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# Newsletter

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## Dear Members

Welcome to the latest edition of the EUSE Newsletter and I hope you are having much better weather than us here in a very wet Scotland.

Since our last Newsletter at the beginning of the year we have held a EUSE Council Meeting in Copenhagen and launched our EUSE Scholarship Programme. We are also progressing with the organisation of the 9th EUSE Conference in Prague - these topics are contained in the contents of this newsletter.

As at time of publishing, we are awaiting news of our Partnership Application to the Leonardo Programme to develop a European Supported Employment Toolkit. A decision is expected late July 2008.

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*President*  
*European Union of Supported Employment*

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## EUSE Scholarship Programme

EUSE is delighted to announce the “EUSE Scholarship Programme”. The Scholarship will provide an opportunity for five Supported Employment Practitioners (ie Job Coaches, Employment Officers etc) to participate in a study visit to another European State of their choice.

### Aim of the scholarship is:

- To provide an opportunity for professional development and learning for Supported Employment practitioners through a study visit.

### Objectives of the scholarship are:

- To explore best practice in Supported Employment in another European State.
- To experience first hand Supported Employment practice in another European State.
- To exchange information on Supported Employment practice in both states.
- To compare and contrast Supported Employment practices between European States.
- To benchmark Supported Employment practices with another European State.
- To learn new skills and practices in Supported Employment.

There are up to five Scholarship places to be funded and the funding available is a maximum of €1000 per scholarship.

There is a strict scholarship eligibility criteria and details can be found along with the application form on the EUSE website, [www.euse.org/activities/euse-scholarship-2008-2009](http://www.euse.org/activities/euse-scholarship-2008-2009). Alternatively, you can contact your National Association or the EUSE Secretariat for further information.

**The deadline has been extended to 1 August 2008 to allow for maximum participation.**

## 9th EUSE Conference, Prague 27-29 May 2009

The Czech Union of Supported Employment will host the 9th EUSE Conference on Supported Employment entitled "Let's make it work". The conference will be held in the Congress Center in Prague, Czech Republic from 27-29 May 2009.

The conference will address current and future issues associated with the integration of people with disabilities into the open labour market. The conference aims to showcase innovation and best practice in the field of supported employment. The conference will help the exchange of proven procedures in SE across the countries. The main topics of the conference are: Quality in Supported Employment, Supported Employment methods, Engagement of Stakeholders in Supported Employment and Future of Supported Employment. Our world-wide keynote speakers will address the key areas of work on engaging with people with disabilities.

Registrations and a call for papers will be launched on 1 September 2008. From this date delegates will be able to register for the Conference online by completing the online registration form. There will also be a facility to submit abstracts to deliver workshops and presentations.

No conference is complete without the social events. We are planning a great conference dinner and entertainment on 28 May 2009 in the Prague Congress Centre. The welcome reception on

pre-conference day will take place at the beautiful residence of the Mayor of Prague on Wednesday 27 May 2009. However, due to limited space of the Mayor's residence, the invitations will be for the first 120 paying delegates.

We look forward to seeing you in Prague in the May 2009. For more information, please check out the conference website [www.euseconference2009.org](http://www.euseconference2009.org) which is continuously updated.



CZECH UNION FOR SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT & EUSE European Union of Supported Employment invite you to

**9th Conference of the European Union of Supported Employment 2009**

27th - 29th May 2009  
Congress Centre, Prague, Czech Republic

Quality in supported employment  
Supported employment methods  
Engagement of stakeholders in supported employment  
Future of supported employment

For information and registration see: [www.euseconference2009.org](http://www.euseconference2009.org)



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## EUSE Council Meeting

The latest EUSE Council meeting was held in Copenhagen, Denmark on 12-13 March 2008 with 14 of the 17 national associations being represented. This is in fact a record attendance for a EUSE Board meeting and demonstrates the enthusiasm and commitment of the national associations to develop both EUSE and supported employment.

There were a wide range of reports and discussions regarding supported employment issues and activities of EUSE. Some of the key points included:

- Update information regarding the EUSE Articles of Association.
- Identify new bank accounts with high interest to lodge EUSE funds.
- Develop job descriptions for EUSE Council Office Bearers.
- Launch the EUSE Scholarship Programme (see page 2).
- Organise the 9th EUSE Conference in Prague, Czech Republic (27-29 May 2009).
- Continue lobbying the EU with regard to supported employment issues and hosting an invitation only event in Brussels.
- Produce EUSE Position Papers on key supported employment topics.

It was also agreed at the meeting that NIUSE will continue to provide the Secretariat for EUSE.

The EUSE Council were very grateful to EUSE Denmark for organising the meeting and being excellent hosts.

## Forthcoming EUSE Council Meeting

The next EUSE Council meeting will take place in Prague, Czech Republic on 28-29 August 2008 and will be organised by the Czech Union of Supported Employment.

## EUSE Council Members

The current National Association of the representatives Council of the European Union of Supported Employment are:

### Council Representatives

- Austria** - Sabine Veitlmeier - Marlene Mayrhofer  
**Czech Republic** - Zuzana Bajerová - Alena Schlegelová  
**Denmark** - Henning Jahn - Johanne-Louise Bengtsson  
**England** - Robert Elston - Huw Davies  
**Finland** - Pauliina Lampinen - Ulla Anttila  
**Germany** - Stefan Doose - Kirsten Hohn  
**Greece** - Penny Papanikolopoulou - Kaiti Katsouda  
**Iceland** - Arni Mar Bjornsson - Ingibjorg Margret Isaksdottir  
**Ireland** - Dermot Cunningham - Stephen MacWhite  
**Italy** - Fabrizio Fea  
**Netherlands** - Michael Kamp - Ad Weise  
**Northern Ireland** - Margaret Haddock - Edyth Dunlop  
**Norway** - Oyvind Haara  
**Portugal** - Augusto Sousa - Teresa Duarte  
**Scotland** - Mike Evans - Margaret Linton  
**Spain** - Ferran Bellver - Louisa Arenas  
**Sweden** - Bengt Eklund - Bertil Johansson

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- President** - Mike Evans (Scotland)  
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**Treasurer** - Fabrizio Fea (Italy)  
**Secretary** - Margaret Haddock (Northern Ireland)

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