



**European  
Council for High  
Ability**

## ECHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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### Type of membership

Full membership €60.00

Student membership €30.00

Corporate membership €120.00  
(Institutions)

Membership payable at the end of the year.

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## **INTRODUCING ECHA**

Throughout Europe there is a growing awareness of the needs of our most able individuals; in recent years increasing interest in this area of child development has generated new forms of practice in education, numerous research programmes and studies, a growth in the number of societies for parents of highly able children and, indeed, a growth in concern for highly able people of all ages.

ECHA has been generated by an overwhelming demand for coordination from most European countries, both West and East. The major goal of ECHA is to act as a communications network to promote the exchange of information among people interested in high ability – educators, researchers, psychologists, parents and the highly able themselves. As the ECHA network grows, provision for highly able people improves and these improvements are beneficial to all members of society.

The basis for this specifically European Council comes from a belief in our common cultural heritage which is distinct from that of other parts of the world. Although Europe is made up of different countries with many languages, we share the traditions and outlooks of societies in which education has been widely available for centuries. We also share the same kinds of problems, and it makes sense to work towards their solution together.

The European Council for High Ability aims to advance the study and development of potential excellence in people. This enterprise calls for easy access to communication so that new discoveries whether scientific or the fruits of experience, can be readily shared between members of ECHA and others who are concerned about high ability.

ECHA enjoys consultative status as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) with the Council of Europe.

**Charity Number: 40146782**

### **12th ECHA Conference**

**“Perspectives on Evaluation of Giftedness  
from Binet to where?”**

**7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2010**

**Paris, France**

## ACTIVITIES

ECHA intends to reach its goals by:

- the organisation of biennial European Conferences; previous conferences have been held in Zurich (1988), Budapest (1990), Munich (1992), Nijmegen (1994), Vienna (1996), Oxford (1998), Debrecen (2000), Rhodes (2002), Pamplona (2004), Lahti (2006), Prague in 2008 **Plus: Paris in 2010**
- the initiation of regional conferences and workshops
- the publication of a newsletter; **ECHA NEWS** is published twice a year and distributed **by email**
- the publication of a scientific journal, **High Ability Studies**
- website [www.echa.ws](http://www.echa.ws)
- the publication of books and other informational material
- offering, in conjunction with the National Institute and the University of Nijmegen, a two year Advanced Diploma in the Education of the Highly Able
- the formation of Special Interest Groups
- the initiation and stimulation of international (applied) research
- cooperation with national and international associations concerned with high ability

## MEMBERSHIP OF ECHA

Membership assumes acceptance of the goals of ECHA. Individuals of all nationalities can become full members, and organisations of all nationalities can become corporate members.

Full members are encouraged to support the ECHA partnership programme (i.e., by paying the annual fee on behalf of persons who are unable to pay the fees themselves).

ECHA offers special conditions for students and for applicants who are not able to submit the membership fee in convertible currency.

Inquiries should be directed to the Secretary.

## HIGH ABILITY STUDIES

**High Ability Studies** provides a forum for scholars in a variety of disciplines associated with the development of human ability, whether through the communication of ideas, scientific research or the exchange of practical experience. The journal reflects concerns and recent developments in this area during the school years as well as across the whole life span. Far from being restricted to the traditional focus on high-level cognitive development, it also presents investigations into other areas of human endeavour, such as sport, technology, the arts, business and social relations.

The journal is not only concerned with the educational instruction of the highly able, but also with aspects of their emotional development, such as motivation, self-esteem, a feeling of responsibility and persistence. The journal presents material which discusses appropriate supportive action for the highly able and beyond that for those who work in their interests, such as parents, teachers, counsellors and mentors.

Furthermore, the contents are not restricted to the study of manifest high level achievement, but include the identification and nurture of unexercised potential. For the children, teachers and school provision are important in this process, as are other influential areas of the educational environment, such as family, peers and the wider society.

**High Ability Studies** is a refereed journal which publishes papers in English on theory, empirical research and practice, as well as reviews of books and other relevant media publications, discussions and interviews. It is international, offering viewpoints from many cultures around the world, and it is the official journal of ECHA. The journal is indexed by ISI.

### **Editorial Board:**

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