Minutes
EERA Network Seminar 2019
25 – 26 April, Berlin

Venue: Wyndham Garden Berlin Mitte, Osloer Str. 116a, 13359 Berlin

Attendees:

First name	Last name	Network / Role
Ken	Jones	NW 01. Continuing Professional Development: Learning for Individuals, Leaders and Organisations
Christof	Nägele	NW 02. Vocational Education and Training (VETNET)
Nienke	Nieveen	NW 03. Curriculum Innovation
Fabio	Dovigo	NW 04. Inclusive Education
Michael	Jopling	NW 05. Children and Youth at Risk and Urban Education
Klaus	Rummler	NW 06. Open Learning: Media. Environments and Cultures
Lisa	Rosen	NW 07. Social Justice and Intercultural Education
Monica	Carlsson	NW 08. Research on Health Education
Christoph	Schindler	NW 12. LISnet - Libraries and Information Science NW
Ian	Munday	NW 13. Philosophy of Education
Rocío	García-Carrión	NW 14. Communities, Families, and Schooling in Educational Research
Susanne	Kink-Hampersberger	NW 15. Research on Partnerships in Education
Ed	Smeets	NW 16. ICT in Education and Training
Iveta	Kestere	NW 17. Histories of Education
Rachel	Sandford	NW 18. Research in Sports Pedagogy
Catarina	Player-Koro	NW 19. Ethnography
Carmen	Carmona Rodriguez	NW 20. Research in Innovative Intercultural Learning Environments
Christine	Teelken	NW 22. Research in Higher Education
Peter	Kelly	NW 23. Policy Studies and Politics of Education
Laura	Tuohilampi	NW 24. Mathematics Education Research
Ann	Quennerstedt	NW 25. Research on Children's Rights in Education
Petros	Pashiardis	NW 26. Educational Leadership
Paolo	Landri	NW 28. Sociologies of Education
Catarina	Martins	NW 29. Research on Arts Education
Jonas	Andreasen Lysgaard	NW 30. Environmental and Sustainability Education Research, ESER
Irina	Usanova	NW 31. Led - NW on Language and Education
Michael	Göhlich	NW 32. Organizational Education
Oriol	Ríos Gonzalez	NW 33. Gender and Education
Saneeya	Qureshi	Emerging Researchers' Group
Joe	O'Hara	EERA President
Jani	Ursin	NWs' Representative on Council
Petra	Grell	NWs' Representative on Council Elect
Andreas	Hadjar	Council Member - Luxembourg Educational Research Association (LuxERA)
Graham	Attwell	Network Interviews - Interviewer
Dirk	Stieglitz	Network Interviews - Cameraman
Angelika	Wegscheider	EERA Office
Doretta	Dow	EERA Office

Katrin	Sohnrey	EERA Office

Apologies: Heike Wendt (NW 09. Assessment, Evaluation, Testing and Measurement), ML White (NW 10. Teacher Education Research), Heidi Flavian (NW 11. Educational Improvement and Quality Assurance), Florence Ligozat (NW 27. Didactics - Learning and Teaching), Maria Pacheco Figueiredo (Secretary General)

1. Welcome and introductions

Jani Ursin welcomed the attendees to the seminar and invited them to take a few minutes to chat together. He informed the group that the Network Seminar would have a full programme, with the focus Thursday on strategy and the focus Friday on practical issues regarding ECER. He asked if anyone had anything to add to the agenda. (Answer: no)

2. Networks and EERA strategy – World Café

1. EERA and the wider world (visibility)
2. Relationships (especially relationships to associations and ERG)
3. Policy and research (impact)
4. Publications (especially open access)

2.1   Presentation of EERA's strategy work

(See annex part 1 - NW Seminar Powerpoint and part 2 - Revised Strategic Plan)
Joe O'Hara gave an introduction to the topic of Networks and EERA Strategy, asking how Networks can contribute to the EERA strategy. This was discussed during the Council meeting in March and it was remarked that this kind of "strategy approach" is new to EERA and that there is a need to develop a strategic focus every few years. The strategy draws from and adheres to the mission statement (below) and should be contextually relevant engagement which takes into account where you and others are from.

