

EUROCLIO Newsletter September 2011

European Association of History Educators



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Message from the President

October 2, 2011

Dear friends and colleagues. Time really runs quickly, 'one day chasing another'. A weird weather lingers above Europe; high temperatures in the North too -not only in the South. Climate has changed indeed. Schools are working in full speed, as students and teachers are



really refreshed by summer vacation, and already meeting the autumn brake. All around Europe? I suppose not. Problems are still here to meet: reformations, financial cuts affecting educational infrastructure and wages, strikes. This is going to be a long and difficult winter.

EUROCLIO tries to meet the challenges imposed by the current situation. Despite the problems around us, the work of our people and Association members run rather smoothly. Board and secretariat people fly around Europe organizing or attending seminars, conferences and events connected to history teaching. From Tbilisi to Copenhagen, from Basel to Skopje and from Odessa to Bologna history matters, setting questions, seeking answers. Projects completed and projects just starting provide stimulus for innovative approaches to history, 'the most dangerous subject of the school curriculum' as Paul Valery put it. It is comforting to meet friends and colleagues, old and new and share thoughts.

So, dear friends join the coming Antalya Annual Conference. The preparation for this large scale meeting is in its peak and we promise that it will be exceptional.

Also, we would like to ask you to share news on history teaching in your country –always interesting to be informed and reflect upon this. And of course, you will find more news inside the newsletter connected to current EUROCLIO affairs.

On behalf of EUROCLIO board

Vassiliki Sakka

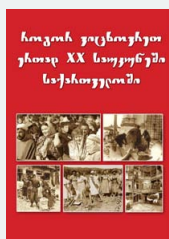
News and Announcements

Publication: Connecting Europe through History Experiences and Perceptions of Migration History


There are many different ways to look at Migration History, and many scholars have contributed to many journals on many topics. In this Project, we cannot hope to cover every aspect, of course. We have set out, genuinely, to connect academics and teachers, and also to bring in students, all from many different fields, and to reflect together as citizens on what is needed. Debates have varied in style and format. In some cases, teachers and education experts were asked to identify challenges to teaching more migration. Thus countries with a colonial past, like The Netherlands and UK, to reflect on how Empire and Slavery is actually taught in schools. In Poland and Macedonia, however, the focus was to move towards a more open-minded, less nationalistic history curricula. In France, the debate centered around the issue of pedagogy and identity. Still others voiced concerns about the dangers of the instrumentalisation of History, turning history into intercultural-education, or even peace education. We are happy to invite you to download the full publication including reports from 9 countries, and also an international event.


[Download the report here.](#)

Publication: How We Lived Together in Georgia in the 20th Century



This resource book is a collection of twenty-nine worksheets offering innovative sources and teaching ideas for the classroom on topics related to Everyday and Family Life, Religion, Migration and Multicultural Life in Georgia in the 20th century. The book can be used by history and civics teachers as complementary teaching material from the 9th to the 12th grade. It aims to make history an engaging subject for students by presenting them in a lively way “why”, like the introduction to the book says, “people with different ethnic and religious identities considered themselves part of (the Georgian) society, and what have made them feel marginalized”. The publication is the result of the three-year project *Tolerance Building through History Education in Georgia, How to Teach History and Citizenship in a Multicultural and Multi-confessional Environment?* supported by the MATRA programme of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project involved over 300 Georgian history educators across the country.

 [English Overview How we Lived Together in Georgia in 20th Century \(2.24 MB\)](#)

 [How we Lived Together in Georgia in the 20th Century External Review \(1.46 MB\)](#)

Positive meetings in Copenhagen with government officials, politicians, NGO's and journalists, 22-24 September, Copenhagen, Denmark

In connection with the **EUROCLIO Board Meeting** that was organized in **Copenhagen**, EUROCLIO Executive-Director **Joke van der**



Leeuw-Roord and Senior Manager **Jonathan Even-Zohar** had been able to have very positive and inspiring meetings, organized by EUROCLIO expert **Benny Christensen**, together with **Peder Kragh**, Board member of the **Danish History Teachers Associations**.

