

**ENTO 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and General Assembly Meeting, 26-27 September 2007, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation**

*Written by Boris PERIL*

21<sup>st</sup> ENTO Annual Conference “Education and Training for Local and Regional Authorities within the Bologna Process Framework” was the first significant ENTO’s activity in Russian Federation during the time of its establishment. Transformation of the educational and training standards in public administration education and training for local and regional authorities currently is of the main priorities for Russian institutions acting in this field.



This why representatives of many key institutions – education and training providers such as North-Western Academy of Public Administration (Saint-Petersburg), Ural Academy of Public Administration (Yekaterinburg), Povolzskaya Academy of Public Administration (Saratov), North-Caucasian Academy of Public Administration (Rostov-on-Don) and many Russian universities and training centers took part in this event.

In the opening session there were important welcome speeches from Mr. **Alexander GORSHKOV**, Rector of the North-West Academy of Public Administration, **Mr. Halvdan SKARD**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, **Mr. Stepan KIRICHUK**, Head of the Committee for Local Government of the Council of Federation, President of the Russian National Congress of Municipalities, member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, **Mr. Alexander NESTEROV**, Deputy-Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the North-West Federal District, **Mr. Alexander PROKHORENKO**, Chairman of the Committee on International Relations of the Government of St.Petersburg and **Mr. Gert FIEGUTH**, President of ENTO, Study Dean for the Master Degree in European Public Management, University of Applied Sciences for Public Administration, Germany.

All speakers pointed the impact of training on effective local and regional government and its specific implications for current state of public administration in Russia.

During first session **European Approaches to the Professional Training within Bologna process**” two statements of **Mr. Jean Philippe RESTOUEIX**, Administrator, High Education and research Division, Council of Europe and **Mr. Alain BRAUN**, Director of the Department of expertise and prospective, Training Institute of the Province of Hainaut, Belgium were dedicated to the conceptual framework of unified training standards within the Council of Europe members of state which reflects links between managerial practice demand of the training market and training institutions activities.

The second plenary session **“National and Regional Training Strategies for Local and Regional Authorities: Concepts and Implementation”** was about the role of national training strategy as the major conceptual documents which define key stakeholders, legal framework, training providers, standards, methods and other implications. All these topics were successfully presented by **Mrs. Silvia IVANOVA**, Administrator of the Center of Expertise for Local Government Reform, Council of Europe and **Mr. Emil MARKWART**, President of European Club of Experts on Local self-government.

The third plenary session **“Transition of Professional Training for Regional and Local Authorities to the European Bologna Standards (opportunities and challenges)”** was focused on national case studies of transition of educational and training standards.

**Mr. Boris BAKOTA**, Member of ENTO Bureau, Assistant Professor of Administrative Science, Business Ethics and Administration, Croatian Institute for Local Government, Croatia introduced recent experience of his country and **Mr. Gert FIEGUTH**, President of ENTO, Study Dean for the Master Degree in European Public Management, Kehl University of Applied Sciences for Public Administration presented German experience in this field.

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The second day of the conference was mainly about practical things in organization of the training for the local and regional authorities. Mrs. **Larisa KARANATOVA**, Director of the Centre of Training of the North-Western Academy of Public Administration presented institutional experience and achievements in this area. Mrs. **Chris CARDY**, Vice-President of ENTO, Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government, Great Britain presented specific training tools for modular learning programs.



The closing remarks for the conference were made by Mr. Gert Figuth, President of ENTO, Jean-Paul **CHAUVET**, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and Mr. Boris Peril from North-Western Academy of Public Administration, Saint-Petersburg, Russian Federation.

**Presidential Management Report on ENTO Activity in 2007. ENTO General Assembly Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, St. Petersburg.**

*Written by Gert FIEGUTH, President of ENTO*

One more year of ENTO work has passed. I would like to summarise what has been done during this year; what we managed to do; how we implemented the activities planned at the last General Meeting in Osijek (Croatia) a year ago; the results we achieved and those we did not, for different reasons.

In 2007 ENTO has updated and published its yearbook "Directory 2007" with the brief information and contact details of its members. The network now includes 29 organisations from 16 countries (Armenia, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and United Kingdom).

5 organisations from Italy and Russia has applied for the membership and became the members in 2006. 6 organisations from Georgia, Croatia and Russia has become members in 2007.

This year ENTO has finished implementation of the project "Transcaucasian co-operation: training for local and regional elected representatives" which was supported by the Italian government voluntary contribution. ENTO had completed "Transcaucasian cooperation project" started in June 2005 by the seminar in Alanya, Turkey. Our Annual Seminar in Yerevan on 5-6 October 2006 was also devoted to this topic.

The final seminar of the project "Training of Trainers for Local and regional Authorities" and Transcaucasian Project Round Table were held on 19 – 21 April 2007 in Gaziantep, Turkey. 65 participants from Caucasian countries participated in the Seminar and learned the innovative training methods, best practices and national examples. Special thank you to Boris Peril and Chris Cardy for their input in the seminar. The final report of this project you can find in your files.

The objective of the Round Table organised on the third day of the Seminar was to bring together representatives of five countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Russian Federation and Turkey), representatives of the Congress and ENTO bureau members to discuss opportunities, constraints and issues related to the continuation of the project for Caucasian countries.



