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7-18 November Conference of the Parties 22, Marrakech, Morocco

Dennis will stress at the COP 22 the fact that education is a powerful tool for achieving sustainable development and raising global awareness on climate change, and that educators are crucial in the delivery of quality education for sustainable development and climate change education. One of EI's key recommendations for this Summit is to put education at the centre of national, regional and global efforts to combat climate change. In that regard, ensuring that education will play a major role in moving forward the implementation of the Paris Agreement by calling on parties to include the issue of climate change in national education policies, plans, programmes and curricula.

8 November ESSDE Plenary meeting, Brussels, Belgium

European education social partners, including ETUCE and the European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE) are going to conduct their annual plenary meeting within the European Sectoral Social Dialogue in Education (ESSDE). The plenary is going to discuss recent trends in the education sector regarding open and innovative education, including digital skills. The ETUCE is concerned about ICT being used as a vehicle for education to be driven by profit only and to train workers exclusively for the job market without considering life-long learning and socialisation objectives. Delegates will discuss and possibly adopt three joint texts: the joint ETUCE/EFEE Statement on promoting the potentials of the

European sectoral social dialogue in education, the joint ETUCE/EFEE Declaration on Preventing and Combating Psychosocial Hazards in the Education Sector, as well as the Joint Practical Guidelines on How to Promote Joint Social Partner Initiatives at European, National, Regional and Local Level to Prevent and Combat Psychosocial Hazards in Education. Paola will represent ETUCE/EI at the meeting.

14-16 November CSFEF meeting, Antananarivo, Madagascar

Representatives of education unions in 30 Francophones countries will congregate for the 15th meeting of the Comité syndical francophone de l'éducation et de la formation (CSFEF).

Held only a few days before the Francophonie Summit, this event presents the opportunity to raise awareness among heads of state and government about the importance of education in all Francophone countries. The CSFEF already issued a statement underlining the mobilisation within the Francophone trade union world in favour of free, public, quality education for all. This mobilisation is crucial in helping Francophone countries achieve the sustainable development goals, especially SDG 4 on education.

This event, in which Duncan and Florian will participate, will also contribute to defining the CSFEF main work orientations over the next two years. Round tables, and workshops on trade union rights, social coverage, health at work and working conditions and trade union representativeness will also be organised.

 November 2016

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS

7-9

November CGU/FES meeting with unions, Yangon, Myanmar

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November ETUCE Bureau, Brussels, Belgium

9-10

November CIES Global Metrics Debate, Phoenix, Arizona

21-22

November UNGEI Strategic Planning Workshop, Oslo, Norway

29 November-1st December

ACCRS Conference, Kuwait

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BIRTHDAYS

06 Haldis Holst

15 Céline Yamaguchi

16 Jérémie Magermans

28 Helena Schulz

28 Pedi Anawi



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14-16 Higher and Further Education and Research Conference, Accra, Ghana

This conference will highlight the solidarity of higher and further education unions, help define common terms and positions concerning conditions of employment, opposing precarious work and the casualisation of education at all levels, and their level in particular. Being held in Africa, light will also be shed on transversal themes, such as unity, at regional level. David, Jefferson, Louise, Nikola and staff from the regional office will make sure this event is a fruitful one.

17-18 ResNet Africa

This meeting, led by Assibi, Pedi, Rita, Martin, Nikola and Jefferson, supported by staff from the regional office, will showcase the use by African education unions of compelling evidence-based research to strengthen their advocacy work and shape education policy. Trade union researchers from different countries in the region will share their experiences of using surveys and qualitative interviewing to draft reports that encourage national social dialogue with public authorities.

21-22 November Realising the Rights of Migrants and Refugees Conference, Stockholm, Sweden

This event presents a unique opportunity to showcase education unions' work worldwide to ensure that refugee and migrant children are able to access quality education and integrate into their new schools and societies. It will also highlight unions' efforts to ensure that refugee and migrant teachers receive quality training and work in quality conditions. The conference as a whole affirms that education is a human right of which nobody should be deprived, regardless of their circumstances. Fred, Susan and the EI management team will be present.

ASK THE EXPERTS ...



... Wim, on the use of Outlook Groups

When several staff members, sometimes

based in different parts of the world, need to cooperate on the preparation of an EI event, meeting or conference, the circulation of information and documents to prepare said-event is often laborious and not always efficient. To remedy to this, we encourage staff to use 'Outlook groups', a tool where you can collaborate and quickly get work done.

