



Poznan, March 14, 2017.

Dear National Presidents, Dear Friends,

“Spring is the time of plans and projects.” Leo Tolstoy –Anna Karenina

Spring is in the air and I am sure you are welcoming it the same way as I am. Quoting Leo Tolstoy I would like to inform you about activities which started last year and have been continuing up to now.

I met some of you during a **conference** in Viadrina University (Frankfurt/Oder) organized by dr Thomas Vogel, our friend. Discussions, exchange of opinions and many individual talks led the Executive Board to think about re-creating **CercleS Newsletter**. The person responsible is Heidi Rontu (Secretary General) who is waiting for news and activities you can exchange with others. The newsletter should be sent to you every 3/ 4 months.

Another activity we have been involved in was CercleS response to **B. North request about CEFR**. Andrea Koblizkova (Deputy Treasurer) prepared a very detailed study with her team. I hope your Language Centre has contributed to this interesting study as well.

We thanked **David Little, LLHE editor-in-chief**, for his support and involvement in editing LLHE. Carmen Argondizzo (Vice President) has been working with Breffni O'Rourke on new *Call for papers* documents. They are also responsible for preparing necessary documents connected with LLHE.

In the nearest future you will visit **our new web page**. We are confident it is user friendly, creates new possibilities of contacts and shows our activities both in our national organizations and CercleS. **We are all** the authors of CercleS web pages therefore I am waiting for your opinions, suggestions and new content.

Presently we have almost finished our draft agenda for a Coordinating **Committee meeting in Helsinki, September 7-8, 2017**. You will be sent documents necessary for our meeting. If you cannot come, please send your deputy/vice president or representative of your national association. It is very important for all of us to discuss subtle issues including topics like bank account/statutes/ and finally official CercleS registration. I am sure we will debate on language policy, situations in Language Centers as well as exam recognition. Marta Estella Clota (Treasurer) prepared finance documents including **budget for 2017**. Catherine Chabert (Deputy Sec. General) together with Helen Nuttall (Adm. Assistant) work on contact data and communication procedures for all CercleS members.

Looking forward to seeing you in Helsinki,
Best wishes

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