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To the higher education institutions for socio-educational care work (and) members of FESET

CALL FOR CANDIDATURES FOR THE BOARD OF FESET

FESET (Formation d'Éducateurs Sociaux Européens / European Social Educator Training) is a European organization established in 1989 by and for socio-educational care work Institutes for higher education and universities in Europe.

The main objective of FESET is to promote the education and training for socio-educational purposes, by creating opportunities for socio-educational care workers and teachers to gain new knowledge and broaden their minds on the different subjects within the field. This is done by sharing new and interesting research, teaching and practice experiences through a twice-yearly Seminar and the FESET Journal.

A Board, consisting of a maximum of 15 persons, runs the organization. The Board members are elected by the FESET General Assembly every two years. In principle, there can be no more than two members from each country in the Board. Each Board Member takes up one or more different tasks/roles to ensure the efficient working of the Association and the Board (e.g. communication, editor, etc.).

Within the Board an Executive is constituted, consisting of 4 persons: President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer. The Board/Executive usually meets two times a year, one being in connection with the conference or seminar. Most of the work is done by e-mail exchanges and skype conferences.

During the next Seminar in Porto, Portugal (April 27 - 29, 2020) the General Assembly will elect its new Board on Monday 27 April 2020 at 17:30.

As several members are leaving the actual Board, we want to especially encourage our members to consider putting forward their candidacy!

A wide range of tasks has to be taken care of by the Board and the Executive, on a voluntary base, like:

- Taking care of the economy (namely for the Treasurer, but with the help of all the Board members)
- Being in communication with the members institutions
- Promoting the socio-educational interest towards the EU Parliament /Commission
- Organizing conferences and seminars
- Editing and publishing the FESET Journal
- Representing FESET in European and Global networks and organizations
- Facilitating possibilities for students, teachers and researchers mobility and exchange
- Distributing news about EU's students & teachers mobility programs and about EU's social policy

In addition, there are a lot of different (smaller and ad hoc) "running the organization" tasks, which have to be taken care of, such as: recruiting new member schools, fundraising and creating new partnerships with adequate projects.

If you find this interesting and you are or have a candidate who is willing to invest some time on this matter, you are kindly requested to indicate your School or Institute's possible candidature for the Board. In order to present the candidates properly to the delegates at the General Assembly, we kindly ask to fill the form: "Candidature for the Board of FESET". Together with this, please enclose a short presentation (1/2 to 1 page)

A4) of the candidate, in which she/he states previous organizational experience and work, indicates what she/he would like to contribute to FESET's activities, and which tasks she/he especially would like to work with within the Board.

The following rules for the election of board members were adopted by the General Assembly on 31st of May 1993:
Candidatures for the Board:

- The summoning of candidatures for the election of the Board is made to all members of the association at the same time as the summoning of the General Assembly, i.e. three months before the date of the meeting.
- **The candidates should be forwarded to the two members of the Election Committee, no later than one month before the date of the General Assembly (that is 27th of April 2020) date of e-mail valid.**
- The registration of candidatures is valid only if the School/Institution is up to date with payment of membership fees 2020 (paid before 30th of March 2020).
- Only one candidature per School/Institution Centre can be filled.

Notice that the membership of FESET is held by the Schools/institutes/universities. **Thus it is formally the institution, by its rector, dean, institute leader or some other responsible person, who has to suggest the candidature.**

Please send the attached form: "Candidature for the Board of FESET" and a short presentation of the candidate **at latest by March 25th, 2020**, to contact@feset.org

For more information, please contact:

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We wish to call your attention already now to the following facts:

- All Board meetings are conducted in English and French, so proficiency in speaking at least one of the two languages, and understanding of the other one, will be required.
- A first meeting of the new Board, elected at the General Assembly, is planned on **Wednesday 29th April, 2020 in the afternoon**. It is important that all candidates plan not to leave before Wednesday evening, as all the new Board has to elect the required positions.

Looking forward seeing you in Porto, Portugal, I remain,
Yours sincerely

Joke Maes, President

2. Candidature for the Board of FESET, which is to be elected at the General Assembly on April 27th 2020, in Porto, Portugal.

I, the undersigned, hereby present the candidature of:

Surname: _____ First name: _____

Address: Postal code: _____

Town: _____ Country: _____

Tel. No: _____

e-mail address: _____

Date and place of birth: Employed as:

at the institute of:

Address: _____

Which is a member of FESET and will have paid the annual membership fee for 2020 (€240) at least by March 27th, 2020 (deadline for submitting candidatures)

Date: _____

Signature of head/responsible of school/department:

Schools stamp: _____

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I agree of the information above and to the presentation of my candidature as a representative for the school/institute.

Date: _____ Signature of the candidate: _____

Enclosed a short summary of the purpose of my involvement in the FESET Board, and some of the tasks I would like to work with.

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