

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

We hope you had wonderful holidays and a good start into the new year of 2018. All the best, good health, good thoughts and good activities! 2017 was a very successful and a very busy year. Just to mention a few of the activities by our members in quite different fields:

- Austra Avotina (LV) from Latvia organised the Latvian Week of the Visual Literacy 2017 from 9th to 14th October at the University of Latvia in cooperation with the National Commission for UNESCO and the Association of Culture Teachers. [Read more](#).
- Diederik Schönau (NL) founded a new working group that is dedicated to the (necessary) revision of ENViL's competence model, published [here](#). If you are interested in contributing please get in touch with Diederik via our [website](#).
- Carl-Peter [Buschkühle](#) (GE), Dennis Atkinson (UK), John Baldacchino (USA) and Raphael Vella (Malta) are working on a publication on Visual Literacy and Ethics.
- Franz Billmayer (AU) has been very busy to improve our website.
- Andrea Karpati (HU) is coordinating the preparation of the special issue of [IJETA](#) on Visual Literacy.
- Gabriella Pataky (HU) brings VL topics onto the table of [InSEA's world council](#).

## **Coming ENViL Conference in Paris, March 12 - 13, 2018**

Thank you for your registration! ENViL's next conference will deal with three topics, 1) assessment of VL, 2) assignments to foster VL, and 3) VL in early childhood education. It will take place in **Paris, 12 - 13 March 2018**, and its intention is to inform about existing research, develop new questions and initiate new research. Ulrich Frick and Miles Tallon will report about the progress of the research project on measurement of visual literacy, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research and Education. Read more about the [conference](#). **If you would like to register, please do it [now!](#)**

## **European InSEA Conference in Helsinki, June 18-21, 2018**

ENViL will contribute to this important meeting by informing about the CEFR\_VL framework and latest developments. Andrea Karpati (HU) and Diederik Schönau (NL) will hold the keynote, giving an introduction to the framework. More ENViL members will offer workshops with a focus on case studies that show examples of application of the framework:

- Teacher concepts: Cristiane Herth (F), Oona Myllyntaus and Rachel Sinquefield-Kangas (FI)
- Assignments: Bärbel Lutz-Sterzenbach and Ernst Wagner (GE)
- Situations: Franz Billmayer (GE) and Tim Proetel (AU)
- Early childhood education: Gabriella Pataky (HU) and Jacqueline Guiyoule (F)
- Art Museums and VL: Peter Carpreau (BE)
- National Policy: Ronald Kox (NL)
- VL and Ethics: Carl-Peter Buschkühle (GE) and Raphael Vella (MA)
- CREATIVE SPACES: Marion Starzacher (AU) and Andrea Karpati (HU)
- Competency: Diederik Schönau (NL)
- Assessment: Teresa Torres de Eca (PT) and Diederik Schönau (NL)

Early Bird [registration](#) closes on March 19, 2018.

## **2. ELTE Workshop for Arts Education, May 25-26, 2018, Budapest**

The central theme is “New Concepts of Creativity”. Call for papers will be announced by February 10. Meet artists, teachers and researchers from the field of dance, drama, music and the visual arts! Experience arts performances, concerts and exhibitions! Engage in discussions with scientists about possibilities of co-operation: STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) will be featured as a special stream.

### **How to engage with ENViL?**

In case you are interested in getting involved in ENViL discourses in an active way, please become a member of one of our [working groups](#) or send an email to a member of the board.

**If you would like to send in contributions to the next newsletter or the website, please get in touch. We are looking forward to seeing you in Paris, in Helsinki, or in the context of the working groups.**

Christiane Herth,  
chair

Ernst Wagner, editor  
of the newsletter

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