



# Newsletter

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## President's Message

Dear reader, dear friend of the ESFR!

In the last newsletter two main events were announced: work on the launching of our journal *Family Science* and the forthcoming *Fourth Congress of the ESFR* in Jyväskylä (Finland). Concerning the first issue, Judith Semon Dubas has spent considerable effort on further developing this project and she has gained a real "breakthrough" in making final negotiations with a publisher. Although it's taken longer than expected, we expect to see the first issue of the journal in 2010 and we can look forward to finding an introductory flyer about the journal at the registration desk of our next conference. It is my pleasure to thank Judith for her work done so far, and it will also proceed for many years as she is taking on the position of a chief editor.



Concerning the next ESFR congress, the organizing committee has worked hard, with the conference webpage listing all of the most recent developments including the final program, registration and conference venue information. I am confident that this conference will be both intellectually and socially stimulating reflected in terms of both a large body of participants and a large number of highly qualified scientific contributions. You will notice that a new structure on both membership fee and payment regulations has been invented which also takes advantage of combining it with the conference fee. The main change in the structure refers to a minimum of a two-year membership term which will eventually include a subscription to the journal. This structure will reduce processing costs and we hope that it also attracts new members.

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Let me turn your attention to our website: [www.esfr.org](http://www.esfr.org). A revision has been made in terms of layout and content and two new folders have been added: *Research Profiles* allows members to present themselves in terms of their scientific work and ongoing or planned research projects, respectively. An ESFR *Black Board* has been and can be accessed by all interested persons. It serves the function of exchanging information among family researchers all over Europe and the globe, concerning, for example, seeking partners for research collaborations and new projects, information given to the public, or just discussing family issues with others.

Last, since my term of office will be ending in September, I would like to thank you for joining the the goals of ESFR. In looking back over the first six years of our society, our membership body is steadily growing and financially we have a solid base. Please give our society your further support, both by your continued membership and by spreading the news of our society to others. I wish Norbert Schneider much success in his new role as president.

Sincerely,  
Hans-Georg W. Voss  
President of the ESFR

More information about ESFR is available at [www.esfr.org](http://www.esfr.org)

## 4th Biennial ESFR Congress: Cultures, Generations and Family Interactions

September 24-27, 2008  
Jyväskylä, Finland



The 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of the ESFR will be held at the University of Jyväskylä, September 24-27, 2008. Hosted by the University of Jyväskylä Family Research Centre and organized by Prof. Kimmo Jokinen and Dr. Anna Rönkä, the conference will focus on the role of culture and generations in understanding family interactions.

The scientific program includes several keynote and plenary speakers including: Prof. Merrill Silverstein (USA), Prof. Janet Finch (U.K.), Prof. Margaret Kerr (Sweden), Prof. Birgit Pfau-Effinger (Germany), Prof. Tytti Solantaus (Finland) and Prof. Constanza Tobio (Spain). There will also be invited symposia, symposia, individual paper sessions and a poster session.

The social program includes a boat trip at Savutuvan Apaja, a lake district rich with preserved buildings featuring traditional Finnish rural life. The dinner here will give participants an opportunity to network with other Congress participants as well as experience a taste of Finnish cuisine.

For more information about the conference and to see the final program please visit the conference website at [www.jyu.fi/en/congress/esfr2008](http://www.jyu.fi/en/congress/esfr2008). We look forward to seeing you in Finland!

### ESFR Board Members Sought!

With the upcoming meeting fast approaching it is time once again to nominate and elect board members for positions with terms of office that will expire. We need dedicated members who would be interested in serving on the board. Nominations (including self nominations) are sought for the following board positions:

**President Elect**  
**Treasurer**  
**2 General Board Members**  
**Student Member**

All ESFR members are invited to send their nominations to Judith Dubas at [J.J.S.Dubas@uu.nl](mailto:J.J.S.Dubas@uu.nl).



