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This electronic newsletter is a service to the members of ESERA provided by the ESERA Executive.

Earlier issues of this newsletter can be found on the ESERA Website.

Deadline for messages to be included in the next issue of this newsletter is October 15, 2006.

**ESERA Conference 2007: Call for contributions – Reminder**

Deadline for submission of contributions to the ESERA Conference 2007 in Malmö, Sweden: January 1, 2007.

For more info go to:  
[www.mna.hkr.se](http://www.mna.hkr.se)

**ESERA Summer School 2008**

ESERA is proud to announce that its Summer School 2008 will be held at the *National Science Learning Centre* in York, UK.

The summer school is being organised by staff at the Universities of York, Leeds and Durham. The chair of the organising committee is Robin Millar.

**ESERA Conference 2009 and Summer School 2010: Call for bids**

The ESERA Executive Board invites bids to host the ESERA Conference 2009 and Summer School 2010. The conferences are self-financing, although a small grant from ESERA (currently 5000 Euros) may be used to subsidise the attendance of participants from central and eastern Europe.

Bids (in electronic form) should reach the ESERA secretary, Justin Dillon, on or before December 31, 2006. E-mail: [justin.dillon@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:justin.dillon@kcl.ac.uk)

Bids should indicate the following:

- the applicants' names and institutions
- the names of the organising committee
- the proposed location of the conference (with a description of the venue)
- previous involvement of the organisers in ESERA events (particularly previous summer schools in bids to host the Summer School 2010)
- a rationale (500-1000 words) indicating why the bid should be chosen.

The successful bids will be announced in March 2007.

**ESERA Executive Elections 2007**

At the ESERA Conference 2007 the ESERA members need to elect five new board members and a new president, secretary and treasurer – as Graça Carvalho (Portugal), Justin Dillon (England – secretary), Doris Jorde (Norway – president), Koos Kortland (Netherlands – treasurer) and Jouni Viiri (Finland) have served their term of four years on the executive. Rosa Maria Sperandeo-Mineo (Italy) and Manuela Welzel (Germany) will continue to serve as board members for another two years after the 2007 conference.

The nomination procedure will open on February 1 and close on July 31, 2007.

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

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.

#### **New PhDs**

The following abstracts of recently completed PhDs have been added to the ESERA Website. Congratulations to you all:

- Camilla Schreiner – [Exploring a ROSE-garden: Norwegian youth's orientations towards science – seen as signs of late modern identities](#)
- Gultekin Cakmakci – [A cross-sectional study of the understanding of chemical kinetics among Turkish secondary and undergraduate students](#)
- Michiel Doorman – [Modelling motion: from trace graphs to instantaneous change](#)

#### **Job advertisements**

- The Graduate School of Science Education at the University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany) seeks 12 candidates for a scholarship financed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Starting date: January 1, 2007.
- The Faculty of Education of the University of Ottawa (Ontario, Canada) is seeking candidates who are interested in the area of Science Education (tenure track position). Starting date: January 1, 2007 or July 1, 2007.

#### **Call for papers: special issue of *Science Education***

In 2007 *Science Education* will publish a special issue and institute a new section of the journal focusing on 'Science Studies & Science Education'.  
Deadline: March 31, 2007.

#### **International Scientific – Practical Conference**

Theme: Using Information & Communication Technologies in the process of Science Education. Venue: University of Siauliai, Lithuania. Dates: December 1-2, 2006.

#### **Report: Science Teaching in Schools in Europe – Policies and Research**

A new report has been published by EURYDICE, focusing on science teaching in thirty European countries at primary and general lower secondary level.

#### **ARKive teaching resource**

ARKive is a centralised library of films and photographs of the world's endangered species – freely accessible for internal educational purposes. Includes websites for a variety of users (11 years old and upwards), for children aged 7-11 and for teachers and other educators.

#### **New Xplora Portal**

European Schoolnet announces the launch of its new and improved Xplora website, a major European hub for the science education community.

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