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## The Nordic–Baltic Region

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#### **PRESIDENT's Note**



Sigurborg Jónsdóttir

The New Year of 2015 has been heralded in with fireworks and parties and I hope that it will be a harbinger of good things to come for both the associations and us as individuals.

Every New Year is a new beginning and so is this newsletter. Since the end of last year we have a new executive and among other things, we have discussed how we could further communication and information between all of our member associations. This Newsletter is one of the ideas and hopefully this is just the first of many to come. The aim is to send it out four times a year. Eglė Šleiotienė, the president of Language Teachers' Association of Lithuania, secretary of NBR, will be the editor.

One of the main purposes is to exchange news from our member associations on seminars and projects and other association work, to

share the vast experience and best practice in language teaching and learning (and promote cooperation).

In this age of speed and the need for short and quick communication we recently started a Facebook group (see further down). We would like you to help us populate the site not just by becoming friends, but also with thoughts, ideas and questions about association work and on language teaching and learning, to remind us of any upcoming events and anything relevant to our purpose. Any member of the associations can contribute. In order to promote both the newsletter and the Facebook group, we would like to ask the boards of the associations to put links on their own homepage and other media they are using.

We also have a separate page on the FIPLV homepage under Members (<http://fiplv.com/members-2/the-nordic-baltic-region/>) and welcome your ideas on what you would like to see there.

As usual, there are some big events taking place this year like the FIPLV World Conference in Canada late this March. STIL the Icelandic Association will celebrate its 35th anniversary this year and next year the Estonian Association will host the next NBR conference.

I have great hopes that this newsletter will thrive and be a living media with contributions from the associations and be an asset in our common work.



## **NEWS from the ECML Project 2012-2015 “Empowering language networks”**

22-23 May 2014, LACS workshop took place at the ECML in Graz in a very friendly and stimulating atmosphere with 33 participants representing 27 European countries. The Nordic-Baltic region workshop participants shared their best practices and experience.

More information is available on the ECML homepage:

<http://lacs.ecml.at/M1/News/tabid/2950/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

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**Denis Cunningham, FACE, Secretary General, Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes (FIPLV)**

At the recent (virtual and asynchronous) meetings of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, we considered nominations for the 2014 FIPLV International Award.

It is my pleasure on behalf of FIPLV to be able to inform you that the following were awarded this honour:

**InDaF - The Indo-German Teachers Association** - nominated by IDV (Germany)

**Ene Peterson** - nominated by EVOL (Estonia)

**Christian Puren** - nominated by APLV (France)

**Kirsti Santaholma** - nominated by SUKOL (Finland)

**Sylvia Velikova** - nominated by BETA (Bulgaria)

As FIPLV prepares for our forthcoming FIPLV World Congress to be hosted by CASLT in Niagara Falls (Canada) on 26-28 March, it is timely for us to write to you regarding the following event.

Thus, on behalf of FIPLV, I would like to invite you to consider offering to host the 24th FIPLV World Congress (or FIPLV 2018) in 2018. It would be useful to receive offers by the end of February with a view to being in a position to announce the decision before FIPLV 2015.

Denis Cunningham, Secretary General,  
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The Nordic- Baltic Region of FIPLV is privileged to invite you to join the



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/677820838960243/permalink/750632711679055/>

## LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD.

### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LANGUAGES

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/guide/languages.shtml>



## 2015 World Congress of Modern Languages: Collaborating across Languages and Borders

In 2015 FIPLV joins forces with CASLT (Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers) and OMLTA (Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association) to hold the 2015 World Congress of Modern Languages in Niagara Falls (ON), Canada, 26-28 March, 2015.

Information about the world congress is available on:

[http://www.caslt.org/conference15/conference2015\\_en.php](http://www.caslt.org/conference15/conference2015_en.php)



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