For more information on what it is and how it works, [please visit this page](#) or read: [EI OUTLOOK GROUPS MANUAL](#)



... Ahmad on IT training Sessions

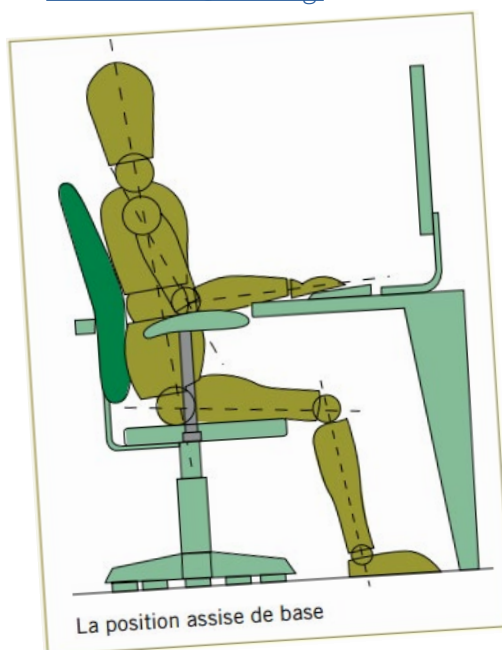
Head office staff members can start booking their IT training

sessions with Wim and Ahmad. The sessions will ideally take place between now and the end of January,

on Fridays, in the cybercafe. Session can be individual or in group (max. 4 participants). Each participant will need to attend twice a session of 2 hours. During these sessions, you will go through the new features and be explained how to use them in the most efficient way.

Same sessions are also available to colleagues in the regional offices through Skype for business.

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



... Serge, on sitting properly @work

Back pain remains frequent in office environments. That

you are based in Brussels, Kuala Lumpur, Accra, Beirut or San Jose, you all should apply the same following principles:

- The top border of your screen is at the same level as your eyes;
- Your screen doesn't face a window and there is no light reflection on it;
- Make regular short breaks;
- Rest your eyes from time to time;
- Change position and try to stand up regularly;
- Adjust your office chair to sit comfortably; and
- Your feet are touching the floor and your legs can move under the desk.

More info: serge.kikangala@ei-ie.org

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... Jean-Paul's review of El Camión Cantina Mexicana

Finally! I had been waiting for so long for this to happen. Real Mexican food in town! And even though it isn't precisely the restaurant with the extensive menu we would like, it's a start ... and a promising one at that.

The food? It's freshly made on the spot. Homemade tortillas, tacos and burritos stimulate the taste buds, and to recover from their various spicy sauces, why not you try an Horchata or a Mexican beer.

The staff? Young, enthusiastic and very nice. Always wearing a smile for customers.

The area? Rue des Chapeliers 11-13 in Brussels: You all know it! Great spot!

with a promise to extend their menu with more typical dishes, without the shadow of a doubt, I will return and you should give it a try!



STAFF IS FANTASTIC

EI Running Team

Rocío has jumped to the head of the pack to lead the EI team that will defend our colours at the next Hercules trophy, to be held in Antwerp in May 2017! Feel free to contact her if you want to be part of the team, there are still some places available.

Wine Fair

Looking for a unique way to warm up this autumn? A visit to the 20th Independent Wine Growers Fair, or Salon des Vins des Vignerons Indépendants, in Lille, France is certain to reverse the falling thermostat. Taking place from 18-21 November at the Lille Grand Palais, the event is a must for wine lovers. With thousands of wines to try, it's the chance to take your time to find what's best for you. And if vino isn't your thing, there is also champagne, beer and plenty of food to tease your taste buds, as well as the chance to discover the great city of Lille.

American Thanksgiving

Turkey, turkey, and more turkey. On the other side of the Atlantic Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays that allows for seconds and thirds at the dinner table. Perhaps the most popular American holiday, it's the moment when family and friends head home to gather for the annual harvest, when food makes the connection. This year taking place on the 24th of November, the holiday always falls on the final Thursday of the month. And when the food is all gone, American football games dominate the day.

Quirky fact: every year the President of the United States is presented with two turkeys at the White House, one which he gets to offer a pardon from a certain fate.

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: **Rita Quaynor** of Education International's African office. A Ghanaian born in Greater Accra, the capital city of Ghana, but raised in Aburi in the Eastern part of the country, she belongs to the Ga ethnic group and, being the first girl in her family, her local name is Ameley.