EERA's Mission Statement:
The aim of the 'European Educational Research Association' (EERA) is to further high quality educational research for the benefit of education and society. High quality research not only acknowledges its own context but also recognises wider, transnational contexts with their social, cultural and political similarities and differences.
The association's activities, such as the annual conference, season schools for emerging researchers and publishing, build on and promote free and open dialogue and critical discussion and take a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to theory, methods and research ethics.

There was a working group established in Bolzano and ideas were brought to the Council Meeting in March. The working group is open to formal or informal contributions if you are interested.

There are 5 thematic areas:
1. EERA and the Wider World
2. Relationships
3. Networks
4. Policy and Research
5. Publications

Discussion: Regarding an EERA blog, Laura Tuohilampi asked who the intended audience is. Joe responded that it is mostly aimed at academic colleagues but that it should also be of general interest. He remarked that it has been shown that blogs have wider readership than academic papers.

Joe turned the focus to the ways in which Networks can support EERA's strategic work and noted that the development of the Networks is essential to EERA in the coming years. He asked questions such as:

1. What roles can Networks have in enhancing relationships between, for example, the National Associations and EERA?
2. How do Networks present themselves?
3. How does EERA present the Networks?
4. What role does social media play?
5. What about a Journey Map for Emerging Researchers?
6. Because EERA is and wants to be a dynamic association, context changes and topics change-How can Networks support EERA in continuing to be dynamic and how can they support their own development?
7. How does EERA formally and informally influence local, national and European policy? How can Networks enhance research capacity and develop approaches for engaging with and influencing policy and policy makers?
8. Do Networks already have formal or informal engagements with other associations? Are there other ones EERA should be working with? What contacts do Networks have to other associations/organisations?

Joe explained that he would add Networks' input on these topics to the strategic plan, take it to council and report back to the Networks.

Discussion: Christine Teelken stated that she found it great that Joe presented these ambitious plans but also finds the framing broad. She wondered if EERA had thought of referring to specific themes like "social justice" or would that be premature. Joe responded that yes, there has been some initial conversations about that question (and the same question arose at Council). The strategy has to link to the broad EERA mission so that there is a tension which develops between the need for specificity and the need to remain broad. More specific themes may emerge from Networks and/or National Associations. Paulo Landri said he would like to talk about the mission statement. What is meant by "society"? What society? Why not "European society"? He would like to be more specific, to define what kind of society. Joe answered that this also goes back to the EERA mission, they tried to find a statement generic enough for all interests but it may need to be more specific. This will be discussed. Jonas Andreasen Lysgaard asked about interest in the "wider world", the world outside of Europe. What about engagement on a world level? Joe mentioned AERA and WERA, that there is input from other wider organisations. EERA engages externally but focuses on Europe. Ken Jones noted that there are so many different conferences to attend (ECER, AERA etc) that is it very important to focus on becoming more visible as fast as possible.

2.2   Presentation on Open Access

(See annex part 3 – Open Access)
Petra Grell introduced her presentation reporting that the Council members had expressed an interest in having a Working Group on this topic in order to develop an EERA strategy on Open Access. "Coalition S" and "Plan S" grew out of frustration with the fact that the development of a strategy was not going fast enough. Petra presented the aims, supporters and 10 principles of Plan S and added that organisations have suddenly realized that they have power if they work together. She said that Council and the Networks need to make a decision regarding Open Access. She explained that people are often hesitant with regard to Open Access because the situation is not clear. Many people see that Open Access is the solution for the future but struggle with the challenges of the change.

Klaus Rummler presented an overview of the Open Access journals relevant to education in Europe. He spoke of "platinum open access" for which there is no apc (article processing charge). He explained that the Open Journal System is the most used platform and that there are university libraries hosting a whole "forest" of OJS journals. The map is a draft version and feedback is welcome.

