

**September 12th, 1999**

This is a copy of a letter sent to you from the board of the ACC.  
Just in case you changed your common mail address.

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Skopje, September 9th 1999

Dear <-NAME->!!!

Thanks for signing up for membership of the ACC (Association for Community Colleges) or for showing interest in the project. With this we would like to give you some very good news!

The idea of Elly and John of founding an association among the minority-course participants and others interested is reality now.

The ACC registered and giving its first steps!!!

For different reasons the project was cancelled some months ago, but we believe now it was a mistake, and the project was reopened recently, as you can see. On August 11th 1999 the ACC (Association for Community Colleges) was founded at a meeting directly on the Internet. The statutes of the association were adopted in the version enclosed and the board of the ACC now consists of the following persons, who were present at the meeting:

- John Petersen (Århus), chairperson
- László Dani (Cluj/Kolozsvár), deputy chairperson
- Conchi Gallego (Madrid), secretary
- Jesper Nielsen (Aabenraa), treasurer
- Mjellma Mehmeti (Skopje), board member
- Linda Jakobson (Riga), board member
- Siebren de Boer (Groningen), board member
- Eva Valvo (Pisa), substitute
- Josefine Listerby (Göteborg), substitute

As you have probably already realised of the statutes, the ideas are very ambitious, but we know of course, that things take time. One major aim of the first year of existence of the ACC will be trying to fund-raise for a proper General Assembly. This General Assembly is to be held probably in Denmark in August 2000, and it will be an opportunity to discuss in details the aims and means of the ACC. It is very important that the policy of the association is discussed thoroughly at a common meeting and not just between board-members.

The programme of the year 1999/2000 is scheduled as this, but still very provisional, since it depends on the foundations, EU, European Council etc. who are supposed to give us some money. We have already oral confirmation about some EU-support.

In the months to follow the board of the ACC is holding some meetings to get things started, to raise funds and to co-ordinate the work.

In the beginning of August, 2000 we are having the General Assembly probably in Denmark.

From 19th - 26th of August we are arranging a campaigning meeting / Working Camp at Rite Folk High School, Latvia.

We will work for the establishing of a new website instead of the temporary one at [www.johnp.dk](http://www.johnp.dk) (your are welcome to have a look at it and get to know more about the ACC project)

For these plans we need your participation and your co-operation, we hope that you are still interested in being a member, and first thing we would like to ask you is to pay the fee for the years 1999-2000, which is an amount of 10 Euro (or equivalent). It would be great if you could pay the fee before November 1st. This would allow the board to find out whether the idea still has support from you.

The fee should be paid to:

ACC, Sydbank, Flensburg.  
Norderstrasse 9, D-24939 Flensburg  
Swiftcode: SYBKDE22FLE  
Account no/BLZ: 21510600 19231-10-002

Unfortunately the transfer amount between banks is expensive, when the amount has to cross borders. This can be solved in two ways: either you send the amount in cash notes to the treasurer of the ACC: Jesper Nielsen, Flensborgvej 48, A18, DK-6200 Aabenraa, or you pay it in a bank inside the borders of Germany. Then the transfer amount will be about 1DM only.

Now, of course, you might ask yourself: Why should I be a member of this association?

- You want to be a member because you idealistically believe in the aims described in the §2 and §3 of the statutes. The idea of debating about Europe brought us together and made us see that we could create a rich debate.

- You want to be part of the Association because you can use the ACC when you want to organise a Community College (folk high school) -course in your country, as it is foreseen in the end of §14. This could be done in co-operation with local NGOs.

- You want to be in from the beginning so that you can follow the developing of the ACC through newsletters.

- You would be happy to be a member because others should have the chance you had, joining an international community college (folk high school) -course.

- Because you think it would be fun seeing each other again.

· Because you would like to go to Rite, Latvia (again?).

When these lines are written, we have confirmation from 75 former minority course participants and some others that they are likely to be members. Don't you want to be the 76th ?

The ACC does not have a logo yet, so we would like to invite you to participate at the ACC logo design competition, that we launch now. We would be very happy to receive drawings that could be the logo of our just born association. We'll send more information about this contest very soon, but you can start working on it!!!

To avoid misunderstandings, we would like to stress that the Højskolen Østersøen as an institution has nothing to do with the ACC. However, some of the staff members at the Højskolen Østersøen are members as individuals. Anyway, the ACC is of course supporting the "Minority Courses" morally.

On behalf of the board,  
Best regards

Mjellma Mehmeti

Enclosure: Statutes, final version