*Halvdan Skard, President of the Congress of Local and regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and Gert Fieguth, President of ENTO ---*

The Round Table has proved to be a valuable forum to increase understanding of the issues and opportunities facing ENTO in its role of supporting members. Discussions confirmed the expectation that ENTO needed to enhance organisational responsiveness and service orientation; this would increase the attractiveness of ENTO for current and potential members. Two new projects for Caucasian countries were discussed on the Round Table. The Bureau

meeting took place after the seminar on 20 April in Gaziantep.

ENTO second project aimed at supporting of local democracy and local community development in Moldova with financial assistance from the Government of Japan, was carried out from January 2006 to April 2007. The project consisted of a mission and three training seminars on "The Role of Local Authorities in the process of reforms. Moldavian transition - a new partnership for supporting democracy and strengthening local government" organised in three Moldavian municipalities Chisinau, Cahul and Balti.

There were almost 200 participants in the seminars. The participants represented a wide spectrum of the local government mayors in Moldova. The group of panelists was selected in order to provide different perspectives in terms of country and size of municipality. A general output of the project was that these seminars could be seen as playing an important role in identifying basic elements for successful public reform and the transition process. One of the crucial elements influencing the outcome of the project was the support and real involvement of the Ministry of Local Public Administration of Moldova, in terms of both the political and administrative aspects.



It is important that Moldova authorities has developed the continuation of the project and invited ENTO to cooperate in the future training project.

ENTO Newsletters devoted the project in Moldova was issued in May 2007.

Thank you to Miroslaw Warowicki who developed the final report of the project and all the members of his team – Boris Peril and Boris Bakota.

In March 2006 ENTO has opened a new website [www.entonet.org](http://www.entonet.org) where the information about ENTO activity is permanently updated. The website is working with a great support of the new member of ENTO from Italy – the government of Provincia Brescia and personally Raffaele Gareri. The website is English now but we have to find a way how to make translate and update it also in French. We

have received several proposal and have to discuss them from practical and financial point of view.

You are welcome to send the information about your achievements, best practice, conferences and other events you want to share with the members of the Network to Larissa Kireeva, ENTO Secretary and this information will be placed on our website.

ENTO cooperated with statutory committees and Chambers of the Congress on several events. ENTO contributed to the Conference "E-democracy: new opportunities for enhancing civic participation" organised by the Committee on Sustainable Development, 23 – 24 April 2007 in Strasbourg. In addition, ENTO contributed to the Conference on Black Sea Euroregion organised by the Chamber of Regions of the Congress and the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Economy of Ukraine on 25-26 June 2006 in Odessa (Ukraine).



On July,2 2007 the Bureau of the Congress has approved the official representatives and their substitutes of the Congress to ENTO. These are H.Skard, the President of the Congress (ex officio), G.Krug, Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions and his substitute A.Saltykov, Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions (from the Chamber of Regions) and V.Prignachi, Chair of Social Cohesion Committee and his substitute E.Yeritsyan, Vice-President of the Congress (from the Chamber of Local Authorities).

We have made a positive step in cooperation with the Center of Expertise of local government reform of the Council of Europe. We are planning to discuss our practical cooperation with the Center and start a joint project.

I would summarise, briefly, what we did fulfill out of the plan we adopted on our last annual assembly in Osijek in October 2006 :

Transcaucasian project, Moldovan project, updated Directory 2007, opening of the new website, publication of the Newsletters, participation in Council of Europe activities.

I hope that this is a good base for the further work in 2008. And we will go further in this direction.

**2008 ENTO Conference in Brescia, Italy**

*Written by Paolo CRUGNOLA*

During the latest 2007 ENTO Conference in St. Petersburg, Mr. Corrado Ghirardelli (in the picture with ENTO President Gert Fieguth), Councillor of Province of Brescia, announced that the next Conference will be held in Brescia (Italy).

The 2008 Conference will focus on “Innovation for training; training for Innovation”. It is scheduled on 2-3 October 2008 and it will offer a good opportunity for discussing the role of innovation both in training and in local and regional authorities way of work.



Innovation will start from 2008 Conference program. At the beginning of 2008 a Call for Papers is going to be issued dealing with topics related to innovation in local public authorities and training. Selected papers will be presented during the Conference in specific working groups and collected in a publication.

The Conference will be an important occasion for networking and building up new joint ventures among ENTO members all around Europe. Brescia is going to offer the comfortable context for that, with its lakes, mountains, flavours and wines. We are waiting for you: save the date!



**Welcome of new ENTO members**

*Written by Larissa KIREEVA*

6 organisations from 5 countries became the new members of ENTO on the General Assembly on 27 September in St.Petersburg.

We would like to welcome:

- Institute of Strategy and Development, Tbilisi, Georgia
- Local Democracy Academy, Zagreb, Croatia
- Association of Siberian and Far Eastern Cities (ASFEC), Novosibirsk, Russian Federation
- Economic Research Center, Baku, Azerbaijan
- Euro Institut, Kehl, Germany
- North West Academy of Public Administration, St Petersburg, Russian Federation

Detailed information about new members and their contacts will be published in ENTO Directory 2008 and on the website [www.entonet.org](http://www.entonet.org).

We would like to wish ENTO newcomers good partners, interesting projects and new friends. We hope that their experience will add new value to the development of the Network.

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