Annual Plan 2017/2018

Development of the association

Owing to some substantial changes in the composition of the board (specifically a change in the roles of the president and secretary), priority has to be given to ensuring the continuity of our work. That means putting in place meaningful transitional arrangements.

Our aims are:

To continue focusing on attracting new member associations. This may be helped by ecumenical openness. We will also continue intensifying cooperation with the Anglican school system.

To secure the position of the secretariat by continuing the good working relationship with the Protestant Church of Germany (EKD).

To strengthen communications and interaction between the board and the members, and to publicise and utilise members’ activities throughout the international network.

To ensure our internet presence is regularly updated, to update the website profiles of our member associations, to add more information from the members, and to continue publishing our newsletter (if possible, also in French again).

To tap into and make greater use of new external sources of funding for projects, to manage cooperation at a national and international level, and to attract supporters and sponsors for specific projects and plans.

Key activities

To maintain contacts and actively work with universities and similar institutions, the Department for Research and Development of Protestant Schools (WAES) and the Comenius Institute, particularly with regard to research into Christian schools and teacher training.

To arrange a study trip for school leaders and educational experts, probably to Berlin or somewhere else in Germany, and to ensure the experience gained can be used for the longer-term future.

To maintain the dialogue between the research field and the day-to-day practice of Protestant schools, possibly by planning another international study day for 2019 with the Comenius Institute and the Department for Research and Development of Protestant Schools (WAES).
To establish whether additional European seminars for teachers are possible in cooperation with the Baden-Württemberg Academy for Further Training and Career Development in Schools (in a regular cycle, the next one would be in 2019).

To continue our involvement in the Global Pedagogical Network – Joining in Reformation (GPEN) as the representative for the Europe region.

To provide substantive support to the francophone network Réseau International de l’Enseignement Protestant (RIEP).

To plan and hold the 2018 General Assembly, once again with an educational/school-specific focus.

**Other forms of cooperation**

To participate, where desirable and useful, in the key activities of members, to exchange information, to contribute speeches and presentations, and to help develop joint projects.

To engage in dialogue with research institutes, members’ places of work and academies.

To arrange and perform joint activities with ICCS and the Coordinating Group for Religion in Education in Europe (CoGREE), to play an active role in the 2018 Klingenthal Colloquy and to plan joint conferences.

To continue collaborating with the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and using our ‘organisations in partnership’ status.

To continue cooperating with the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE) and maintain our ongoing involvement in the Forum Bildung Europa.

To strengthen ecumenical cooperation with, for example, the European Committee for Catholic Education (CEEC) and to continue working with ecumenical training institutes and associations.

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