

The Art Centre of Palacký University in Olomouc hosted a conference titled *The Current Affairs and Perspectives of Art Education – Reflecting on the Curricular Documents for General Education* which took place on 1–2 December 2015.

The conference was held under the auspices of doc. Ing. Čestmír Serafín, Dr. Ing-Paed IGIP, Dean of the Faculty of Education at Palacký University in Olomouc, and with the active presence of Marjan Prevodnik, a long-term Chair of European Regional Council InSEA. The conference was also supported by Carl-Peter Buschkühle, the current Chair of European Regional Council InSEA, who sent a written letter of support to the delegates of the Czech section of InSEA.

The conference was organised by the Department of Art Education in the Faculty of Education at Palacký University in Olomouc with the premise to renew the activities of the Czech section of InSEA. It also hoped to spark discussions on the topical issues of the field, some of which certainly are the reflection on art education curriculum for general education seen through a prism of the decade which has just passed since its implementation, as well as the issue of standards and field competences, the current research and expert discourse and the practice of art education in the context of both formal and informal education. The conference was attended by 80 registered participants and other tens of students and educators.

During the conference the importance and role of the Czech section of InSEA was discussed as well as the way in which to renew its activities and the vision for its future plans. A plenary meeting of the members of the Czech section of InSEA took place as well as the election of the new committee. The members of the new committee were elected as follows: Petra Šobáňová, Jaroslav Vančát, Kateřina Štěpánková, Jana Jiroutová, Václava Zamazalová, Karin Militká, Věra Uhl Skřivanová. The members of a review board were elected as follows: Aleš Pospíšil, Karel Řepa, and Vladimír Havlík. On the first day of the new committee, the members of the committee met in order to appoint individual members to posts as according to the statutes. The new appointed Chair of the Czech section of InSEA is Petra Šobáňová (under whose activities the whole process of the renewal of the Czech section of InSEA was started and the conference organised), the vice chair is Jaroslav Vančát, the secretary is Václava Zamazalová, and the treasurer is Karin Militká. New tasks of the Czech section of InSEA were defined during the meeting of the newly appointed committee which will be gradually completed and the future successful operation of the organisation will be ensured.

The successful conference proved the unflagging interest of art educators, experts and students of the Czech Republic in holding regular meetings, sharing their experience and promoting education through art. The organisers of the conference would also like to extend their thanks to all participants and hosts, as well as to Marjan Prevodnik for his interesting talk and workshop, and to Carl-Peter Buschkühle for his written greeting which was warmly received by all the conference participants.

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