

Major language conference in Ljouwert/Leeuwarden

LJOUWERT/LEEWARDEN, November 12, 2007 - The Mercator European Research Centre on Multilingualism and Language Learning organises an international conference in Ljouwert/Leeuwarden, Fryslân, the Netherlands from Wednesday November 21 until Friday November 23. Almost seventy international specialists on multilingualism will discuss the following theme: The future of European policy towards Multilingualism and Language Learning.

The conference will be officially opened by depute of the Province Jannewietske de Vries. She will give an overall picture of the current language situation in Fryslân. Next to it she will give an explanation of the latest proposals and acts of the Province concerning the future Frisian language policy. The conference will be attended by professionals in the field of multilingualism who are interested in new developments in the area of multilingual education in Europe. The conference, which is organised by the Mercator Research Centre, will discuss current issues and developments in the field of Regional and Minority Languages and examine Language Learning policy in Europe.

The goal of the conference is to make recommendations for the European Union/Council of Europe regarding language policy and to formulate a research agenda for the coming years that focuses on the evaluation of multilingual education.

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