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NEED TO KNOW

30 November-2 December GPE Board of Directors Meetings, Siem Reap, Cambodia

These events will be highlighted by the trading of places between Marième Sakho Dansokho, EI Executive Board's member from Senegal, and African education unionist Juliet Sasagah Wajega, from Uganda. Juliet has expressed her enthusiasm to represent EI at the Global Partnership for Education's Board, responsible for setting the organisation's policies and strategies. She says that SDG 4 has increased demand for GPE support from developing countries, and poses funding challenges. She intends to turn focus toward increased resource mobilisation and coordination and monitoring; strategic, transparent and efficient use of the available resources, placing where the need is greatest; and innovations that are realistic and practical.

5 December Launch of latest Global Response study in Kenya

Education International's latest study on the commercialisation and privatisation of education will be launched by KNUT at a public event in Nairobi, bringing together affiliates from EI's member organisations in the country, civil society organisations and representatives from the Kenyan Education Ministry. The study, "Bridge vs Reality: a study of Bridge International Academies' for-profit schooling in Kenya," sheds light on the negative impact the for-profit edubusiness Bridge International

Academies is making on Kenya's education system. The report will be available on EI's website on 5 December. Angelo and Mar are both attending the event.


5-8 December ETUCE Regional Conference Belgrade, Serbia

Our colleagues on the 9th floor are working hard to prepare the Conference. Under the rallying theme "Empowering education trade unions: the key to promoting quality education", delegates from education unions across Europe are getting ready to vote on diverse resolutions, including those submitted by the ETUCE Committee. Ranging from the empowerment of education trade unions, to reinforcing equality, trade unions' role in addressing the education of refugees in Europe, and the situation affecting educators in Turkey, delegates have the opportunity to shape the future direction of the region.

The Policy Paper on 21st Century teaching profession and the use of ICT, the ETUCE Activity Report 2012-2016, and the 2017-2020 Work Programme are also to be debated.

Elections for the positions of ETUCE President, Vice-Presidents and country seats will also be held. The staff and trade union delegates will also thank and bid farewell to Martin Rømer, the current ETUCE Director, who is set to retire at the end of the event.



 December 2016

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS

8-9

ComNet
Belgrade, Serbia

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International Human Rights Day

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World Health Day

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International Migrants Day

[Full EI Calendar available here \(on Sharepoint - requires login\)](#)

BIRTHDAYS

01 Sarawathy VPILLAI

11 Victor BELAUD

20 Susan FLOCKEN

20 Faiqah ANUAR

27 Celestine ANTHANASAMY

28 Veronica LEITON

28 Wim THOMAERE

31 Claude CARROUÉ



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MEANWHILE IN THE OFFICE...



... Rocio on Secret Santa

The Secret Santa operation is ready to deploy once again at the Brussels offices! Hery and Claude plan to go door to door on Friday, 2 December, to draw the names individually - this way no one forgets and it'll add little more secrecy to the activity ☺

You then have until Thursday 15 December, to buy (under 10 euros please) or make a creative home-made, funny or practical gift for the person whose name you have drawn. We are going to exchange gifts before the staff meeting at 9:30am sharp in the 8th floor library area.

Be sure to bring your holiday spirit!

... Roberta on the Christmas lunch

The Brussels-based staff is invited to the annual Christmas lunch on Thursday 15 December at Cospaia - Rue Capitaine Crespel, 1.

RSVP – Roberta.Giaino@ei-ie.org



Wim's IT tip of the month

Please make sure before travelling abroad, to drop by the IT office with your EI electronic devices (phones, laptops, etc.) for a quick check-up and software update.

More info: wim.thomaere@ei-ie.org & ahmad.khalil@ei-ie.org

... Claude's review of Restobières

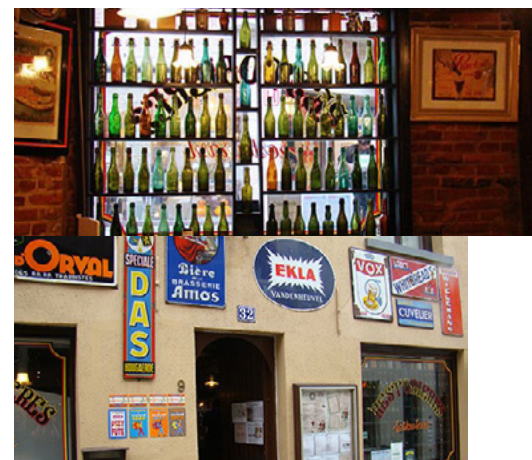
Located in the very heart of popular Brussels, Restobières is the place to enjoy tasty typical Brussels specialties, all prepared with the country's best beers.

