
BIEN The Basic Income European Network

BIEN was founded in 1986 and aims to serve as a link between individuals and groups committed to or interested in basic income, and to foster informed discussion on this topic throughout Europe.

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1. EDITORIAL

In this light mid-Summer issue of the BIEN *NewsFlash*, you will mainly find the latest information on our upcoming Congress, the announcement of three 15-month scholarships for graduate students working on basic income or related subjects, and an update on national networks around basic income, including a newly set up Canadian network. Reviews and other news items will appear in the September issue.

At about the same time as this news flash, our first new-style hard-copy newsletter (*Basic Income n°34*) is being sent from London to all members of BIEN. We are delighted about the efficient collaboration with the London-based *Citizen's Income Study Centre*, which is making this possible. A major refashioning of BIEN's web site is also being actively considered. Do keep sending to BIEN's secretariat any relevant announcement or publication.

BIEN's Executive Committee

2. BIEN'S 8TH CONGRESS (BERLIN 2000)

REGISTRATION

Participants should register by July 15th. A Registration Form and further information are available from BIEN Online at <http://www.etes.ucl.ac.be/BIEN/bien.html> or from the conference secretariat:

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The conference fees (excluding accommodation) are as follows:

REGULAR fee: Euro 80 (70 before July 1st)
COMBINED fee with life membership of BIEN : Euro 160 (150 before July 1st)
COMBINED fee with membership of BIEN for 2001-02: Euro 90 (80 before July 1st)
REDUCED fee for life members of BIEN: Euro 60 (50 before July 1st)
REDUCED fee for Central & East Europeans: Euro 50 (40 before July 1st)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, October 6, 2000

9:00 a.m. -13:00 a.m.: Social Science Research Center Berlin, Reichpietschufer 50, D-10785 Berlin

PLENARY SESSIONS

Welcome addresses by Friedrich Neidhardt (WZB), Guy Standing (BIEN), Claus Offe (Organizer), Ralf Fücks (Boell-Stiftung) and Ute Klammer (Boeckler-Stiftung)

Keynote presentations by:

- Bruce Ackerman (Yale)
- Roger Godino (Paris)
- Ingrid Robeyns (Cambridge)
- Wolf-Dieter Just (Mülheim/ Ruhr)
- Eduardo Suplicy (Sao Paulo)

2:30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.: Social Science Research Center Berlin, Reichpietschufer 50, D-10785 Berlin

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Working Group I-IV (provision list of papers in *BIEN News Flash n°3*)

- I "Legitimizing non-market work" (chair: Ilona Ostner)
- II "Life time flexibility and income security" (chair: G. Standing)
- III "Citizenship rights, responsibility, and paternalism" (chair: P. Van Parijs)
- IV "Basic Income and Social Cohesion in an integrating Europe" (chair: A. de Roo)

7:30 p.m. onwards, Rotes Rathaus, Berlin-Mitte, D-10117 Berlin

RECEPTION offered by the Berlin Government

SATURDAY, October 7, 2000

9:00 a.m. 13.00 a.m.: Social Science Research Center Berlin, Reichpietschufer 50, D-10785 Berlin

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Working Group I-IV (provisional list of papers in BIEN News Flash n°3)

2:30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.: Social Science Research Center Berlin, Reichpietschufer 50, D-10785 Berlin

PLENARY SESSIONS

Politicians' Panel with:

- Andrea Fischer MP, Minister for Health, Germany
- Michel Hansenne MEP, former Director General of the ILO, Belgium
- Christian Koeck, Chairperson, Liberales Forum, Austria
- Lord Raymond Plant, UK
- Michel Rocard MEP, former Prime Minister, France
- Osmo Soiniavaara, Minister for Social Affairs designate, Finland

Concluding Plenary Session :

- Report by the Chairs of the Working Groups (Dr Ilona Ostner, Dr Guy Standing, Alexander de Roo MEP, and Prof. Philippe Van Parijs, members of BIEN's Executive Committee)
- Comments by the audience

Conclusion by Prof. Claus Offe, Chairman of the Organising Committee

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.: Social Science Research Center Berlin, Reichpietschufer 50, D-10785 Berlin

BIEN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

9:00 p.m. onwards: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Hackesche Höfe, Rosentahler Strasse 40/41, Berlin

PARTY

3. THREE DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS ON BASIC INCOME

The CHAIRE HOOVER d'éthique économique et sociale of the Université catholique de Louvain advertises *THREE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS* within the framework of a research project on *BASIC INCOME AND THE NEW SOCIAL QUESTION*

STATUS AND LENGTH

Research scholar ("bourse défiscalisée" of Euro 1.200 minimum net per month) for a period of 12 months starting on 15 September or 1 October 2000, with the possibility of an extension until 31 December 2001.