Discussion: Ken Jones commented that this topic is important for ECER participants and asked if there is a session planned on this. Klaus responded that there will be a stand for Open Access Journals in the location of the Publishers' Exhibition. ***Open Access Journals have been invited to hand in leaflets and if a Network would like to have their leaflet included, please send it to Klaus (A4, printed on both sides) by mid-August***. He also informed the group that there will be an EERA Session in the BarCamp format entitled: Issues of "Openness" – BarCamp on Related Experiences, Issues and Challenges. There will also be a triple Joint Session (NW 02, 06, 12) entitled: Open Science in the European Educational Sciences Landscape: Activities and challenges. Joe commented further that the idea of putting OA into the EERA strategy is to ensure we will continue to come back to it over the next years. EERA recognizes how important it is and that there is a lot of expertise in the room.
Contact Klaus: klaus.rummler@phzh.ch

2.3 Reports on the World Café working groups

2.3.1 Report Group 1: EERA and the wider world (visibility)

(See annex part 4 – Visibility)
Jani reported that the Visibility groups mostly discussed the blog, discussing how it would be coordinated, if run by EERA or by the individual networks. They wondered who would be in charge of making sure texts come in frequently enough and discussed what "frequently enough" actually means. Further considerations included: Who would monitor the language? Where would the resources for that come from? Should all blogs be in English or perhaps the blog could be in English and in the author's native language (because, as we know, there are many different languages spoken in Europe)? Who is the author? EERA/a person/a Network? Who will make sure the blog is in line with the EERA Mission? Is a blog actually last season / old school? Are podcasts more "modern"? Jani added that the groups emphasized that it is essential to link to social media.

Discussion: Petra noted that when we are talking about social media, we are not just talking about distribution but about the possibility to react, to participate and communicate with others. Jani mentioned that sometimes comments can be negative, Angelika Wegscheider noted that EERA could check if the comments are appropriate. Joe then said that the idea concerning the blog was not to include comments but to have conversations take place via twitter etc. Regarding the frequency of the blog posts, Angelika noted that when you add together EERA's National Associations and Networks, you potentially have 80 contributors and that each NA and NW could provide one post per year. Jani added that the Season Schools and Writing Workshops could also contribute. Joe then asked for volunteers to join the blog working group .

Result: Christine said she is able to do both and volunteered to join the group, not only for singing and dancing but also for feeding in ideas for the blog.

2.3.2 Report Group 2: Relationships to associations and ERG

(See annex part 5 – NWs and ERG Relationships)
Saneeya Quereshi reported on the various suggestions made to forge better connections between ERG and the Networks as well as between EERA and the wider world. Among these

ideas/comments were the following: 1) Providing Networks with a list of those ERG authors who chose their network as the alternative network. 2) Sharing with the networks the list of those authors in their network who identify as a PhD student. 3) Networks having a Network Lunch during ECER could contact Emerging Researchers (ER) to let them know they are welcome 4) The possibility of there being a room during ECER where Networks could present themselves to interested ERs 5) Some Networks have a Session Zero. Perhaps ERs could be invited to these? 6) Perhaps Link Convenors could make time during the Network Meeting at ECER to invite ERs to stand up and talk shortly about what their experience at ECER has been and what kind of support they might like to have. 7) Perhaps there could be a special EERJ issue for Emerging Researchers 8) ER could be paired up with co-convenors during ECER as a type of mentor, giving especially guidance on how to be published, after ECER this contact could continue 9) Regarding Saneeya's experience with the Best Paper Award, there is indeed a need for mentorship and guidance. Perhaps each Link Convenor could recommend someone to support ERs in getting published 10) Perhaps there could be a session during ECER for only ER presenters? 11) Perhaps possible to mentor ERs during sessions? 13) EERA could encourage professors to bring students to ECER 12) The mentor/buddy system could also arise from the National Associations 13) The availability of bursaries needs to be better publicized.

