Is your dissertation topic relevant to moral and democratic education?
- Would you consider publishing a summary of your treatise in the SIG 13 Newsletter?

If you respond yes to these questions, please contact the interim editor (Anna.Tapola@hik.se) for further details. The newsletter's readership is surely interested in your work, and this could be a great opportunity for you to let a broader spectrum of scholars be acquainted with your thesis.

* Recently means the last two years.

Three Questions to Cees Klaassen

- Why is moral and democratic education important?

In the postmodern condition society has become more complex and demanding. Students must learn to interact with each other in a pluralistic society that lacks a unified moral basis. Stimulating democratic citizenship and the development of moral values in education may help students to live consciously in their social context and may contribute to a better world.

- Why are you engaged in SIG 13?

SIG 13 provides a more heterogeneous forum for research and theorizing moral and democratic education than the more well known American conferences and

American handbooks in this field. In the last years SIG 13 is developing into an interesting research community that fulfils important functions for their members.

- How do you want the SIG 13 community to develop?

I would like to see that in the coming years more younger researchers and theorists would participate in the SIG. Another thing that I would like to see is that the SIG not only tries to conduct conferences and to publish books and research reports but will also promote intensive networks among researchers working in the field of democratic and moral education and development.

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PERSONAL FILE

Hidden talents: Please, see next page.

Listen to: different

kinds of music. I am an omnivore: jazz from the fifties, popmusic from the sixties; classical music: Italian baroque and of course Bach and Mozart; opera: Belcanto, but also old and new fado music. Modern R and B.

My (not any more) secret bolthole:

Ramatuelle in France

Favourite (non-scientific) book The

books of William Styron; Fedor Dostoyevsky, Sigmund Freud and Philip Roth.

Lasagna a la Cees

To prepare the newsletter I was asked by Anna Tapola to say something about my hidden talents. My first reaction was that you must ask this to other people or to one of my colleagues. But then I read, "Cees, don't be shy. What is it? Maybe you are the master of cooking lasagne?" You can understand that this triggered me. I had tried to escape in a Freudian way the question of my hidden talents. But one of the things, I do know, is some cooking, I will present you a (non-scientific) recipe of lasagne that fits both the post-modern social categories of vegetarians and non-vegetarians. The difference is important but in my eyes the problem can be solved in an easy way: If you want to taste meat you can add a layer of minced meat with the tomato sauce. As you see, sometimes life can be easy and quite comfortable, even with cooking some nice things. By the way, I can't help it, my daughter Ann-Louise has once coined this stuff: "lasagne á la Cees". I can't help it.

Directions:

- Make sure you have a baking dish with raised edges (+- 5 cm high). Preheat oven to 180°C.
- Wash the broccoli florets and put them in lightly salted water and bring to a boil. Cover pan and simmer for 5 minutes. After that drain off the liquids.
- Meanwhile brown the minced meat together with the mushrooms in a frying pan using the olive oil. Additionally add the chopped garlic and salt to season the mix of mushrooms and minced meat.
- Mix the grated Dutch cheese with the soft curd cheese. Put the mix of minced meat and mushrooms in the baking dish
- Add a layer of lasagna noodles. Top noodles with pasta sauce. Add another layer of lasagna noodles. Top this layer with the shortly boiled broccoli florets. Put a final layer of lasagna noodles on

Ingredients

- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 package of no-boil lasagna noodles (or 2 to be on the safe side)
- Fresh mushrooms (250 gr), sliced
- 1 jar of pasta sauce with Italian herbs (500 ml)
- Grated Dutch cheese (200 gr)
- 2 heads of fresh broccoli, chopped
- Soft curd cheese (250 gr)
- Olive oil
- Salt
- (Minced meet of your choice)

top. Finish the lasagna off by putting the mixture of grated cheese and soft curd cheese on top.

- Put the lasagna in the preheated oven and bake for 50 minutes. Make sure to check the lasagna and its top layer of cheese after 30-40 minutes of baking time to prevent the top from burning.

Tip:

If you're a vegetarian, use extra mushrooms or other kinds of mushrooms as a substitute for the minced meat. If you are not a vegetarian, remind the advice of Cees to add minced meat, which may also please you. As a variation to this original recipe, you can also replace the grated Dutch cheese by some Italian gorgonzola cheese. Don't forget a nice wine, the choice is yours.

Guidelines for Authors

Members are encouraged to submit texts and other contributions to the SIG 13 Newsletter. This newsletter is intended to be a service for the members – an opportunity to learn and to gain from other people's experiences. By submitting contributions to the newsletter, each author is assumed to fully accept the guidelines below. However, these guidelines are not set in stone: readers are cordially invited to suggest improvements. Please send any suggested changes for the better to the interim editor (Anna.Tapola@hik.se). After a period of 'trial and error' the present tentative guidelines will be adjusted, and then set at forthcoming SIG 13 Business meeting.

Formats

SIG 13 Newsletter welcomes contributions in varying formats, for example:

- Reports can consist of short summaries from meetings or other events of interest to the SIG 13 community.
- The Notice Board consists of short announcements where notices will be published under categories (and subheadings) such as Forthcoming meetings (including conferences, workshops, summer schools etc), Books, Job Announcements, etc.
- Articles enable the author to develop and explore a line of argument of interest to the readership.

Language and manuscript

Many of us have first languages other than English. Even so, in the newsletter we will stick to English as our good old lingua franca.

- Contributions should be submitted electronically to the interim editor (Anna.Tapola@hik.se). Send your contributions as an attachment to an e-mail. Please use Word-files for text (doc suffix). Photos, tables, illustrations or other figures can be submitted as jpg, eps, or Photoshop files.
- The author's identity and e-mail address must be provided on the top of the first manuscript page. Below that, please add the following sentence:
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