The menu is made up of classics like country sausages and stoemp with Chouffe, meatballs Restobières, salmon steak with leeks and Kriek Girardin, to name only a few. But the food is only one of the attractions. From the moment you enter Restobières you'll be immersed in an original décor, made up of an endless collection of coffee, meat and cheese mills, chocolate boxes decorated with portraits of the royal family, and non the least cake trays and beer bottles from bygone breweries.

Restobières -

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www.restobieres.eu



STAFFING NEWS

Passing of the torch at the ETUCE

A changing of the guard at the ETUCE is underway with Susan Flocken preparing to take up her duties as European Director on 1st January, 2017, after the current Director, Martin Rømer, retires. With the ETUCE since 2009, Susan was selected by the ETUCE Committee and appointed by the EI General Secretary. We wish her success in her new position to develop and advocate for ETUCE policies and quality education for all throughout Europe over the coming year.



New vacancy at EI African Regional Office

A vacancy for a Regional Coordinator is opened in in the EIRAF region. More information on [EI website](http://ei-ie.org), and Raphaël. Applications must reach him by Friday, 2nd December, 2016.

Remembering Elie Jouen

The passing of Elie Jouen, a former EI Deputy General Secretary, colleague and friend to many, came as a shock. For the funeral, Fred and Charlie traveled to Valenton, near Paris, to pay their respects and celebrate his life alongside many friends and colleagues in the French trade union movement and beyond.

"He could be persuasive, of course, but he was a gentle, warm, generous person. He was a man of reason who

loved to debate and convince his interlocutors with carefully chosen arguments," said Fred in his tribute to Elie, before his wife Marie-Claire and his sons, François and Manuel. "Education International, which has occupied an important part of his life and work, owes many of its successes to Eli. We have lost a great leader, a great pioneer."



SPOTLIGHT

Learn about one of your colleagues each month when they step under the spotlight! This is the occasion to get to know each other a bit better as well as to discover the different roles and functions held in EI. This month: Serge Kikangala of Education International's headquarters. A Belgian national with Congolese origins, he has been working with EI for 21 years.



Serge Kikangala & Jackie Jackson
(The leader of the Jackson5)
Las Vegas, August 8, 2016

What are your main tasks within the EI headoffice? I manage translations as a whole, as well as the archiving of incoming and outgoing mail, and the stock of publications.

What about your work with EI do you enjoy the most? EI is an organisation allows me the chance to meet people from all over the world. For me, every encounter with affiliates is like traveling to a new place. Our organisation brings about terrific wealth through these encounters and exchanges with our colleagues and that's a wealth I've never experienced anywhere else. An EI World Congress in this regard is a discovery, because we learn so much, both professionally and personally. EI has allowed me the opportunity to travel to countries which I would never have visited otherwise, like Brazil, Canada, Thailand, and Zimbabwe. When we return from a congress we have a certain openness of mind, we see the world differently.

What keeps you busy away from work? My hobby has always been sport in general, and dance in particular. I volunteer as the manager of the hip hop company in which my daughter dances. I saw that there was tremendous potential in her dance coach, a choreographer who is very human, has style and, above all, a lot of talent.

I found it necessary to create a solid structure around his work, because he did everything, and by doing everything – from the administration to the dancing– you cannot do things perfectly.

To make things work better we created a legally recognised dance company, Final FX. We created the association in September 2014, after having represented Belgium in the under-17 category in Las Vegas, USA, at the World Hip Hop Dance Championship, the equivalent of hip hop's Olympics Games.

The team's success quickly led to greater interest in the company, and continues to grow as we again represented Belgium at the international hip hop competition.

The success is still there because in 2015 and 2016, we again. The philosophy of Final FX is to create a group based on ethnic differences, share them and show a multicultural face to the public. We want the classes to reflect the society we are in, because we are convinced that if we can all dance together, then we can all live together despite our differences. I consider myself being a very lucky person, because I found a great compromise between my professional work and this hobby in which I completely flourish.

Quick guided tour of the EI office in Asia-Pacific...



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