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Photographic Competition, Exhibition and Yearbook 2007: A Year in the Life of the ESU

INTRODUCTION



2008 sees the 90th anniversary of the founding of the ESU by Sir Evelyn Wrench.

To celebrate both this landmark birthday and the worldwide gathering of the membership for this conference, ESU Scotland plans to mount a photographic display at the main conference venue, the Assembly Rooms, during the conference and produce a commemorative book, documenting the work of the ESU world-wide. Both the book and the exhibition will be based on the theme of "A Year in the Life of the ESU" and branches throughout the world are encouraged to participate and contribute.

The photographic display will be based on an international photographic competition, open to members of all ESU branches around the world. This will culminate in an exhibition of the best entries at the 2008 World Conference.

We are inviting all ESUs around the world to keep a written and photographic record of their activities in the year 2007. These will be compiled into a yearbook to be published in time for sale at the Conference.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION & EXHIBITION

We are asking all ESU branches worldwide to organise a competition in early 2008 within their own membership for the best photographs taken of a branch activity or event in 2007. These photographs should document the work and activities of the ESUs. As the competition is designed to show "A Year in the Life of the ESU", 'action' shots as well as presentations or group photos are encouraged. It is up to individual branches to decide exactly how to run their competitions, although ESU Scotland is happy to provide guidance. For example, ESUs can select the best photograph for each month or for each event.

Each branch should select the best three photographs submitted by its members, and forward these to ESU Scotland. Entries must arrive by 31st March 2008 and can be in digital or print format. All the final entries from round the world will be judged together, and the final winner and two runners-up will be announced at the Conference.

The winning entries, and a sample of the best of the rest, will be exhibited at the main Conference venue.

Some of the photographs will also be used to illustrate the ESU Commemorative Yearbook.

For more guidance and details please see the ESU Scotland Competition rules.

■ Throughout 2007

Branch members take photographs of ESU functions and activities. These can be of branch events, or of regional, national or international gatherings.

■ February - March 2008

Branch members submit their entries to their own branches for judging. Each individual branch should decide what arrangements it puts in place for this, and what, if any, awards it may make for its local competition.

■ By 31st March 2008

Each branch submits the top three entries from its competition to ESU Scotland for final judging.

■ April - June 2008

ESU Scotland organises the final judging of the international entries. Prizes will be awarded to the winner and two runners-up.

■ September 2008

Exhibition held during the Conference, along with prize-giving ceremony.

COMMEMORATIVE YEARBOOK

As a further contribution to the celebrations of our 90th birthday, ESU Scotland proposes to publish a book to coincide with the Conference. It is planned that the final production will be a beautiful publication that will be bought by delegates attending the conference and by other members of the ESU.

This book will be divided into two parts.

Part 1: 90 Years of the English-Speaking Union

The first part of the Commemorative Yearbook will be a general history and celebration of the work of the ESU over the 90 years of its life. It will contain features on ESU history, and articles by ESU leaders on the current and future work of the organisation internationally.

It will contain a number of articles, for example:

- A timeline showing the history of the English-Speaking Union
- Details of ESU programmes
- Articles written by prominent ESU alumni about their experiences
- Famous ESU alumni
- Articles about the English language
- Articles about the role of the ESU in the 21st Century

Part 2: ESU Branches

The first part will record in words and pictures a year in the life of the ESU around the world. This part will be organised country by country and each country section will contain:

- Photographs of the country and ESU activities there
- Brief facts and figures about the country
- A brief history of the ESU in each country
- A profile of ESU activities in each country
- Office bearers in each country
- A child's perspective on "What my country means to me"

Each ESU branch will be asked to submit a month-by-month record of its activities from January to December 2007, illustrated, if possible, by photographs of up to three events. There will be some overlap with the Photographic Competition and it is expected that at least some of these pictures will be competition entries. We hope that the submissions will give a flavour of each branch's overall activities and involvement in the local community.

As much of the work of the ESU is with young people, we would also like each ESU to run an essay competition for young people up to 18 years of age (Under 18 by 31st March 2008). The theme for this competition is "What my country means to me." Each essay should be no longer than 500 words in length. The winning essay from each national competition should be submitted to ESU Scotland.

In cases where there are many branches within a national ESU (e.g. the United States, Canada, England & Wales) it may be more convenient for the branch submissions to be collated centrally at the national office, before being sent on to ESU Scotland. Similar records should be kept of national and international activities (e.g. by ESU of the United States, ESU of the Commonwealth and the International Council).

The completed records should be sent to ESU Scotland by 31st March 2008, where they will be edited and compiled to produce an overview of the global ESU at work in 2007.

For more guidance and details please see the ESU Scotland Competition rules.

■ Throughout 2007

Branches keep a written and photographic record of their activities. Similar records will be kept by national ESUs and the International Council. Branches organise the Citizenship essay competition for young people.

■ By 31st March 2008

All branches/national ESUs compile and submit their written and photographic records to ESU Scotland for editing.

■ April - August 2008

ESU Scotland edits the material, and arranges for printing and publication of the yearbook.

■ September 2008

Yearbook published, and sold at the Conference

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