

National report to the International Development in Europe Committee, IDEC

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FinRA, The Finnish Reading Association, was chartered as a national affiliate of the International Reading Association in 1971. The association was founded in 1968, and the name FinRA was registered in 1981. FinRA has approximately 260 members, among those researchers, teacher educators and other academic staff; the majority being teachers working to promote language and literacy development in children.

During four decades FinRA has played an important role for educators who have benefited from the quarterly journal *Kielikukko*, the publications, instructional material, and the professional activities in form of professional seminars and literacy conferences. Over the past years the journal has been co-edited with Teacher Education Departments of different universities.

FinRA sends three copies of each journal to members of the Nordic reading associations and receives an equal amount in return. We highly appreciate the exchange which has been on for a decade.

FinRA has an extensive network of over one thousand teachers and educators who are addressed when conferences are marketed.

FinRA is currently preparing a bid for the EU-Call "Literacy Network in Europe" in close co-operation with FELA.

FinRA has a long and successful experience of organizing professional seminars and conferences nationally and internationally.

The FinRA board is planning an international literacy conference in co-operation with the neighbours in the coming years depending on the scheduling of IDEC/FELA.