

## 2013-2 ESVDC NEWSLETTER

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

### 2013 ESVDC Award

The European Society for Vocational Designing and Career Counseling (ESVDC) was really proud and happy to present its 2013 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Vocational Designing and Career Counseling to **Professor Salvatore Soresi**, from the Department of Psychology (La.R.I.O.S.) at the University of Padova (I).



Salvatore Soresi definitely marked the field of life design and career counseling in Europe by his everlasting humanistic engagement for the inclusion of all people into work-life and society. Including parents and teachers through preventive interventions for educational and vocational guidance for young people, as well as actively promoting deinstitutionalization and integration of disabled persons motivated years of his research. He significantly contributed to the development of our field by strong evidence based research and as a founder of the 'Italian Journal of Vocational Psychology' and editor of two book series. He was recognized by the 'High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic', for his Magellan Project for the vocational guidance for high school students. Together with his team at the University of Padova he recently organized a whole series of outstanding International Conferences, enabling many fruitful exchanges with the leading experts in our field and stimulating exciting international research collaborations.

The attribution of the ESVDC Award at the occasion of the annual General Assembly of our society thereby becomes a highlight for the promotion of our discipline each year.

### 2014 ESVDC Award : Call for nominations

The European Society for Vocational Designing and Career Counseling (ESVDC) is seeking nominations for the "2014 European Award for Distinguished Contributions to Vocational Designing and Career Counseling". This annual award recognizes distinguished and lifetime contributions to the advancement of a European and International perspective and research in Vocational Designing and Career Counseling. The focus of these contributions can be either in the candidate's home country (e.g., serving as an advocate for a European and International perspective in Vocational Designing and Career Counseling in one's country), across multiple countries, or through various international and European associations or journals. Candidates may be from any country and can be ESVDC members as well as non-members. Recipients of the award will be featured in the ESVDC Newsletter and honoured at the subsequent European Congress of the Association.

Nominations should include:      A supporting statement (max. 500 words)

A current vita  
A list of relevant publications  
Letters of support from two people familiar with the nominee's relevant contributions

The 2014 Award will be granted between July 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2014, during the 28th International Congress of Applied Psychology at the Palais des Congrès in Paris (France). Nominations will be reviewed by an Awards Committee, appointed by the ESVDC Executive Committee. Nominations and supporting materials should be sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee: Prof. Dr. Jean Pierre Dauwalder (e-mail: Jean-Pierre.Dauwalder@unil.ch). The deadline for submission is **March 1st, 2014**.

### **2013 ESVDC PhD RESEARCH AWARD**

For the first time, at the International Conference on Life Designing and Career Counseling: Building Hope and Resilience, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 in Padova (Italy), ESVDC together with the organizers of the conference, were able to give the ESVDC PhD Research Award to two most promising young researchers in our field.

The first award went to **Dr Aysenur Buyokgoze-Kavas**, from the Ondokuz Mayıs University (Turkey), for her research on 'Hope Optimism and Career Adaptability among Turkish Undergraduate Students: The Mediating Role of Resilience'.

The second award went to **Dr Maria Chiara Pizzorno**, from the University of Turin (Italy), for her research on 'A Narrative Study on Gender Interaction in Parent-Child Career Development Co-Construction'.

The attribution of the ESVDC PhD Research Award aims at promoting the young generation of researchers in our discipline. Please forward the following 'Call for nominations' for the next award to all young researchers and PhD /Doctorate recipients you know!

### **2014 ESVDC PhD RESEARCH AWARD: Call for nominations**

The ESVDC aims, among others, promoting research in the broad field of vocational designing and career counseling. ESVDC chose to create a special award for persons who are engaged in this field of research and recently earned a PhD degree. This award will recognize their excellent contributions to the field of Vocational Designing and Career Counseling.

The competition for this award is open to non-tenured young researchers working in Europe who earned their PhD degree (doctorate) after March 1st, 2011. Candidates may be from any country and can be ESVDC members as well as non-members. Researchers holding - at the moment of the application deadline (March 1st, 2014) - a temporary teaching or research contract or a grant at public or private research institutes and universities or other institution of higher education are eligible. Tenured staff or faculty members cannot participate in the competition.