Angelika explained the technical side of using conftool to contact Emerging Researchers: Each ERG author chooses an alternative network. Office can send an email to these alternative networks. Office would need the email text from the LC, this email would go out in the name of the link convenor, the return address would be the link convenor's. Conftool can also be used to send an email to all authors who clicked "Student contribution: This proposal is part of a master or doctoral thesis" in a network.

Result: ***Please contact office if you would like to take advantage of these opportunities***.

Discussion: Fabio Dovigo asked if networks could offer a junior co-convenor position. Petra offered that NW 06 offered a co-convenor post to an Emerging Researcher a few years ago. She reported that it worked out really well. This person did not get many reviews but the contact to ERG increased immediately and she would recommend doing this. Ian Munday expressed concern at having ER do reviews as being a reviewer should be based on years of experience and cannot really be trained. Petra responded that she agrees and that the ER co-convenor received no reviews in the 1st and 2nd years in the role. In her 3rd year she did review, her reviews were checked by Petra and compared positively, even to some experienced reviewers.

2.3.3   Report Group 3: Policy and research (impact)

Joe said that the first question addressed was "Should EERA play a role in policy impact? And, if yes, how?" All the working groups answered "Yes" but raised such questions as: Are we European? Are we a group of national associations? How should we engage? At what level? What is the relationship between the Networks and the National Associations and how can they be involved? Joe reported that while the groups did agree that EERA should have a policy of engagement, it must be thoughtful and critical engagement. A fear of "policy capture" was mentioned, if Networks engage in policy, they may have to take ownership, raising the question of who exactly the Networks represent. The issue of homogenisation vs expertise specificity was also raised. Joe emphasized that the strength of EERA as an association (and of the Networks as part of EERA) is the local expertise. The question was asked "What does EERA do already"? It was noted that many individuals and Networks are already engaged in a policy space, it could be useful to EERA to map this. The suggestion was made that there could be an EERA Policy Brief or Policy Blog and it was mentioned that AERA is reactive to political developments. Another idea discussed was whether the conference structure could be used to

facilitate policy discussions and to then develop something from those discussions...but....how to decide what is EERA policy? Joe stressed the importance of asking ourselves how EERA can expand its impact and make evident its diversity, the multiple areas of expertise, the ability to speak from a level of methodological expertise. A suggestion was also made of the possibility of transnational research projects which bring in both the National Associations and the Networks. Joe summarised that there needs to be a qualified commitment to engage on a local, national and European level.

2.3.4   Report Group 4: Publications / Open Access

Petra listed several criteria which were important to her group: staying with diversity, diversity of form, Open Access needing to be managed by larger groups like EERA. It was stated that we know which journals are "good journals" and the question was raised if EERA or Networks should have a whitelist of "good" journals. While discussing this it was decided that this idea felt bad, felt like a form of control so the group returned to the idea what EERA's vision of Open Access could be. It was determined that what is happening due to Open Access is that publishing is being challenged in its power structures. The complexity of this development and its repercussions are challenging. Petra emphasized the need to answer the question of whether EERA is leading or following closely and letting others do the work. It was noted that there is a need to be cautious regarding the transformation of power. Petra called our attention to the three most important words: diversity, transparency (including the money which goes into publishing) and information. She suggested opening up space for the Open Access Journals in the "publishing street" at ECER. The question was raised of who we want to influence: Publishing houses? Universities? Other researchers? Libraries? Research Gate?

Discussion: Klaus commented that it is important that we discuss where we are publishing, we need to be asking this question as a discipline for ourselves when we are publishing.

