20th Anniversary Conference
"Networked Culture"
12-14 September 2012
Goldsmiths, University of London

Dear colleagues,

In less than three months ENCATC celebrates its Jubilee in London during the 20th Annual Conference, “Networked Culture” (12-14 September 2012). This international event, jointly organised by ENCATC and Goldsmiths, University of London, promises to be another inspiring event for ENCATC members and cultural professionals from Europe and beyond. With main lectures focusing on 3 of the current hot issues: Networking, Cultural Diplomacy & External Relations, and Creative & Cultural Industries, this gathering will bring together academics, researchers, students, policymakers and cultural operators from 39 countries to learn through networking and practice.

As we countdown until September, all news related to the ENCATC Annual Conference will be communicated through these special edition newsletters. This first issue provides an overview of the conference programme with a focus on keynote speakers and major events. With more than 100 participants already registered we hope you will join us for this landmark event!

Yours truly,
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A rich programme to celebrate the 20 year ENCATC Jubilee

2012 marks the 20th anniversary of the ENCATC. The network has come along way since it was established in Poland in 1992. To celebrate this important milestone, ENCATC is bringing you an exciting and diverse programme that includes public debates, international seminars, study visits at some of London’s most high-profile cultural institutions, the annual ENCATC Research Session, the Cultural Policy Research Award Ceremony, innovative teaching methodology sessions and an artistic programme to satisfy your cultural appetite. READ MORE: www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=104
Networking Keynote: Dr. Karen Stephenson

Dr. Karen Stephenson, professor at the University of Rotterdam in the Netherlands, has been hailed in Business 2.0 as “The Organization Woman”. She is a corporate anthropologist and lauded as a pioneer and "leader in the growing field of social-network business consultants." In 2007, she was one of only three females recognized from a distinguished short list of 55 in Random House’s Guide to the Management Gurus. Dr. Stephenson had earned praises for innovatively solving a variety of complex problems which have been featured in The Economist, Forbes, The Guardian, The Financial Times, The Wall Street Journal, Fast Company and Wired. READ MORE: www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=244

Creative & Cultural Industries Keynote: Dick Penny

Dick Penny is currently the Director of Watershed Media Center and has been active in the cultural field since 1980. He has worked in the creative sector as a producer, manager and consultant. As a theatre producer, his credits include the World Premiere of When the Wind Blows adapted by Raymond Briggs from his book; Macbeth with actor Pete Postlethwaite; and two award winning one man shows: Baglady with Sorcha Cusack and Scaramouche Jones again with actor Pete Postlethwaite which premiered at the Dublin Festival and toured internationally. READ MORE: www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=244

3rd Annual ENCATC Research Session - Call for Abstracts

Do you have an interesting paper on cultural management or cultural policy you would like to present during the Annual Conference? ENCATC will be organising its 3rd Annual Research Session on the afternoon of 12 September. ENCATC members and Annual Conference participants are invited to submit their abstracts by the 29 June 2012 deadline. The Scientific Committee is accepting proposals from any relevant discipline provided that they make an original academic contribution to the study of cultural management. Learn about the Call for Abstracts and how to apply. READ MORE: www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=202

Celebrating excellence in cultural policy research

The 9th Cultural Policy Research Award Ceremony will take place on the evening of 12 September at Goldsmiths, University of London during the opening reception of the ENCATC Annual Conference. One young cultural policy researcher will be awarded 10 000 EUR for his or her innovative research proposal that sheds light on contemporary European cultural issues and challenges. The 2012 CPRA winner will be publically announced to an audience of researchers, policy makers, academics and cultural operators. READ MORE: www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=19
**Record number of young researchers apply to the 6th YCPR Forum**

The 6th Young Cultural Policy Researchers (YCPR) Forum will be held from 11-12 September at Goldsmiths, University of London. This year ENCATC received a record number of applications to attend the YCPR Forum. With more than 80 applications from 39 countries, the reviewers have their work cut out for them! Aimed at providing young/early career cultural policy researchers with the opportunity to meet fellow researchers, share their experiences and analyse topical research issues regarding content and methodology, the YCPR Forum has become a key annual gathering for many young researchers. READ MORE: [www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=202](http://www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=202)

**Your choice of 5 cultural seminars in London**

ENCATC’s Annual Conference programme will be offering five seminars around the following themes: Museums & Heritage in Europe - Urban Management & Monitors of Culture - Performing Arts Management - Europe International - Creative Industries & Arts Management. These seminars are being co-produced by the ENCATC Thematic Area chairs. Well known international professionals and experts from top cultural institutions in the UK and beyond will be on hand to share their knowledge and expertise with seminar participants. READ MORE: [www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=256](http://www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=256)

**Have you booked your hotel in London? Don't wait!**

Where will you be staying in London? Don’t wait until the last minute to make your travel and hotel arrangements. The city will be very busy this summer due to London hosting the 2012 Olympic Games. To help you ENCATC has a list of suggested hotels in London. To make sure you get a room at the best price, don’t wait to make your reservation. See our list of suggested hotels and make your reservation! We look forward to seeing you in London. READ MORE: [www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=248](http://www.encatc.org/pages/index.php?id=248)