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To the delegates and individual members of EGATIN:

Dear colleagues,

As the New Year begins, I would first of all like to wish that it brings health, happiness and fulfilment to all of you.

This is my first communication with you in my capacity as new chair of our network and I think it is a good time now to review the activities of the year that ended and to take a look at our plans for the year ahead.

2009 started with the intermediate Committee Meeting in Aarhus, Denmark in January. All members were present, the meetings were productive and we enjoyed the warm hospitality of Kristian Valbak and his wife Bodil.

Our Study Days for 2009 took place on April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in the beautiful and historic city of Heidelberg! It was a very good event, very well planned and cared for by “our three German ladies”, Angela Schmidt-Bernhardt, Beate Rasper and Jutta Gliem, our organizing committee, each representing one of the three Institutes of Germany (Heidelberg, Munster and GRAS) and well attended by over 70 participants from many countries. The theme was “From Fear to Curiosity” and included several stimulating presentations. The atmosphere was friendly and relaxed, quite conducive to learning, thinking, dialogue and exchange. A report of the event was published in the December issue of Contexts, written by two trainees from IGA Heidelberg. I enjoyed reading it very much and I want to congratulate both of them for their perceptive and creative work!

During our AGM, which followed on Sunday, there were two important changes: the change of Chairmanship and end of term for Piroska Komlosi, after many years of good service to the committee as Membership Secretary. Kristian Valbak stepped down after 5 years of very fruitful and productive work as chairman, handing over to myself, while Paula Carvalho became our new Membership Secretary. We also had the chance to welcome two new members to our network: Spain (IGA Bilbao- OMIE Foundation), whom we had lost contact with, although they are one of the founding members of EGATIN and have now rejoined, and IGA Belgrade.

The EGATIN survey has been in process all through the year. A huge amount of work has been put into carrying it out by our three colleagues Kristian Valbak, Paula Carvalho and Bettina Fink. The first results were presented in Heidelberg and subsequently in Prague, during the EFPP Conference. It is still possible to include institutes, so if you have not sent in your questionnaires already, I urge you to do so!

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