

Annual Conference 2014: Ohrid, Macedonia

21st EUROCLIO Annual Professional Development Course

HISTORY EDUCATION BEYOND BORDERS

HOW CAN WE SHARE OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE?



In partnership with: Association of History Educators of Macedonia (ANIM)

Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia
31 March - 6 April 2014

The aims of the conference are:

- ◆ To promote **cooperation among History Educators in Macedonia** from all communities through the uniting banner of ANIM – the Association of History Educators in Macedonia.
- ◆ To enhance the **ongoing reform “Steps towards Integrated Education” of the Ministry of Education in Republic of Macedonia.**
- ◆ To launch a **sustainable platform for regional cooperation** on history, heritage and cultural education by bringing together heads of international missions (CoE, EU, OSCE, UNICEF, UNESCO as well as a variety of donor/stakeholders) with key history education policy makers, curriculum developers and textbook authors
- ◆ To present and valorise the results **common project “History that Connects”** of the History Teachers Associations of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia by exploring the theme of how to teach sensitive and controversial history.
- ◆ To explore multi-religious and multi-cultural society in the Republic of Macedonia through the lenses of Bitola, Struga and Ohrid by sharing experiences and **on-site learning with heritage preservation experts.**
- ◆ To discuss with a wide European History and Heritage Education public of Education leaders about the **relevance and complexity of the history of the Balkan/South East European region** by stressing the history of dialogue, everyday living together and mutual understanding.
- ◆ To develop a common understanding of innovative and responsible **history as a tool for reconciliation, peace, stability and democracy.**
- ◆ To transform the shared experiences of integrated and cross-border history education in diverse societies into tangible **guidelines for educators and policy-makers.**



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“Unlike historians school pupils will not claim to generate ‘new’ public knowledge from the study of (selected) historical evidence; they will generate new private understanding.”

Husbandcs, C. (1993: 26)

Editorial

In this issue of the HTA newsletter, we are featuring a report about the annual conference course organised by EUROCLIO last April. This year's theme was 'Reflecting remembrance: teaching history for a common culture of remembrance?' In the meantime, information about next year's conference due to be held in Ohrid, Macedonia is already circulating.

We encourage you to keep following us on Facebook as from time to time we post links which are of interest to us history teachers. For example, recent developments concerning the drafting of England's history curriculum are indeed worthy of notice because they show the struggle over the subject knowledge that is going to be included in the primary and secondary curriculum.

Finally we wish you all happy holidays during the summer recess.

Alex Cutajar

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to teaching aspects of remembrance. As such it provided us with the opportunity to participate in an enriching dialogue among a community of history educators coming from all over Europe. The insights we gained from these workshops about how such topics of German-Jewish history and the Cold War era can be taught in the history classroom in interesting and appealing ways will help improve our everyday teaching experiences.

During the conference the HTA also cast its votes for the election of the new EUROCLIO board for the next scholastic year.

Our participation in this conference was made possible by a Lifelong Learning Programme Comenius In-Service grant.

Ms J. Bugeja
Mr A. Cutajar



Mr Keith Lowe making his key-note speech.

EUROCLIO CONFERENCE 2013

EUROCLIO has just organised its 20th Annual Conference in Erfurt, Germany between 7 and 13 April 2013. The theme was 'Reflecting remembrance: teaching history for a common culture of remembrance?' Our Association was represented by Ms J. Bugeja and Mr. A. Cutajar who are here briefing us about the proceedings.

EUROCLIO couldn't have chosen a more appropriate city for this year's conference to discuss the issue of remembrance—Erfurt. Erfurt is a city with a strong Jewish history, is close to Buchenwald Concentration Camp, and Alpha Check Point—the border between Communist East and Democratic West during the Cold War era—is a two hours drive away.

Reflecting the remembrance of the imprisonment and death of millions of Jews and political prisoners during World War II and the division between East and West constitutes very sensitive issues in history teaching and learning. How should teachers deal with such issues? What attitudes will students develop as a result of our teaching of these topics? Throughout the conference such questions of great pedagogical importance were always kept in view. The speeches, panel discussions, workshops, and visits to educational institutions centred around this debate.

The conference was a platform for discussing approaches



Noticeboard



The HTA (Malta) will be holding its Annual General Meeting on 1 July, 2013. We shall be meeting at the Faculty of Education Board Room, University of Malta, at 12:30.

Please send us your details if you would like to be a nominee for the committee election for the next scholastic year.



EUROCLIO has started the preparations for its Annual Conference which will take place in Ohrid, Macedonia. If you are interested please follow the link below.

More information is given on the last page of this newsletter.

<http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/2014-ohrid>