During 1,5 day, talks were held at the **Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs** about the possibility of including education in the forthcoming programmes of the **Danish-Arab Partnership Fund**. The topic was also raised when the EUROCLIO delegation was kindly hosted by Mr **Mogens Lykkesøft** (MP), who in fact greatly appreciated the work of EUROCLIO, praising that *"it is of extreme relevance for today's world to work for a balanced understanding of history, and in fact crucial if we want to creating lasting peace"*.

An inspiring meeting was held with the **Danish Centre for Culture and Development** (DCCD), who, like EUROCLIO, act as an **Anna Lindh Head of Network**. Finally, the very experienced journalist Ms **Vibeke von Sperling**, took two hours of her day to interview the EUROCLIO delegation for a piece that is forthcoming for the Danish newspaper **Politiken**. **EUROCLIO hopes in the future to be able to work more closely with Danish partners, and truly appreciates these first steps taken.**

For more information please contact Jonathan Even-Zohar at jonathan@euroclio.eu

Save the Date! First EUROCLIO-Yad Vashem Partnership Development Seminar, 15-18 December, Jerusalem, Israel

A very exciting programme is in the make for what will be the **first partnership development seminar between EUROCLIO and Yad Vashem**, the World Centre for Holocaust Research and Education. Contrary to the ongoing Yad Vashem programme that



offers educators from different countries a two-week seminar about

Holocaust Education, **this event is meant to discuss ideas for cross-border training and a more transnational approach to Holocaust Education, to share with the innovative educational ideas in both organizations and to foster new partnerships.** A core group of representatives from ongoing EUROCLIO Projects will be present, but **all EUROCLIO Members are invited** to join the event. Unfortunately EUROCLIO is not able to cover costs for travel to Israel, but for **a limited amount of participants stay in the hotel can be covered on first come, first get basis.**

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EUROCLIO secretariat team in the International Market on the Hague International Day in the World Forum in The Hague



On **18 September 2011** EUROCLIO Secretariat represented the EUROCLIO in the **International Market on the Hague International Day** that was held in the

World Forum in The Hague.

The International Market lasted from 1pm to 5 pm and was represented by **more than 40 International organisations and Embassies of different World countries** settled in The Hague such as **Austria, Albania, Malaysia, Croatia, Finland, Kosovo, Poland and Turkey.** EUROCLIO was represented in the World market by its Secretariat member, project manager of Historiana project **Geert Kessel**, and EUROCLIO trainee group consisting of **Aysel Gojayeva, Marloes Mulder and Tijs van Raaij.** EUROCLIO representation team acted quite successfully in providing necessary information on the mission, the recent projects and activities of EUROCLIO to the interested people and was pleased of high interest of market attendants on the EUROCLIO activities which was proven by very quick

dissemination of promotional documents of EUROCLIO and its projects within 2 hours.

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EUROCLIO organized the first Anna Lindh NL Forum in the Van Abbemuseum in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, 9-10 September 2011



On the **9th and 10th of September 2011** the first **Anna Lindh NL Forum** took place in the **Van Abbemuseum** in **Eindhoven, The Netherlands**.

The two days of the Forum were filled with **group discussions**, the screening of a **film**, a play and several **discussion rounds**. **Thirty-one people**, from the **Netherlands, Belgium** and even **Egypt**, participated in the different activities. The biggest goal of the Forum was to **bring the members of the Dutch Anna Lindh network together and to discuss their views on the future of the network**.

The first day was filled with group discussions about different themes, like **racism in traditions**, **integration of minorities in Dutch society** and how The Netherlands and Europe could and should respond to the recent developments in the Arab countries. On the second day there were **presentations of the members of the Dutch network** about their projects, discussions about the Dutch network and the Anna Lindh Foundation in general. Also, **Jean-Pierre Goor**, network coordinator of the **Belgian network** shared his experiences. Fortunately **Corrinne Grassi** from the **Anna Lindh Foundation** in Alexandria was able to join the discussion. EUROCLIO feels it can look back on two very interesting and productive days, filled with both entertainment and in-depth discussions, as well as the possibility to meet other members of the network.

