

PRESS RELEASE

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European Association for International Education

Council of International Education Associations to be established soon

During the Opening Plenary of the EAIE's 18th Annual Conference on Thursday 14 September 2006, Antoinette Charon Wauters, 2006 EAIE President, announced the plan for establishment of a new council: the Council of International Education Associations. The Council will be an association of non-profit, non-government international education associations from countries and regions throughout the world that share a common mission to advance internationalisation of education. The Council aims to advance the global learning of post-secondary education organisations through the exchange of information and dialogue, advocacy for international education, professional development, and discovery of new approaches to international education.

Activities and projects

Specific activities and projects of the Council will vary from year to year and undergo change over time. Initial activities will include the following:

- Access to member associations (eg posting URLs of member associations' websites; possibly a composite calendar of members associations' events).
- Participation at member association conferences (eg through panels, joint presentations on global issues, regional issues updates, co-sponsorship of speakers, assessments of new, proposed or needed national or global policies).
- Cross marketing of training and professional development programmes of member associations and possibly joint programming.
- Facilitate Council member associations' participation in joint research projects, especially those fostering new approaches to international education.
- Develop policy positions and advocacy as appropriate on international post secondary issues.
- Periodically organise a World Congress for International Education, in cooperation with member associations.

Meetings

The EAIE has been an active partner in the development of the Council and was proud to host the third preliminary meeting of the Council on Wednesday 13 September 2006 during the EAIE conference in Basel. This meeting was a follow-up to recent meetings during the AIEA conference in San Diego in February 2006 and the NAFSA conference in Montreal in May 2006. The following organisations were represented at the meeting in Basel: AIEA Association of International Education Administrators, AMPEI Asociación Mexicana para la Educación Internacional, APAIE Asia-Pacific Association for International Education, CBIE Canadian Bureau for International Education, CSC China Scholarship Council, EAIE European Association for International Education, IEAA International Education Association of Australia, IEAC International Educators Association of Canada, IEASA International Education Association of South Africa, ISANA International Education Association, JAFSA Japan Network for International Education, and KAFSA Korean Association of Foreign Student Administrators.

Governance and membership

A seven-member Executive Committee drawn from representatives of the members' associations will govern the Council. An interim executive committee will serve until the May 2007 meeting where formal establishment of the Council is planned to take place. After formal founding of the Council membership will be open to qualifying organisations meeting stated criteria and approved by a majority of the membership. There will be no individual or personal memberships.

Further information

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