

**European Physical Education Association Forum Meeting Report 2- 4 October 2015 Budapest  
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European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Culture Mr. Tibor Navracsics opened European Physical Education Association (EUPEA) Forum Meeting in Budapest. He spoke of two global challenges Migrants and Terrorism. He spoke of two priorities in his work (1) the importance of developing sport at grassroots level *and* PE, in order to promote the inclusion of *all* children including migrants in order to create friendship, sharing, fun and good health. (2) The promotion of Physical Activity (PA) in Europe through initiatives including increase time for PE lessons, PA initiatives and funding for related Erasmus + projects.

Claude Scheuer President EUPEA presented findings on comparisons of the PE Curricula in EU Countries from initial findings from responses to an online questionnaire disseminated earlier in the year. Susan Marron completed the questionnaire on behalf of the IPPEA at the time. The findings from this pilot questionnaire were linked to a research study completed in 2009 and published in the Journal of International Physical Education in which 21 EU countries participating. The publication and other publications are available on double clicking on the Publications tab on the EUPEA website. EUPEA are involved in a research study to collect current data on the quality of PE in Europe. The IPPEA will support this research when the questionnaires are disseminated online in the near future.

The current preliminary study findings from the pilot questionnaire reported that the oldest National curricula are in Slovenia and Ireland! While Physical Education is the most common name given to the subject the subject name varies across EU countries. The longest Physical Education Curriculum Book is 90 pages. The focus of the presentation and the forum title was on 'the Harmonisation and Diversity of Physical Education around Europe'. This presentation was followed by a workshop to discuss the findings related to minimum requirements of teachers teaching PE at primary level as well as identifying who should teach PE, identifying who should support newly qualified teachers in their PE teaching, the role of the Principal related to who teaches PE and what is taught. Advocates for the promotion of PE were explored. The workshop also discussed secondary school PE. Susan took part in this discussion group and reported practices in Ireland.

All presentations from the day proceedings will be available on the EUPEA website shortly.

Day 2 was the EUPEA AGM which included reports from Regional EUPEA representatives. It was interesting to note the number of EU countries that have increased the number of PE lessons per week and countries that have physical activity hours in schools as well as PE. Members in attendance at the AGM were asked to report on Physical Education updates from their own countries. Fitness testing and motor measurement in countries were reported on. EUPEA committee members reported on the initiatives that EUPEA are involved in. Please see the EUPEA webpage for evidence and reports on the committees work <http://www.eupea.com/>

The IPPEA would like to support the idea of 'Physical Education Open Class' initiative to show case PE in schools and invite parents, guests and athletes to observe a lesson. It is intended by EUPEA to link this to the European Week of Sport Initiative.

The IPPEA's proposal to host the EUPEA Board meeting in conjunction with St. Patrick's College Drumcondra 22nd - 26th Feb 2017 and to link it to the IPPEA annual conference 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017 was well received. A decision will be taken shortly on this matter.

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