Request: Joe expressed a need for volunteers willing to join the Council Working Group on EERA Strategy. The aim is to put together discussion documents of high level ideas and practical suggestions

Result: Christof Nägele (NW 02) and Jonas Andreasen Lysgaard (NW 30) volunteered

2.4   Update on ERC 2019

The link convenor of the Emerging Researchers' Group (ERG), Saneeya Quereshi, gave an update on the ERG and ERC 2019. Saneeya reported that the main change at ERC 2019 will be the timing of the ERC keynote. This change came about as a way to address the issue of low attendance at the ERC Keynote. Till now, the keynote was late Tuesday afternoon. This year, the ERC Keynote will take place earlier on Tuesday, 13:30 – 14:30.

Saneeya reported that the full quota of bursaries has been awarded for ERC 2019 and that they are becoming increasingly competitive.

Again this year, there will be informal lunchtime sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

Request: Saneeya is looking for volunteers for the lunchtime session: "Making the most of the Emerging Researchers' Conference and ECER" on Monday, 2 September, 12:30 - 13:30. **If you are willing to partake in this session, please let Saneeya (saneeya.qureshi@gmail.com) know** (she can offer you a free lunch).

Saneeya then informed the Link Convenors that Office would be sending them a mentoring request and thanked them in advance. She also expressed her thanks to all the Link Convenors who supported the ERG this year by reviewing.

3. Network development/New forms of support for network

(See annex part 1 – NW Seminar Powerpoint and part 6 - Support NWs)
Following discussions in NW Seminar 2018 and Council, a working group of convenors (Christine Teelken, Florence Ligozat, Sofia Marques Silva, Rocío García-Carrión, and Michael Göhlich) have come up with ideas on how EERA could further support the work of networks. Exec discussed these ideas and developed them further into two proposals.

1. Meeting of convenors in between conferences (i. online GoTo meetings set up by office, ii. a room for networks to meet on the day before ECER (usually Monday) and financially supporting convenors from low GDP countries for one night, iii. EERA opens a new line of funding to support (25 000 euros/year) meetings of core groups of network participants for network scientific development.)
2. Supporting the participation of researchers in ECER. EERA opens up the possibility of suggesting, as a funded Network Project, a special session at ECER to celebrate moments of the life of the network. This is intended to allow networks mark significant moments in their history such as an anniversary.

The attendees formed small groups and discussed if these ideas are feasible and if there are any other options.

3.1 Discussion

Laura Tuohilampi reported that her group discussed the idea of inviting people to ECER. They wondered what kind of expenses could be covered? They also asked if it is possible to apply for funding in collaboration with other networks? Maybe several networks could invite one keynote? Their group also mentioned several challenges to Networks: getting people to participate, attracting Emerging Researchers, the timelines of the Season Schools. She noted that it is difficult, for example, to help ER make submissions and asked if Networks could perhaps have more free entries for ER? She also stated that the idea of a room for Network Convenors to meet on Monday before ECER is a problem as many people will not be at ECER in time. Jani responded that Mondays are offered as there are rooms free on Mondays. He suggested for details on Network Project Funding to look at the criteria (https://eera-ecer.de/networks/network-funding/). He explained that funding decisions happen quite late as they are discussed face to face in EXEC, often EXEC asks for revisions which can lead to a delay (6 months or so) so EERA needs to encourage people to apply well in advance. Angelika suggested that perhaps EXEC could meet more frequently via GoTo to discuss funding in order to speed up the process.

Michael Göhlich explained that the Working Group proposal for point iii was funding for a meeting outside of ECER which was the most interesting and promising point for their group. Regarding the meetings on Monday, he confirmed that Mondays are difficult to arrange with their universities. Jani responded that yes, EERA is aware of this difficulty but wants to offer this option nonetheless.

Jonas commented on the guest speaker funding issue asking if it would be possible to invite a guest to the Network and not have EERA cover all costs but perhaps part of the registration fee. He said this would help establish links outside of Europe and create links to specific themes.

Lisa Rosen said that she appreciates all 3 options provided by EERA and finds iii the most promising. Her network would really like support inviting speakers to the conference, if they would not have to pay the conference fee that would already be a big help. She thinks this would bring in "new blood".

