#### **ECML Contact Point Denmark**

Newsletter no. 2/2016



Dear colleagues,

You are now receiving the newsletter no. 2 from the ECML Contact Point Denmark.

After a quiet summer, we are fully engaged in our activities.

## **Language conference 2016**



ECML Contact Point Denmark organises, as we mentioned in our first newsletter, the language conference Sprog på kryds og tværs in Odense (SDU) on September 26th 2016, the European Day of Languages. The language conference 2016 "New directions in language teaching: research and practice" has a new concept with more diversity and more institutions and language professionals involved. You can read more about our keynote speakers **Robert** O'Dowd (University of León, Spain) and Petra Daryai-Hansen (KU & UCC) as well as about the other presentations on our website. In the first part of the conference will be presented PhD projects that have recently been completed across different languages. The second part of the conference includes development projects across sectors, from kindergarten to university.

For the first time **the European Language Label** will be awarded at ECML language conference this year. The European Language Label is awarded annually to innovative projects or individuals who have contributed to the development of foreign language learning.

Read more about the European Language Label.

Remember to sign up for the conference no later than September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016! Participation is free. Lunch and coffee are offered also for free.

## European Day of Languages 26th September 2016



Join us to celebrate the 15th birthday of the European Day of Languages which has been held every year since 2001 on the initiative of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg! It is not too late to find inspiration for your event on the Day of Languages. We had several inquiries before the summer and some marketing materials and teaching materials have already been distributed to various schools and institutions around Denmark.

Remember that everyone can be part of the European Day of Languages! Whether as an individual or group within an organization (school or association) or just among friends, everyone can participate in the day. Anyone can contribute to the European Day of Languages be a success - either by participating or organizing an event.

Read more about the European Day of Languages 2016 and please remember to register information about events in the EDL event calendar. You can also see which events your colleagues in Denmark or in other European countries have already registered.

#### A Danish edition of the European Language Portfolio



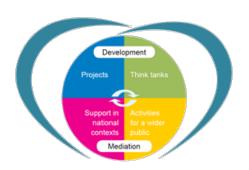
ECML Contact Point Denmark is very pleased to announce that we have received a grant from the Ministry for children, education and gender equality for elaboration of a Danish edition of the European Language Portfolio. The project has a pedagogical and didactical relevance for language education in foreign languages (English, German and French) in Denmark well Danish as a second language. The development of the Danish Language Portfolio will be carried out by a project team of experienced language teachers and language researchers, led by Line Møller Daugaard, associate professor at VIA University College and Ana Kanareva-Dimitrovska, ECML Contact Point Denmark. More information about the project follows in the next newsletter.

## **Upcoming workshops in Graz, Austria**



ECML Contact Point Denmark has just appointed a Danish participant for the first ECML workshop in 2016 "Action research communities for language teachers" / "Communautés de recherche-action au service des enseignants de langues". You still have the possibility to sign up for the second workshop in 2016: "A quality assurance matrix for the use of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)" / "Une matrice qualité pour l'utilisation du Cadre européen commun de référence (CECR)" on November 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Graz, Austria. You need to send your application no later than September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

#### **ECML Training and consultancy**



Danish language professionals have the opportunity to request free training and consultancy activities from the ECML for events and initiatives in Denmark. Some possible topics are, for example: *migration and language education, plurilingual education, new media in language education, evaluation and assessment.* If you have an idea for workshop/seminar, you can read more about this <u>here</u> and get in touch with me afterwards.

## **ECML Traineeships and research fellow**



Every year the ECML in Graz offers 6-month traineeship for language students. There is a possibility for four kinds of internships and the application deadline is twice a year, in late August and late February. You can read more about this <a href="here">here</a>. Research fellowship for 3 months is also an opportunity for language students. There is no deadline for this, but it depends on what projects are under way and whether there is a need for a fellow in the ECML. Currently, there is an opportunity to apply for a research scholarship on "A quality assurance"

matrix for CEFR use" (February-April 2017), deadline October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. If you have any questions, you can get in touch with me.

# <u>Danish participant in ECML new programme 2016-2019 "Languages at the heart of learning"</u>

LANGUAGES AT THE HEART OF LEARNING

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During the spring of 2016 Danish language professionals could participate in online consultation regarding the two Think Tanks for 2016: Whole-school teacher cooperation for support in the language (s) of schooling and Teacher education for early language learning.

I am pleased to announce that ECML Graz has selected one candidate, Karen Lund from DPU, Aarhus University, so now there is also Danish participation in ECML new program 2016-2019.

#### ECML Contact Point Denmark - events\_



ECML Contact Point Denmark continues in the fall of 2016 with various events in the Danish language educational environment. You can follow our activities on ecml.dk.

If you want a visit from ECML Contact Point Denmark in your institution, please stay in touch with me and we can tailor together an event that fits into the specific context - at universities, university colleges or elsewhere.

#### **ECML Contact Point Denmark Brochure**



You can read or download the new, improved version of ECML Contact Point Denmark <u>brochure</u>. The brochure will be distributed at all national events organized by the Contact Point.

Also remember to periodically check ECML Contact Point Denmark <u>Facebook</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> page for new information.

Best regards,

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