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The **full report** of the Anna Lindh NL Forum can be downloaded by clicking the link below:

 [Full Report of The Anna Lindh NL Forum, 9-10 September 2011, Eindhoven, the Netherlands \(4.79 MB\)](#)

EUROCLIO interviews its Honorary Board Members (September 2011)

EUROCLIO presents you with the third issue of the History that Matters Series. Prof. **Judith Herrin** from the UK has been interviewed.

Utrecht, The Netherlands: Case Studies of the Cold War, April 2012





Universiteit Utrecht

The University of Utrecht, in partnership with the Harry S. Truman Library and the Parallel History Project on Cooperative Security, and **with support of Euroclio**, will pilot an intensive five-day course for secondary school teachers, PhD Students and (junior) university lecturers in the spring of 2012. The course will take place from **18-22 April 2012**, at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. During this course, the Truman Library and the Parallel History Project on Cooperative Security will disclose new archival material from both sides of the Iron Curtain to the participants. The participants will use this material to create their own lesson plans.



The course is subsidised by the Truman Library and is a great success in the US. The Cold War Conference has been validated by the European Union and is **published in the Comenius and Gruntvig Catalogue offering the opportunity to the participants to apply for Grants. There are still some places available for this unique course.** Please get in touch as soon as possible with [Laurien Crump](#), Lecturer in the History of International Relations, University of Utrecht (NL) and download the following documents:

 Conference Leaflet (344.17 kB)

 Background Information (450.61 kB)

Projects

First Progress Meeting in New Project “History that Connects-Macedonia” successful, 18-21 September, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia



The first meeting in the new project “**History that Connects – Macedonia**”, which is kindly funded by the **Belgium Ministry of Foreign Affairs**,

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took place between **18-21 September** in Skopje. Together with Project Coordinators Mire Mladenovski and Besnik Emini, an implementation strategy was discussed, for the project to be in line with the Ministry's Strategy on Steps towards Integrated Education. For this purpose also meetings were held with the **Minister of Education Mr Kralev**, with senior officers of the **OSCE** and **USAID**, as well as with the Ambassador of Belgium to Macedonia, **Mr Michielsen**.

The Association of History Educators in Macedonia, **ANIM**, and **EUROCLIO**, the European Association of History Educators have then been asked by the Macedonian Minister of Education Mr Kralev in Skopje on 19 September 2011 to make an overall scan of **the process of textbook production and publishing**, resulting in a systematic analysis with guidelines on how to improve it and propose concrete interventions in the process. They received this request in the framework of the EUROCLIO/Belgium Ministry of Foreign Affairs Project History that Connects Macedonia.

The Project management have decided to put this study into the wider framework of **a study into the present state of teaching history in Macedonia** and will therefore concentrate on a variety of issues such as the **history curriculum** and its development, class room practice, pre-service and in-service teacher training and the procedures for school, national and university entrance assessment. The inquiry will target on the role of the main actors such as the **Ministry of Education, The Bureau of Educational Development, the Education Inspection, the National Agency for textbooks** and also on Trainers, Teachers, Trainee students, school students and parents. The research will focus on a wide variety of questions and will use literature study as well as oral interviews with and written questionnaires among stakeholders. The Organizations want to present as result of the study recommendations **how to further the developments** in innovative and responsible history education in Macedonia. Moreover, over the course of the coming year **3 teacher training seminars are envisaged** as well as strengthened regional participation from Macedonia in the Regional History that Connects-Programme.


For more information please contact Jonathan Even-Zohar at jonathan@euroclio.eu

Becici, Montenegro: Progressing the Regional Programme: Peer-Review of the Educational Material for Historiana. Third Regional Seminar, 25-27 November

The **Third Regional Seminar** within the **EUROCLIO/Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs/OSI** Programme "*History that Connects. How to teach sensitive and controversial issues in the countries of Former Yugoslavia*" will be held in **Becici, Montenegro** on **25-27**

November 2011.

