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As we near the end of the year 2017, it is our pleasure as the Board of Directors of the <u>Groningen Declaration Network</u> to share with you a number of important developments through <u>this newsletter</u> – which is emphatically meant to highlight each and every activity by GDN participants across the globe. To share your news, contact the GDN's Dissemination Task Force at <u>info@GroningenDeclaration.org</u>

- First, we invite you to <u>submit session proposals</u> for the upcoming GDN Annual Meeting that will take place 18-20 April in Paris at the Université Paris1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. The conference theme will be *The Age of Opportunity: Privacy, Trust and Learner Mobility.* These themes will serve as the main tracks for the meeting programme, including national pilot and experimentation updates.
- Second, we have opened the <u>conference registration page</u>. As seating capacity will be limited to 220 seats, we encourage you to <u>register as soon as possible</u>.
- Third, as the GDN moves into its second year of existence as an <u>independent international public benefit</u> <u>foundation</u>, funding the GDN Office is a necessity. As was announced in this year's previous issues, the Board of Directors has initiated a system where the operations of the GDN Office can hopefully be financed through modest contributions from our network's participants: you. As some of the participants know, we have started collecting annual participant fees from <u>our signatories</u> and are now turning to the network at large to elicit your <u>annual</u> <u>participant fee contribution</u>. Without your support, the GDN will not be able to continue our important work, so please consider GDN's value proposition and fee system we've developed.

Now, let us prepare for Paris!

Soyez les bienvenus!

Best wishes for the festive season! We look forward at meeting you in Paris, if not before.

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