QUALIFICATIONS

A relevant social science degree (economics, politics, social policy, (social) law, (social) philosophy, etc.) with suitably high grades, sufficient knowledge of English and French, and some previous work in the area of social policy. Given the length of the scholarship, having worked on the theme of the research project (see below) is a major asset.

FORMAL CONDITIONS

The applicant can have held scholarships before, but not a regular contract in an academic institution. During her/his tenure, (s)he must be registered in a doctoral programme either at the Université catholique de Louvain (for which a D.E.A. or M.A. is generally required) or in her/his home university. Applications from both inside and outside the European Union are welcome.

LOCATION

The research project is located at the Chaire Hoover d'éthique économique et sociale (responsible: Philippe Van Parijs, web site: <http://www.etes.ucl.ac.be/>), within the Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences of the Université catholique de Louvain (in Louvain-la-Neuve, 30km South-East of Brussels). It cooperates closely with the labour market and social policy unit of the Institut de recherches économiques et sociales (Prof. Bruno Van der Linden and Bart Cockx) and operates within the framework of a broader inter-university project (on "The New Social Question") funded by a Belgian federal programme (Pôles d'Attraction Interuniversitaires, Services du Premier Ministre, 1997-2001) and involving teams from the University of Antwerp (Prof. Bea Cantillon), the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Prof. Mark Elchardus) and the University of Liège (Prof. Pierre Pestieau). The Chaire Hoover also hosts the secretariat of the Basic Income European Network (<http://www.etes.ucl.ac.be/BIEN/bien.html>) and is involved in the publication of its newsletter and the preparation of its next congress (Berlin, October 2000).

THEME

The general purpose of the inter-university project is the exploration of whatever is new in the "question" which contemporary social policy is meant to solve. The Louvain-based

component was invited to focus on the idea of a universal basic income, viewed as an attempt to reduce unemployment without increasing poverty. Much of the work done so far has consisted in exploring, the main differences between basic income and other schemes pursuing the same aim (employment subsidies, earned income tax credit, negative income tax, career interruption, working time reduction, etc.), in terms of ethical justification, economic impact and political feasibility. In the final stage of the project (2000-01), this exploration will be continued. But the Louvain-based team also has an interest in the inter-regional and inter-generational dimensions of the "new social question", whether with or without a connection to basic income.

TASKS

Preparation of a doctoral thesis on an aspect of the "new social question" studied by the Louvain component of the project (preferably, but not necessarily related to basic income). Active participation in the project's seminars. Possibly some contribution to the web site and Newsletter of the Basic Income European Network and to a general introductory book on basic income.

APPLICATION

As soon as possible and no later than 15 August 2000, with a detailed CV (including courses followed and grades obtained, linguistic abilities, and a brief presentation of the subject of the planned thesis and of the stage reached) and two reference letters, to Philippe Van Parijs, Place Montesquieu 3, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, fax : (32)-(0)10-47.39.52, tel. (32)(0)10-47.39.51, E-mail : vanparijs@etes.ucl.ac.be.

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How to become a member of BIEN

Membership of BIEN is open to anyone who shares its objectives. The individual membership fee is 25 Euros for 1999-2000 or 100 Euros for life membership. BIEN Members receive hard copies of the Newsletter, are kept informed of relevant meetings, seminars and research projects and have voting rights at BIEN's General Assembly held every second year in conjunction with the Congress. A broad membership strengthens BIEN in its efforts to put basic income on academic and political agendas. It also provides much appreciated support to the unpaid activity of the Executive Committee and gives BIEN a firm basis for the funding of its modest running costs. A full statement of accounts is submitted to the General Assembly. To become a BIEN member, please fill out the *Membership Subscription Form* or download the *Individual Membership Form* which are both on the BIEN web site (<http://www.etes.ucl.ac.be/BIEN/JoinBien.htm>). An acknowledgment will be sent upon receipt. For further questions, e-mail BIEN at bien@etes.ucl.ac.be.

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