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Summer's here !

Dear members,

Over the past months the Board has been looking into some opportunities for the FESAT-network. Our priority is to invest in activities and actions that will in the first place be to the benefit of all FESAT members.

In fact that is the main reason we are sending you this short summer edition of our newsletter. We are pleased to announce you a **training seminar in September** for new helpline workers. Looking further into the future we started our first preparations for a new **FESAT conference in 2009**.

More details are mentioned here below.

We all know that drug helpline work can be very stressful and demanding. That is why we hope all of you can enjoy some fine holidays and have some rest ... without the sound of telephones ringing on the background.

Enjoy the summer, get your batteries recharged and we hope to hear each other soon!

Patricia Pissarra
President of FESAT



ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

**TRAINING SEMINAR FOR
JUNIOR DRUG HELPLINE WORKERS**

LISBON, PORTUGAL, 29TH-30TH SEPTEMBER 2008

FESAT is pleased to announce a two day training seminar for new drug helpline workers.

By offering this training FESAT wants to allow helpline workers with a maximum two years job experience to further develop their capacity, to exchange experiences with co-workers from abroad and to get a better view of good practice in drug helpline work from a European perspective.

The training will focuss on relevant topics such as:

- counselling skills
- changing aspects in helpline work and online applications
- data monitoring
- examples of good practice in drug helpline work
- working with families

As a FESAT member, your service and your junior staff may benefit from this opportunity.

The fee for participation is €100 and FESAT will cover the costs of travel and accommodation for the two days. A maximum of 10 people can attend this training seminar, with no more than one person attending from each service.

The seminar language will be English. Participants will be selected based on an individual application. **Deadline for application is August 1st.**

Full announcement, preliminary programme, criteria for participation and documents for application, can be obtained from fesat@skynet.be

Join us in Portugal!





REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT 2008

If your service has already paid its 2008 membership fee, we thank you and look forward to your involvement in our 2008 activities.

However, if you have yet to pay your 2008 membership we kindly request that you pay this fee as soon as possible and remind you of the fact that paying membership will allow your helpline to have maximum benefit from the activities that FESAT has planned for the rest of this year.

The membership fee for 2008 is €150.

Instructions for payment and bank details can be obtained via FESAT@SKYNET.BE



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

5th FESAT Conference

14-15-16th May 2009, Oslo, Norway

With the kind support of our Norwegian member **RUStelefonen** a new conference for drug helpline workers across Europe and beyond will be organised in 2009.

RUStelefonen will be our host and welcomes FESAT members to the beautiful city of Oslo.

Contrary to what had been announced in our 11th Newsletter (December 2007) the conference won't be held in October 2008, but on 14-15-16th May 2009.

With the date now fixed, the Board of FESAT is currently preparing the Conference programme.

More information and a preliminary programme will be provided in our next Newsletter.