

International news and information

EUSARF

The European Scientific Association for Residential and Foster Care for Children and Adolescents (EUSARF), in cooperation with the NCA Action For Children, recently organised a congress at the Royal Holloway University of London. The congress focused on Action For Families: linking research, practice and policy across Europe.

The conference brought together researchers, practitioners and policy makers from across Europe and North America, who explored research findings and innovations in practice within changing policy contexts. Important issues that all countries faced were how to create pro-active family support services, the increasing impact of social exclusion on families and how the State should strike a balance between supporting families and protecting children.

The proceedings of the congress entitled 'There is no place like home: supporting children in need and their families', held in Leuven in September 1995 and organised by EUSARF, are forthcoming.

EUSARF is a body of social scientists voluntarily banded together and concerned with the advancement of knowledge in the field of residential care, foster care and alternative types of care for children and young people with psycho-social problems, including young addicts.

The objects of the association are:

- the promotion of empirical and theoretical research;
- the exchange of information between the members of EUSARF and other associations throughout the world.

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FICE

The International Federation of Educative Communities (FICE) has started the exchange of knowledge and experience in 26 countries by means of organising study visits, international seminars and congresses. FICE offers the Professional Exchange Programme (PEP) as a direct service to its members. The addresses and brief descriptions of the institutions participating in this programme are published.

Information

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In 1998 FICE will be celebrating its *50th anniversary*. On the occasion of this historical milestone, a special international congress will be staged in Paris in 2000, a unique event to be prepared by the Dutch FICE section.

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