Jani mentioned the Networks' free entries. Angelika explained that not just EERA who must discuss and decide on the number of free entries, free entries have to be negotiated with the Local Organisers and each year the negotiation is different.

Petra commented that speaking of bringing interesting people to the conference – the way we do that is via the keynote speakers. Maybe Networks are not aware enough of the possibility of nominating an EERA keynote (instead of having a "Network Keynote"). Jonas said that he would be interested in inviting people in order to establish links to sister and brother Networks (not just to "keynote-type" people).

Fabio Dovigo is happy with the proposals although he also sees problems on Monday. He would be interested in hearing more specifics on what the requirements are for funding.

Christof Nägele reported that in the past his Network has bought flowers for new Honorary Network Members and have paid for it themselves but it would be nice to get funding for something like this.

Ann Quennerstedt agreed that getting money for a special occasion can be small but important. She asked regarding online meetings if the workload of organizing the meetings needs to be handled by Office and GoTo as her Network uses another platform. Joe responded that in his experience GoTo is a stable and acceptable format and Office is willing to take on this work to offer it to those who want it.

Result: Jani said EXEC will work on funding for 1) How to meet between conferences and 2) Inviting guests. This will be presented to Council in Hamburg and a draft version of the guidelines will be presented at the Network Meeting in Hamburg. Angelika reminded Jani not to forget the refunding policy for flowers etc.

4. Change of the name of two networks

Jani expressed the hope that the attendees had read the justifications offered by the Networks for the name changes. He explained that the group of convenors need to discuss this together to make sure that the new names are not too close to the others. In the past, the people who proposed the name change used to be asked to leave the room but it has been decided that it is more transparent to allow the people to stay in the room but ask that the do not participate in the small group discussion (they are welcome to contribute to the plenary discussion).

4.1 Network 1: from "Continuing Professional Development: Learning for Individuals, Leaders, and Organisations" to" Professional Learning and Development"

Result: There was no discussion or comments on this. The new name will be proposed to Council in September and after that it will be official and in time for the 2020 Call for Papers.

4.2 Network 8: from "Research on Health Education" to Health and Wellbeing Education"

Discussion: Rachel Sandford from NW 18 said that they had a long conversation about this in their group and felt that the new name "muddies the waters a bit". They have had Joint Sessions with NW 08 which were great but often papers go to NW 08 which could as well go to NW 18. The word "wellbeing" will draw people and for outsiders there is a potential clash. NW 18 suggests and is happy to have more conversation around the differences. Ann Quennerstedt thinks this name change might be premature, there have not yet been any discussions, she would suggest postponing.

Result: Jani says that there needs to be more discussion and collaboration on this and the proposal could be brought to the Link Convenor meeting in September.

5. News from ECER 2019 in Hamburg

(See annex part 7 - EERA Office)

5.1   Link Convenor Meetings at ECER 2019

Angelika announced the special time for the first Link Convenor Meeting at ECER, Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30, and explained that this is due to this year's scheduling of the ECER Opening and Book Launch. The second meeting will be as always, Friday, 12:15-13:15.

5.2   New times for Network Meetings at ECER

Angelika announced the new times for the Network Meetings, Thursday, 12:10 – 13:20, and explained that the new times allow for the commute to and from the meeting.

5.3   ECER submission numbers / New procedure scheduling requests

Angelika gave an overview of submission and reviewing numbers and introduced the new procedure for scheduling requests via an online survey.

5.4   Room scheduling / Request for feeback and input

Angelika made the allotment of rooms transparent by posting an overview of the current room status. She explained that there is an issue with a number of rooms being without natural sunlight and invited the Link Convenors to comment on this and perhaps offer to have sessions in these rooms. Angelika explained that she wanted to make clear that the rooms are different and wanted help in making the final decision of which networks in which rooms.

Discussion: Ann Quennerstedt shared that at ECER 2018 her NW was entirely in rooms without natural sunlight and that this worked out very well. There were no distractions, no issues with sunlight bothering the projector.