Applicants should submit the following documents:

- 1) a request to participate to the "PhD Research Award" (indicating name, surname, date of birth, age, education and position), certifying satisfaction of eligibility criteria;
- 2) a detailed description (in English) of the research submitted to the selection procedure (no longer than 2000 words). This should include (a) an introduction, (b) hypotheses, (c) participants and measures, (d) procedure and data analysis, (e) results and (f) conclusions;
- 3) a CV that gives special attention to their publications

Please submit the application electronically to ESVDC (mail: [Luisa.MeglioVallat@unil.ch](mailto:Luisa.MeglioVallat@unil.ch)) by **March 1st, 2014** and specify the object: PhD Research Award.

Manuscripts will be evaluated by an *ad hoc* committee, chaired by Professor Raoul van Esbroeck (B) and including five senior international scholars, members of ESVDC.

Participants will be notified on the results of the selection procedure by **April 30th, 2014**. The three best candidates are invited to prepare a video presentation of their research in five minutes, which will be presented at the Award's ceremony and displayed on the ESVDC website afterwards.

Recipients of the award will be featured in the ESVDC Newsletter and honoured at the 28<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Applied Psychology in Paris.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

1) The Network for Innovation in Career Guidance and Counselling in Europe (NICE) will continue to support the quality development and setting-up of academic degree programs around Europe, and work towards the professionalization of career guidance and counselling. NICE 2 now involves 45 partners from 29 European countries, and ESVDC participates actively in the steering committee. The Istanbul Conference from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 set the agenda for the second period of funding. Currently, six work groups are working on a memorandum, a mobility scheme, an online database, common points of reference for the development of degree programs, and a plan for sustaining the network. From September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 a major summit is scheduled at Canterbury Christ Church University (United Kingdom), where academics, policy-makers, managers and practitioners from all around Europe will be invited to discuss the future of the career workforce in Europe.

2) The sustainable European Doctoral Programme in Career Guidance and Counselling shall offer highly promising graduates of European higher education institutions the opportunity of becoming the spearhead of research and higher education related to our field in Europe. Closely connected is the ambition to create the structures and personal resources necessary for longitudinal, large scale, international research in career guidance and counselling. Thanks to the excellent project prepared by Professor Laura Nota (University of Padua/ ESVDC) and Johannes Katsarov (Coordinator of NICE), the European Commission has accepted to finance the three years of the project, which is a joint venture of the ESVDC and NICE. Laura Nota and Johannes Katsarov will lead the project together with 5 colleagues: Professor Valérie Cohen-Scali from CNAM-INETOP in Paris, Professor Rachel Mulvey from the University of East London, Professor Jérôme Rossier from the University of Lausanne, Professor Rie Thomsen from the Aarhus University in Copenhagen, and Dr Peter Weber from the Heidelberg University. The project brings together higher education institutions from 15 European countries with members of the ESVDC being represented strongly in the Scientific Committee and the Advisory Board. Three summer schools for 24 doctoral researchers are foreseen with the first summer school taking place in Padua **September 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. Deadline for inscriptions will be in June 2014 and more details will be available at the ESVDC website in February 2014. For more information, please contact Laura Nota ( [laura.nota@unipd.it](mailto:laura.nota@unipd.it) ) or Johannes Katsarov ( [johannes\\_katsarov@hotmail.de](mailto:johannes_katsarov@hotmail.de) ).

