

Dear fellow rhetorician,

We are happy to inform you that the construction of the RSE website is in full swing. More than 70 rhetoricians from 17 countries have sent in their information to the researcher database so far. Thank you very much for your contribution! Should you know of a colleague who has missed the opportunity, please encourage her to join us. Anyone who is interested can send an email to rse@hum.au.dk. We will then provide them with the RSE information form. The RSE website will be launched during the fall of 2011.

The founding of the Rhetoric Society of Europe (RSE) is advancing. The acting committee is collecting information from scholars about projects, research areas, and activities in order to disseminate knowledge and contribute to collaboration. We are also working on a proposal for constitution and bylaws as well as exploring the possibility of creating a European journal for the study of rhetoric.

We are happy to welcome Maria Zaleńska (Warsaw) and Hilde van Belle (Antwerp) in the acting committee. The acting committee now consists of:

Chair:	Jens E. Kjeldsen (Bergen, Norway)
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Please do not hesitate to provide us with information or proposals that you believe can help advance the creation of our common European Rhetoric Society.

We will keep you posted on the progress of the Rhetoric Society of Europe.

On behalf of the acting committee,

Jens E. Kjeldsen

Marie Lund Klujeff