Representatives from all Former Yugoslavia, as well as contributors from **Finland** and **Switzerland** will actively engage during the seminar. The seminar is co-organised with the **History Teachers Association of Montenegro (HIPMONT)**, and will focus on the peer-review of the drafts of 13 modules on selected sensitive and controversial history of 1900-1945, discussing and sharing the preparation of lesson materials for inclusion in the **Historiana** framework, as well as sharing and reflection on expertise involving the learning and teaching of sensitive and controversial issues. Furthermore, the Regional Seminar will be a good opportunity to network, to build the capacity of the Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Kosovar, Macedonian, Montenegrin, Serbian and Slovenian History Teachers Associations, as well as the overall regional capacity and the capacity of individual professionals and to present the current state of history education issues of the countries of Former Yugoslavia. In case you would like to join the seminar as an observer and learn first-hand about the progress being made in the project or would like more information about the programme, feel free to contact Jonathan Even-Zohar at jonathan@euroclio.eu

 [Download the draft programme of the 3rd regional session in Becici, 2011 \(678.18 kB\)](#)


The Open Society Foundation supports professional training of educators in Eastern Europe

The **Open Society** has granted EUROCLIO the *Exploring European History and Heritage Beyond Borders* project which will enable some colleagues from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, the Ukraine to actively participate in professional training and development. This is a **unique opportunity** to work together and share experiences with colleagues across borders.

For more information please contact steven@euroclio.eu.

Georgia Project 'Tolerance Building through History Education': Final Event Report

NEARLY 100 HISTORY TEACHERS, TRAINERS, AND RESEARCHERS and other stakeholders, who for a majority of them were involved during the past three years in the project *Tolerance Building through History Education in Georgia*, came together between September **1st and 4th 2011** at **Tbilisi State University**. During this four-day event the core team of the project (authors, editors and coordinators) presented the results of a three-year collaboration and shared with colleagues and stakeholders what they have been learning with this project.

 [Georgia September 2011 Closing Event Report \(3.86 MB\)](#)

Members

Network of Concerned Historians released their 17th Annual Report

The **Annual Report 2011** of the **Network of Concerned Historians** is now available in a print- friendly version (pdf) at the following link:

<http://www.concernedhistorians.org/content/ar.html> This is the 17th Annual Report of the NCH. It contains 119 pages of news about the domain where history and human rights intersect, especially about the censorship of history and the persecution of historians, archivists, and archaeologists around the globe, as reported by various human rights organizations and other sources. It covers events and developments of 2010 and 2011. This circular is sent to **1205 historians** and others interested in the past all over the world. **Over 90 countries** are covered in this latest report.

Or click here for a direct link to the .PDF

SATH Autumn Conference

A message from Neil McLennan – President Scottish Association of Teachers of History:

It gives me great pleasure to attach the programme for the **SATH Autumn Conference on the 19th of November**. We are indebted to the **University of Edinburgh** for their kind offering of magnificent facilities at the **Old Medical School** (now the home of the History Department) and to the Heritage Education Forum for their support and sponsorship of the programme.

I have attached a paper copy of the programme. The link to send around colleagues is:-

<http://bit.ly/SATHautumn2011>

Please do circulate the paper programme and the link widely amongst other history education professionals. This link will be used to drop in further information about the various speakers as the event approaches. It is also a place where SATH members can link up with history educators to share ideas, teaching resources and learning ideas.

Interest is likely to be high given the wide variety and high caliber of speakers on offer. The theme *'Learning from each other'* brings together inputs from Europe, the academic world, primary schools and secondary schools. We even have an input from students which brings an interesting perspective. Furthermore there will be plenty of opportunity to network and share with colleagues at the history fayre where history and heritage education providers will be on hand to share what resources and ideas they have to offer.

EUROCLIO will also be represented at the conference. Our colleague **Geert Kessels** will be giving a presentation on the Historiana project together with the editor-in-chief of the project, **Dr. Robert Stradling**.

