

## **TOPACE Europe Awarded Persons 2004**

### **Victoria W. Thoresen**

After her first performance at the Conference of Consumer Educators in Santander/Spain (1999) Victoria W. Thoresen, Hedmark University College/Norway, has become one of the most productive promoters of Consumer Education in Europe. The TOPACE Jury has evaluated and acknowledged her outstanding achievements and unanimously decided to award Ms. Thoresen for her merits. By elaborating its links to citizenship and by emphasising interdisciplinary approaches she has provided a sustainable momentum to the modernisation of Consumer Education.

Victoria W. Thoresen`s merits encompass the initiation, active involvement in and coordination of:

- the Project „Focus on Consumer Education“ (Consumer Council of Norway 2000 – 2003)
- the Nordic Projects on Consumer Education (2002 – 2005)
- the Project „Developing Consumer Citizenship“ (EU-COMENIUS 2001 - 2004)
- the Project „Consumer Citizenship Network“ (EU-ERASMUS since Oct. 2003)

Furthermore she has contributed to numerous International Congresses and Conferences on Consumer and Civic Education.

### **Honourable Mention:**

The University College of Hedmark/ Norwegian - represented by Rector Yngve Haugstveit