3) The UNESCO Chair for Life-long Guidance and Counseling was inaugurated on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the University of Wroclaw (Poland). The purpose of the Chair is 'to develop career interventions that aim to help individuals and communities contribute to the development of a fair and sustainable human world'. The Chair is a result of a partnership between the Universities of Wroclaw (Poland), Buenos-Aires (Argentina), Koudougou (Burkina Faso) and the National Institute for the Study of Work and Vocational Guidance (INETOP) at the National Conservatory of Applied Technologies (CNAM) (Paris-France). Professor Jean Guichard, Head of the Chair, gave a lecture on 'Career guidance, education, and dialogues for a fair and sustainable human development', which will soon be available at the Chair's website ([http://www.pedagogika.uni.wroc.pl/?page\\_id=41](http://www.pedagogika.uni.wroc.pl/?page_id=41)). The conference brought together about one hundred participants from 16 countries, as well as representatives from six associations of counseling professionals and/or researchers. The proceedings of the Inaugural Conference will be published as soon as possible. Among the immediate projects of the Chair are 1) the creation and approval by UNESCO of a worldwide UNITWIN network of academic institutions (contact: [violetta.podgorna@gmail.com](mailto:violetta.podgorna@gmail.com)); 2) the creation of an online database for methods and tools (contact: [jacques.pouyaud@u-bordeaux2.fr](mailto:jacques.pouyaud@u-bordeaux2.fr)); 3) an international study on the representation of 'decent work' conditions (contact: [v.cohen-scali@wanadoo.fr](mailto:v.cohen-scali@wanadoo.fr)). As UNESCO essentially provides a 'label' but no funds, the Chair would greatly appreciate your support and help for finding some powerful 'sponsors' (e.g. foundations, public agencies, philanthropic donors; please contact: [vpo@pedagogika.uni.wroc.pl](mailto:vpo@pedagogika.uni.wroc.pl)).

ESVDC actively welcomes the idea of spreading networks of academic institutions involved in vocational designing and career counseling all over the world through the well recognized UNESCO label.

**2014 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE : 28th International Congress of Applied Psychology, July 8th to 13th, Palais des Congrès, Paris (France)**

Every four years, the International Association for Applied Psychology (IAAP) organizes an International

Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) which serves as a review of advances in applied psychology; it provides the opportunity for several thousands of psychologists from all over the world to meet, exchange and network. ESVDC has opted for a full integration of her annual meeting and general assembly in the 28th ICAP taking place from July 8th to 13th, 2014 in Paris (France). The main theme is 'From Crisis to sustainable Well-Being'. In particular the following invited symposia are co-organized by ESVDC : 1) 'Coordination for doctoral and post-doctoral training in counseling in Europe' (chair : Laura Nota, University of Padova) ; 2) 'State and perspectives for research in counseling in Europe' (chair : Christiane Schiersmann, University of Heidelberg) and 3) 'Present your thesis in 5 minutes : the ESVDC Awards on video' (chair : Jean-Pierre Dauwalder, University of Lausanne). Many further very interesting presentations and symposia, organized by the Division 16 of IAAP, include many members of our society (e.g. Mark Savickas, Maria-Eduarda Duarte, Jean Guichard, Fred Leong, Kobus Maree, Guabjörg Vilhjalmsdottir, Jean-Luc Bernaud, Jérôme Rossier, Gabriela Aisenson, Marcelo Ribeiro, Valérie Cohen-Scali, Jacques Pouyaud, Donna Schulthess, Richard Young, Violetta Podgorna, Paul Hartung). The final program will be available on the website of the conference. For news and more information visit the conference website ( [www.icap2014.com](http://www.icap2014.com) ). The conference venue is Palais des Congrès (Paris Convention Center), which is ideally located in the western part of the Capital, only 10 minutes away from the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. It is conveniently located in the city center with easy access by underground transportation system (metro) and local buses. **Early bird registration** fee is possible **until March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Hotel accommodation should be reserved before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Social activities, tours, events, hotel accommodation are organized by ICAP.

### 2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ESVDC

Please note that the 2014 General Assembly of ESVDC will take place during the ICAP Conference on July 8-13, 2014 in Paris (F). We plan to present ESVDC as an innovative, dynamic and creative scientific community at this occasion and need your contributions and ideas.

Furthermore, the first term of your Executive Committee will come to an end. As already announced at the Founding Assembly in Padova 2011 your President will not apply for a further term. Any nominations for the Executive Committee for the next term, coming from our members, are highly welcome and should be addressed to the actual president ( [jean-pierre.dauwalder@unil.ch](mailto:jean-pierre.dauwalder@unil.ch) ) until June 1st, 2014

We look forward to see you soon in Paris and send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014.

Warm regards.

Laura Nota  
Secretary ESVDC

Jean-Pierre Dauwalder  
President ESVDC

December 20th , 2013.