I hope that the programme is of interest to you and I very much so look forward to seeing you at the conference.

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“Italy is finished, now we have to build Italians”, report of an engaging two-day seminar, 29-30 September, Bologna, Italy



On the occasion of the **150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy**, the longstanding member of EUROCLIO,

LANDIS (Laboratori Nazionale per la Didattica della Storia), in cooperation with **Isrebo**, **Cedost** and **IRIS**, organized a two-day seminar with international lectures and workshops entitled “*A reflection about citizenship and democracy; a knotty problem of the seventies. Italy in the International context*”.

Over 50 history and citizenship educators listened to historical presentations about the construction of national identity and memory and legacy of the violence in the seventies. Moreover, a **comparative approach** was used to study the cases of transition to fuller democracy between Greece, Spain, Portugal, Argentina and Chile. Also, a session was organized with EUROCLIO about teaching sensitive and controversial issues, including presentations by the experts **Andrea Hajek**, **Chris Rowe** and **Mire Mladenovski**. Finally, a 2,5 hours workshop entitled “*Multiperspectivity with a palette of sources; examples of innovative teaching of sensitive history*” was organized by **Jonathan Even-Zohar** and **Mire Mladenovski**. The conference in total provided a very interesting platform for discussion on an issue that is, according to some “not yet historical”.

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Turkish Association for Social Studies Educators:
“New Trends and Issues in Citizenship and Democracy Education in a Changing World”

A message from **alt**
Asst. Prof.
Dr. Bülent Tarman
of the Turkish
Association of Social



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Studies Educators, one of the members of the EUROCLIO network:

Dear social studies educators;

We, **Marmara University Ataturk Education Faculty and Association for Social Studies Educators**, are organizing an international symposium titled as '*International Symposium on Social Studies Education: New Trends and Issues in Citizenship and Democracy Education in a Changing World*'.

The aim of the symposium is to discuss some issues surrounding social studies and citizenship education.

They will be discussed in the context of new national/global social, cultural, political and economic

theoretical approaches and practical applications in the area.

Thus, we are hoping to build on our vision of creating a world where justice and democracy are upheld, and

there is peace and prosperity.

Your involvement as a paper presenter or an audience to our symposium will make it a joyful science fair. We look forward to seeing you in **Istanbul on 20-22 April 2012.**

Please visit the website for more information.

AHDR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ONLINE

The Association for Historical Dialogue & Research (AHDR) invite you to read their September Edition Newsletter. Packed with all the latest news from the AHDR and the Home for Cooperation. Click on the link below to download the latest AHDR Newsletter.

 [AHDR Newsletter September 2011 \(349.42 kB\)](#)

History Educators from Moscow, Mongolia and Tartarstan link up: Study visits by our Russian members!

EUROCLIO is very proud to share the great story of Tamara Eidelman of the Moscow History Teachers who travelled to Tartarstan and even Mongolia in June and August of 2011.



This is what Tamara wrote about the visits:

This summer was a **really educating time for members of Moscow history teachers organisation.** In

June its 7 members went to **Tatarstan** for **study visit**, connected with celebration of famous Tatar festival **Sabantuy**. Sabantuy is a feast, celebrating good harvest and it usually takes place in June. All kind of festivities, as well as competitions take place all over the country.

Our trip was **very well organised** by a great friend of our Association **Marat Gibatdinov**, so that we could see some Sabantuy celebrations in Tatarstan town of **Zelenodolsk**, and at the same time visit many **schools** and see wonderful **school museums** which seem to be almost in every school there. Themes of museums could be different – from history of **Space exploration**, to **Tatar customs and traditions**, but **they all were very impressive**.

We also participated in **one-day seminar** for Zelenodolsk history teachers, where some members of our Association made contributions concerning **multiculturality** in history teaching. Two more days were given to visiting historical sites all over Tatarstan.

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Partners

Strasbourg, France: Thematic discussion 2011 “Human Rights in Education “

Our partner organization, the Council of Europe is organizing a thematic discussion on 24 and 25 November 2011. The topic of this discussion will be 'Human Rights in Education'. The venue will be the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.

