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Deadline for messages to be included in the next issue of this newsletter is February 15, 2007.

ESERA Executive Elections 2007

According to the timetable for the ESERA Executive Elections 2007, the nomination procedure will open on February 1, 2007. From that date a nomination form will be available on the ESERA website. Candidates are asked to provide up to 250 words in support of their candidature and a photograph. Please note that all nominations must be supported by a proposer and a seconder who are both personal members of the Association and who are nationals of different European countries.

For more info about the nomination procedure and timetable for the elections go to the News section of the ESERA Website

New PhDs

The following abstract of a recently completed PhD has been added to the ESERA Website. Congratulations to:

- Niina Nurkka – [Developing and evaluating a research-based teaching-learning sequence on the moment of force](#)

Get direct access to this abstract by clicking on the title

Girls in the Physics Classroom Report

Following the presentation on the 'Girls in the Physics Classroom Report' at the ESERA Conference 2005 in Barcelona, the report (which was co-authored by Liz Whitelegg and Patricia Murphy at the Open University) was published in June 2006 by the Institute of Physics. The report was the result of an extensive review of research on the participation of girls in physics, and in science, at secondary level.

The report points to the complex web of interconnecting factors that affects girls' participation and makes a number of recommendations. A second report, due to be published shortly, takes key messages from the research review and suggests strategies that teachers can undertake to examine and improve their own practice in the classroom. Both reports and two associated Teachers' TV programmes will be put onto a DVD for circulation by the Institute of Physics.

For direct access to the research review go to:
www.iop.org

European Commission looks to experts to stimulate science education

The European Commission has announced the creation of a group to look at what action can be taken in Europe to support science education in primary and secondary schools. The group will be chaired by Michel Rocard, former French prime minister and now member of the European Parliament. The four other group members are distinguished scientists with a long lasting experience and a particular interest in science education: Peter Csermely, Doris Jorde, Dieter Lenzen and Harriet Wallberg-Henriksson. The group will formulate policy recommendations designed to improve the way that Europe approaches science teaching and ensure future generations are properly prepared for a

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society and economy that relies on knowledge as a driving force.

GRID portal

The GRID website offers representative initiatives selected as good practice in science education, to serve as role models and inspiration for science teachers across Europe. The website allows you to browse more than 500 science education initiatives, more than 70 science education reports with a direct impact on schools and over 300 links related to science education organisations, associations, journals, portals, museums, science events, networks and e-learning materials.

Science & the Public Conference 2007

Theme: Science & the Public. Venue: Imperial College London, UK. Date: May 19, 2007. Deadline for abstracts: March 1, 2007.

GIREP-EPEC Conference 2007

Theme: Frontiers in Physics Education. Venue: Opatija, Croatia. Dates: August 26-31, 2007. Deadline for registration and abstracts: April 15, 2007.

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