

TOPACE Europe Awarded Persons 2008

At the occasion of the 5th International Conference of the Consumer Citizenship Network CCN "Assessing Information as Consumer Citizens" May 5, 2008, Tallinn University, Tallinn/Estonia.

Mike Kitson

As Academic Leader in Consumer Science at the London Metropolitan University Mike contributed with a high level of commitment and performance to the promotion of consumer education for adults in the United Kingdom and Europe-wide. The TOPACE Jury has reviewed and appreciated his efforts and unanimously decided to award Mike Kitson. His professional activities include:

- coordinator of EU GRUNDTVIG Consumer Education for Adults Network (first CEA, now CEAN);
- leader of the UK team of EU DOLCETA programme that produced consumer rights and personal finance modules for 25 countries in 21 languages;
- steering group member of EU ERASMUS Consumer Citizenship Network (CCN).

Mike Kitson contributed substantially to UK projects such as the Consumer Educators Website ASK CEDRIC and cooperated with the National Consumer Education Partnership (NCEP). From his long list of publications: "Guidelines for Consumer Education for Adults" (co-author: Sue Bailey), 2006.

TOPACE International Awarded Persons 2008

At the occasion of the 5th International Conference of the Consumer Citizenship Network CCN "Assessing Information as Consumer Citizens" May 5, 2008, Tallinn University, Tallinn/Estonia.

Rosella Bannister

Rosella Bannister, Executive Director of the National Institute for Consumer Education (NICE) at Eastern Michigan University from 1973 to 1998 dedicated her professional and civil society activities to the service in consumer and personal finance education.

She is also a pioneer of international networking in consumer education.

The TOPACE Jury was in agreement that the work she has done over 35 years deserves international recognition.

In 1982 Rosella Bannister and Charles Monsma published the worldwide renowned book "Classification of Concepts in Consumer Education".

In 2007 she co-chaired the development of the "National Standards in Personal Finance Education", which serves as a modern version of the Classification.

She contributed substantially to the "1990 National Survey: The Status of Consumer Education in United States Schools"

In retirement, Rosella established a consulting service, the Bannister Financial Education Services, in which she manages the online Personal Finance Clearinghouse of the Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy in Washington, D.C.