## Institute Spotlight

### NOVA



NOVA – Norwegian Social Research is a research institute under the auspices of the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research. The institute develops knowledge and understanding of social conditions and processes of social change and focus primarily on issues of life-course events, level of living conditions and aspects of life-quality as well as on programmes and services provided by the welfare system. This broad-based social science approach is combined with a life- course perspective.

Among NOVA's key research areas are child welfare, youth, ageing, social security and social assistance, public policy and conditions of living, and migration. In the research on these areas family affairs and family relations quite often play an important part. In the more recent years research on housing questions has been a steady, more central part on the research agenda. Housing is of great importance for family life, especially in a home-owner based housing system. The dwelling protects the sphere of intimate life as well as it creates identification and a sense of social belonging. The dwelling is a central part of every family's private economy – as a large expenditure, as a wealth component and as an investment/savings project. Dwellings are also important items of inheritance which may, in turn, affect the relations between different generations within each family, including the pattern of inter-generational contacts and transfers of practical help and services. Visit NOVA at: <http://www.nova.no/>.

*Photograph: Lars Gulbrandsen (lars.gulbrandsen@nova.no) serves as contact person between NOVA and ESFR.*

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## Calendar of Events

### July 2008

20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the *International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development* in Wurzburg, Germany, July 13 - 17, 2008. ([www.issbd2008.de](http://www.issbd2008.de))

### September 2008

4<sup>th</sup> *European Society on Family Relations* conference in Jyvaskyla, Finland. September 25-27, 2008. ([www.jyu.fi/en/congress/esfr2008](http://www.jyu.fi/en/congress/esfr2008))

### November 2008

70<sup>th</sup> *National Council on Family Relations* Annual Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, USA. November 5-8, 2008. ([www.ncfr.org/conf/current/annual.asp](http://www.ncfr.org/conf/current/annual.asp))

### April 2009

*Society for Research on Child Development* biennial conference in Denver, Colorado, USA. April 2-4, 2009. (<http://www.srcd.org/biennial.html>).

3<sup>rd</sup> *International Community, Work & Family* Conference in Utrecht, The Netherlands. April 16-18, 2009. ([www.fss.uu.nl/cwf2009](http://www.fss.uu.nl/cwf2009))

### August 2009

5<sup>th</sup> *World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights* in Nova Scotia, Canada. August 23-26, 2009 ([www.lawrights.asn.au](http://www.lawrights.asn.au))

## From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to third edition of the ESFR newsletter. Time once again to catch up our membership about what is happening in the society.

Of course our biggest news is the launching of our journal. We hope to have a special reception at the conference where we can toast to our forthcoming publication. As you will see in the list of recent publications you will see that our members are actively contributing to the scholarship on family science. I hope such success continues and that you also use our journal as an outlet for your work.

Given that my time will soon be consumed with editorial duties for the journal it is clear that I will need additional help with the newsletter. This is especially true if we would like to see two issues of the newsletter per year. Despite my best efforts getting out 2 issues just not coincide with my other academic responsibilities, especially in the fall. Volunteers are needed who would be responsible for overseeing that certain sections of the newsletter would be filled. In particular I am need of a volunteer who would be responsible for either: the recent publications column, the department spotlight, the family facts and findings article, or the calendar of events. If you are willing to volunteer for one of these sections for at least 2 editions of the newsletter, please let me know. I will be making this request again formally at the general assembly meetings. Graduate students, this is a great opportunity to volunteer.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you know of opportunities that would be of interest to others in the field of family studies (funding opportunities, workshops, or conferences) and if you have other ideas for this newsletter. Members are invited to announce their recent publications. Send the information to me at [j.j.s.dubas@uu.nl](mailto:j.j.s.dubas@uu.nl). Please remember if you do send me information about your work, be sure to list the full citation reference that I can easily copy and paste into the newsletter. Given our limited budget and staff, the newsletter will only exist in electronic form and be transmitted via e-mail.

