Dear Friends of EuNC,

As the new school year 2011-2012 has started, the Leadership Team wants to share some information with you about what is happening at your school and give you an update on various developments at European Nazarene College.

Update on the Ministry of European Nazarene College
One of the first projects of the new academic year was a review of every learning centre in order to get a clear picture of what it means when we talk about EuNC without a campus programme in Büsingen. Here are some numbers from October 2011 to give you a glimpse of the new picture:

- **15 learning centres**: EuNC currently has 15 centres in 17 countries. One centre is inactive.
- **365 students**: EuNC has 365 part-time enrolled students in 15 countries. Of these, 290 are active students and 75 are inactive (students who have not taken a course in the last three years). 206 students seek a certificate from EuNC and 159 take individual courses according to their interests.
- **60 teachers, tutors and administrators**: A total of 60 persons are involved in the education EuNC provides. This does not include the guest and visiting faculty. 44 persons are faculty (full-time, part-time, adjunct and local faculty), 9 are tutors, and 7 persons have exclusively administrative responsibilities. Of these 60 persons, 7 reside in Büsingen, 50 live in 15 of the 17 countries where EuNC has learning centres, and 3 live in the United States.

Future of EuNC Leadership Conference
European Nazarene College will continue to sponsor the EuNC Leadership Conference. However, in 2012 we are planning a sabbatical year, in which we redesign the conferences for the future. One of the changes for the future will be that the EuNC Leadership Conference will take place on the different fields we are serving (Central Europe, CIS, Northern Europe, and Western Mediterranean). In 2013 we will begin with the Northern Europe field – and the Gelnhausen Church of the Nazarene in Germany will be the first off-campus site. Please mark your calendars; we have scheduled that conference for **January 28-30, 2013**. More details will follow! Please pray with us for God’s guidance.

EuNC Luncheon at the 2011 Eurasia Conference
During the 2011 Eurasia Conference, we had the opportunity to have an “EuNC Luncheon” on Thursday, November 13th. 160 persons came for that event (students, former and present faculty, administrators, alumni, and some guests). It gave us a great opportunity to briefly share about what is happening at our school, to get to know others from the EuNC family, to meet “old friends,” and to just have a great time together.
Spanish speaking students having a good time of fellowship

A glimpse of the restaurant

Teanna Sunberg, introducing the Learning Centres on the Central Europe field.

Olga Druzhinina, introducing the Learning Centres on the CIS field.

Update on Campus Properties
After times of much prayer and many conversations (especially with the leadership of the Eurasia Region), the executive committee of the Board of Trustees has decided that the campus properties will remain in the ownership of EuNC, but will be managed by the Eurasia Regional Office. At the same time, the Büsingen address will remain the registered office for EuNC. We will primarily work out of the “Welcome Centre” building. That frees the EuNC personnel to fully devote their time and energy to the educational programmes, and the campus properties can still be used for the good of the church (meetings, retreats, seminars, conferences, etc.). Starting on January 1, 2012, Lydia Sawatzky will be managing the properties together with her husband, Nikolaj. The Sawatzkys are graduates of EuNC and are well-equipped to take on this new responsibility. We wish them all the best and the Lord’s blessings as they serve in this position.

Lydia and Nikolaj Sawatzky

Aerial view of Büsingen and the campus properties.
Portugal Learning Centre Banquet

The Portugal LC Banquet has been taking place on a national holiday (October 5th) since 2009 and is always an anticipated event on the district calendar. It is a time of celebration for what the Lord has done, is doing, and will do in the future through this LC. The students, who planned the event as a Practicum course, chose this theme for the banquet: God’s Armour, based on Ephesians 6. The programme, the tables, and the presentations were focused on the importance of being prepared to be God’s best workers.

There was special music performed by a few members of the Nazarene group, “Sisters”, who sung several inspirational songs a cappella. The Education Field Coordinator, Jayme Himmelwright, emphasized the importance of the effects that the courses have on the students’ lives, and several testified spontaneously of ways the Lord has been transforming them through their studies, particularly during the last academic year.

It was a great privilege to have EuNC’s Academic Dean, Antonie Holleman, address the students, pastors and guests present. Once more all were reminded that EuNC’s Portugal LC exists to offer quality theological formation and training so that there will be quality leaders and quality faith communities who will make a difference in this world.

The Berea Award (given to student(s) who enrol in at least in two-thirds of the courses offered and get the best GPA) was presented this year to Flávio Taela. The two new students of the last academic year, Tania Vaz and Priscila Pereira, were introduced, as well as the courses that will be offered in the current academic year. Fernanda de Lima remembered José Manuel Bastos, who went to be with the Lord this last August, as a dear colleague and dedicated student.

The LC Coordinator, João Pedro Pereira, challenged the participants to pray for the LC students, as a set of chocolates with the Portugal LC first letters was distributed to everyone. These same letters also stand for Cross, Spirit and Word (in Portuguese), things that should be featured in the lives of present and future ministers. It was a great celebration as well as a challenge to be quality and well-prepared workers, fulfilling God’s mission in this world!
Alumni News

Wedding of Gideon and Rebekka de Jong
We received an e-mail from Gideon and Rebekka with the following message: “We got married! On August 2 we had our civil wedding in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and on August 13 was our church wedding in Siegburg, Germany. We are glad that Rector Klaus Arnold led the church ceremony, especially because we got to know each other at the EuNC campus in Büsingen. We look back upon our wedding with warm memories and so much gratitude! Now we live in Potsdam, Germany, right next to Berlin. Rebekka pursues another BA and then her MA in Education in English and religion at the Potsdam University to become a high school teacher. Gideon works at the Jakobus Gemeinde, one of the four Nazarene churches in the Berlin area, while finishing his MA in Pastoral Ministry at NNU. We hope to stay… in touch!”

Ordination of EuNC Graduates and Faculty
The last service at the Eurasia Conference was an ordination service. Of the five ordinands, four are part of the EuNC family. Three are graduates from our school and one is a tutor at our learning centre in Kosovo.

Elke Koçi is serving with her family in Albania.
Shahade Twal (Jordan) with his wife Annabelle (Switzerland). Shahade is assistant pastor in the Büsingen International Church of the Nazarene, Germany. Besides these three persons another EuNC alumni from Central Asia was ordained during this service.

Gil Thibault, who serves with his family in Kosovo, as a tutor in our learning centre.

Thanks for your interest in and support of European Nazarene College. We will continue to stay in touch with you!

In Christ,
Klaus Arnold, Rector