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London, England: Inspiring School History organized by SHP

London, England, 26 November 2011



Inspiring School History is a day of **professional development for secondary school history teachers** provided by the **British Library** and the **Schools History Project**.

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DARE Network organizes Workshop on 1989 Regime Changes

EUROCLIO Partner **DARE** is organizing a workshop on 1989 Regime Changes

Location: **Berlin**

Applications due : **October 31, 2011**

Program dates: **February 5 - 11, 2012**

This workshop will focus on the **1989 regime changes in**

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Europe and other political transitions of the late 80's, and is open to all applicants with a permanent residency in one of the EU member states, plus Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Turkey.

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EUROCLIO helps to set priority areas of the new lifelong Learning Project of the European Union

80 representatives from civil society and the European Commission gathered in **Brussels** from **26 to 27 September** during the **Fourth Stakeholders Meeting on EU Cooperation in Education and Training** organized by **EUCIS-LLL** to discuss the priority areas of the 2012-2014 work cycle of the Strategic Framework Education and Training 2020.

Key messages from the civil society were an emphasis on learner-centred approaches, more recognition of different ways of education (including non-formal and informal) and greater transparency and dialogue with all stakeholders. A full report will be published soon by EUCIS-LLL.

For more information please contact steven@euroclio.eu.

Qatar Foundation: WISE Awards 2011 winners

WISE is pleased to announce the **six winning projects** for the **third edition of the WISE Awards**.

The Jury reviewed a pool of applicants from all regions of the world and all fields of education. The Winners were selected for their innovative approaches and positive impact upon societies and education, within the perennial theme of Transforming Education: **Investment, Innovation and Inclusion**.

[Click here for more information and links to the six winning projects.](#)

EU Launches European On-line Language Observatory: Poliglotti.eu

Poliglotti4.eu, the EU co-funded **project on multilingualism and language policy**, has launched its website today: www.poliglotti4.eu. The website will serve as the on-line reference on the practice of multilingualism in Europe, and feature a Language Observatory gathering and disseminating best practice in language policy and language learning.

[Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

Upcoming Events

Digital Strategies for Inclusion Conference

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Wednesday, 05 October 2011 - Friday, 07 October 2011

Gdansk, Poland
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EUROCLIO Executive Director invited to contribute to the "Konferenz für Geschichtsdidaktik" Conference

Thursday, 06 October 2011 - Saturday, 08 October 2011
Augsburg, Germany
Joke van der Leeuw-Roord at joke@euroclio.eu

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"We and the Other" third project training seminar

Friday, 07 October 2011 - Saturday, 08 October 2011
Odessa, Ukraine

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Georgia Final Project Management Meeting

Thursday, 13 October 2011
Istanbul, Turkey
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Anna Lindh Head of Network Meeting

Thursday, 20 October 2011 - Sunday, 23 October 2011
Krakow, Poland
steven@euroclio.eu

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Holocaust Conference Amsterdam

Thursday, 20 October 2011 - Friday, 21 October 2011
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
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"History Online" Historiana Seminar

Thursday, 27 October 2011 08:00 - Sunday, 30 October 2011 17:00
Fehérvárcsurgó, Hungary
Steven Stegers at steven@euroclio.eu; Geert Kessels at geert@euroclio.eu

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Education Convention for Intercultural and Democratic Citizenship

Sunday, 30 October 2011 - Monday, 31 October 2011
Alexandria, Egypt
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SATH Autumn Conference

Saturday, 19 November 2011
Edinburgh, Scotland
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History that Connects Third Regional Seminar

Friday, 25 November 2011 - Sunday, 27 November 2011
Becici, Montenegro
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Historiana Advisory Group Meeting

Friday, 02 December 2011 - Saturday, 03 December 2011
The Netherlands

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1st Yad Vashem and EUROCLIO conference on
Holocaust Education

Thursday, 15 December 2011 - Sunday, 18 December 2011

Jerusalem, Israel

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