Happy reading!

Judith Semon Dubas  
Utrecht University

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In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future. ~ Alex Haley

### Call for Manuscripts

I am pleased to announce that we will soon begin to accept manuscripts for consideration for publication in ESFR's flagship journal, *Family Science*. The journal will primarily focus on original research articles but will also accept theoretical and review papers. The official language of the journal is English.

All manuscripts should be double spaced and prepared according to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* ([www.apastyle.org](http://www.apastyle.org)).

Research articles may not exceed 25 pages including all references, figures, and tables using a standard font such as Times New Roman, 12pt. Shorter research reports or theoretical papers, approximately 15 pages in length will also be considered. Review articles should not exceed 30 pages all inclusive. Additional details about submission requirements will be provided in a separate announcement once the publisher has been confirmed. Queries concerning the journal may be directed to Judith Semon Dubas, editor, at: [J.J.S.Dubas@uu.nl](mailto:J.J.S.Dubas@uu.nl).

Judith Semon Dubas

## Recent Publications

of some ESFR Members

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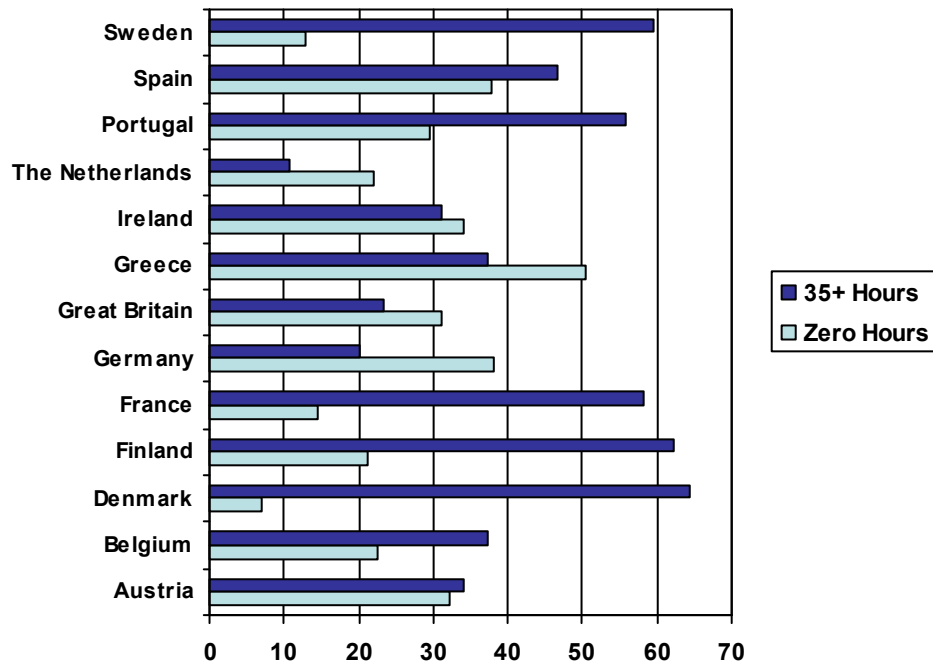
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### Interested in Joining ESFR?

Please visit our website at [www.esfr.org](http://www.esfr.org). Questions concerning membership may be directed to our treasurer Gowert Masche at [gowert.masche@hkr.se](mailto:gowert.masche@hkr.se).

## Family Facts and Findings

Percentage of “partnered” mothers with young children (0-6 years) working 35 + or zero hours per week by country.



Note: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Britain, Ireland, and The Netherlands have a higher proportion of mothers working part-time than the proportion working full-time (data not shown). Graph based on data presented in: Lewis, J. Campbell, M. & Huerta, C. (2008). Patterns of paid and unpaid work in Western Europe: gender, commodification, preferences and implications for policy. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 18(1), 21-37.

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