What are your main tasks within the EI African office?

I am the Senior Administrative Officer in the EI Africa Region. I have been working with the organisation since its inception. Supervising, organising, contacting partners, and helping setting up meetings, workshops and conferences, overseeing the smooth running of the office, keeping stock and also liaising with EI Africa affiliates are my key but not only tasks.

I am specifically involved in the preparation and running of EI Africa Regional Conferences, as well as the EI Africa Regional Committee's meetings.

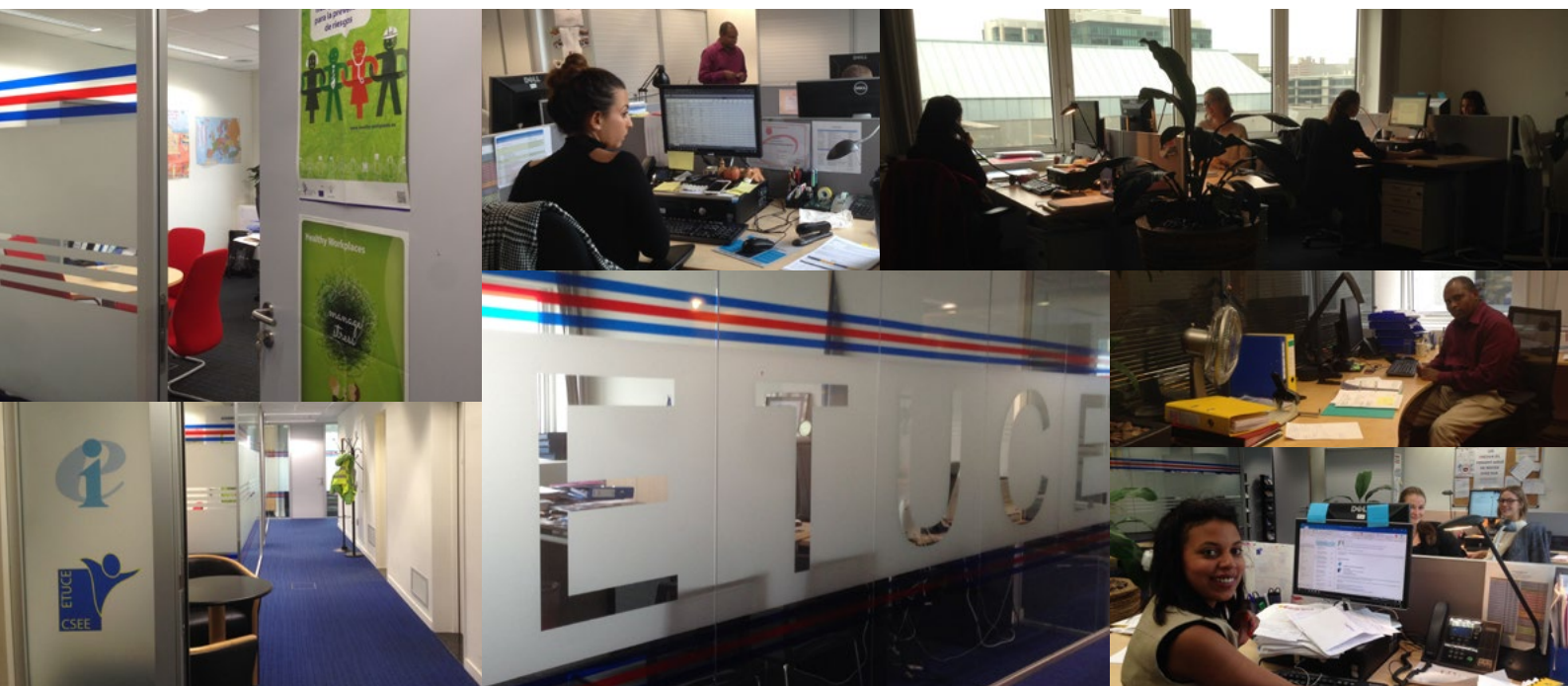
What about your work with EI do you enjoy the most?

I enjoy my work as a whole. I do like challenges that put me on my toes, because it gives me a great feeling of fulfilment once the work is done.

What keeps you busy away from work?

Outside the office, I like very much reading detective novels, watching movies, as well as listening to country and soul-inspiring music.

Quick guided tour of the European office...



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We hope that you have enjoyed the fourth edition of UP NEXT.

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