

ECNAIS CONFERENCE

Sofia, Bulgaria

Thursday 23rd to Saturday 25th April 2009

Benchmarks and Values.

The Educational Systems in Europe are challenged by globalization.

In Europe there is an increasing tendency to collect, publish and compare the statistical data produced by the measurable outcome of National educational systems, or indeed, of individual schools. This is the result of academic testing such as PISA and National age-based tests.

These results are being used by politicians and the public as the basis on which to compare the success or failure of the systems or the schools.

At the same time, there is a growing awareness throughout Europe, of the need for Values within societies and communities and a desire to preserve national cultural identities.

Independent schools have been dedicated to the promotion of values and the concept of the “whole child” as an essential part of an education.

This conference will consider the conflict between education to benchmarks or values, and how the Independent schools may achieve a balance between them within the framework of modern society and the demands of democracy and human rights conventions.

Thursday 23rd April 2009

09.00 – 12.00 **Management Committee Meeting,
and
Formal ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
(open for members only)

12.00 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 – 16.00 **Pre-conference: The National School Association – objectives and
challenges**

Opening of the conference 2009

- 16.30 - CONFERENCE, opening
Music
Welcome by the Chairman of ECNAIS
Welcome by the President of Bulgarian Association of Private Schools
- Bulgarian history and educational system: two invited Bulgarian speakers**
- 20.00 – Dinner at Shipka Hotel

Friday 24th April 2009

- 09.00 – 12.30 School visits incl. lunch at the school
- 14.30 On “*Benchmarks*”
Mr. Anders Hingel
Head of Unit - Analysis and Studies
EU Commission
- Debate
- 16.15 Coffee break
- 16.45 On “*Values*” invited speaker
- Debate
- 18.15 Closure of the meeting
- 20.00 Official dinner

Saturday 25th April 2009

- 09.30 On “*Pedagogical approach to values in education*” invited speaker
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 Working groups: Reflections on the theme of the Conference
- 12.30 Conclusion and closure of conference
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 Departure to National Museum (optional)
- 17.30 Return to Shipka hotel

**CONFERENCE FEE
&
ACCOMMODATION
Hotel – “Shipka Hotel – Sofia - Bulgaria**

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| 1. | Conference fee – Management Committee Members:
Conference fee covers registration fee, conference material, administration costs etc.

Thursday 23/4: Lunch, 2 x coffee/tea + dinner,
Friday 24 /4 : Coffee/tea + dinner,
Saturday 25/4 : Coffee/tea + lunch
(Price for one person and no accommodation) | 395 Euro |
| 2. | Conference fee – other ECNAIS participants
Conference fee covers registration fee, conference material, administration costs etc.
Thursday 23/4: Coffee/tea + dinner,
Friday 24/4: Coffee/tea + dinner,
Saturday 25/4: Coffee/tea + lunch
(Price for one person and no accommodation) | 370 Euro |
| 3. | Accommodation (breakfast included)

1 night in a single room

1 night in a double room per room | 30 Euro

35 Euro |
| 4. | Accompanying person, who wishes to participate in the meals but not to attend the Conference | 125 Euro |
| 5. | Solidarity fee
This solidarity fee should be a small contribution enabling non-paying participants to attend The AGM, as they have very few means to deal with. | 35 Euro |
| 6. | Museum fee
Visit to the National History Museum in Sofia (optional) | 12 Euro |

RESERVATION FORM for ECNAIS Conference
23rd to 25th April 2009 - Sofia
“Shipka Hotel” – Sofia – Bulgaria

Name:	Organisation:
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Please make the following reservations for me (ref ANNEX 1)

		Price	Total
1.	Conference fee – Management Committee Members: Covers registration fee, conference material, Administration costs etc. (no accommodation)	395 Euro	
2.	Conference fee – other ECNAIS participants Covers registration fee, conference material, Administration costs etc. (no accommodation)	370 Euro	
3.	Accommodation		
	2 nights in a single room	60 Euro	
	3 nights in a single room	90 Euro	
	4 nights in a single room	120 Euro	
	2 nights in a double room (per room)	70 Euro	
	3 nights in a double room (per room)	105 Euro	
	4 nights in a double room (per room)	140 Euro	
4.	Accompanying persons not attending the conference	125 Euro	
5.	Accommodation – additional nights:		
	Single room Date(s):		
	Double room Date(s):		
6.	Solidarity fee	35 Euro	
7.	Visit to the National History Museum – Sofia, 25th April (optional)	12 Euro	
	TOTAL		
I (we) will arrive on April o’clock and leave on April o’clock			
Attending the “Pre-conference”		Yes:	No:

**Registration form for
ECNAIS AGM and Conference
23rd – 25th April 2009
Sofia**

Please use a separate registration form for each person registering and please type or use capital letters.

Name:	
Address:	
Organisation:	
Telephone:	Fax:
E.mail:	

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE SENT MY CONFERENCE FEE AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO:

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**PLEASE RETURN YOUR RESERVATION AND REGISTRATION
FORMS NO LATER THAN 20th MARCH 2009**

**BY FAX +45 70 20 26 43 or
E-MAIL secretariat@ecnais.org**

Date: _____

Signature: _____