Result: The two NWs, NW 14 and NW 32, who will have rooms without sunlight have accepted this as not problematic.

6. Issues from the SWOTs (NW evaluations)

(See annex part 1 – NW Seminar Powerpoint)
Jani said that he has not yet had time to look at all the evaluations but will do so before his report to Council. At the seminar he offered a "quick and dirty" overview of 1) What convenors are concerned about and 2) What would convenors like to develop for the future (see slide for details). Jani emphasized that both EERA and the Networks would like to ensure participation from people from countries both North and South, high and low GDP and would like to ask Networks how EERA can help them attract these participants.
Jani added a reminder that Networks can apply for funding for a Network Journal and also for a Season School.

7. ECERs & Network general

(See annex part 7 – EERA Office)

7.1   Experiences of submission & reviewing for ECER 2019

Angelika offered numbers and general feedback on the ECER 2019 reviewing process (smooth and only one complaint).

Discussion: Michael Göhlich offered that with regard to planning Joint Sessions, it would be much easier if he could see the other networks' submissions. A discussion of how to do this in conftool followed, with Angelika pointing out that it is not possible to give all Link Convenors the track chair rights to all networks. Christof suggested that an easy way to solve this issue would be use the option in conftool to make a pdf of the network's submissions.

Result: If you as Link Convenor are interested in seeing a list of the submissions accepted to another Network (or Networks), please contact the Link Convenor directly. The contacted LC can go to the "submissions" overview (be sure to choose in the "Acceptance status" "All contributions that will be presented") and generate a pdf by clicking on the arrow "save page to disk" in the top right corner (feel free to contact Office if you would like assistance with this).

The idea was also raised that Networks would like to be able to invite ERs interested in their networks but are not sure how.

Result: Angelika explained that Office can send out an email in the Link Convenor's name/with the Link Convenor's address to the ERG submitters who chose the NW as the alternative network.

Angelika reported that approximately 600 ECER participants register as PhD students. Joe commented that EERA and ECER want to be inclusive and welcoming to ERs and pointed out the difficulty in deciding exactly when an ER is "emerged".

7.2   ECER social events

Please see the website for details on ECER 2019 Welcome Reception and Social Event (self-paid). Angelika reported that the registration to the self-paid Social Event will include the opportunity to offer support to participants from low GDP countries (recipients to be determined by lottery). She informed the LCs that they will be getting an invitation to the Council-Invited Reception and to please be sure to register.

7.3   Editing accepted abstracts

Angelika reminded everyone that the editing phase is intended for minor changes such as correcting typos, correcting language or editing information on a co-author. It is not intended to be used to implement the feedback given by the reviewers.

Request: Angelika asks the LCs to be aware of this and to not encourage authors to make substantive changes to the abstract.

7.4   Session return slips and missing papers

Angelika introduced the topic of rethinking the session return slip (SRS) procedure. She said the information we most want from these is 1) how well we estimate room size and 2) how many papers were not presented. She explained that while this information is interesting, the time and effort put into gathering it is considerable. As the current procedure is not satisfying, Angelika asked if the group could brainstorm on this with regard to the questions 1) What information do you need from the sessions and 2) How could we get it. (Jani noted that a similar brainstorming last year led to the SRS being shortened).

Discussion: Rocío García-Carrión said that the size of the audience is important and she wondered if the SRS could be done via an online format/electronic medium such as a google survey. Jani responded that this solution was also raised last year and while he is personally in favor of it, others were worried that not all chairpersons would fill them in. Angelika raised the

issue of needing to decide if only one person (for example the chairperson) should fill in the form or if it would be open to everyone. She also wonders how to individualize the forms so that they show the paper IDs. It was suggested to only enter the IDs of the papers which do not show up. The questions were raised as to *why* we want this information. Angelika responded that once we have the information that a paper was not presented, Office 1) checks if it was re-scheduled 2) checks if the presenting author was at ECER 3) sends the presenting author an email either a) you were at ECER, why didn't you present your paper or b) you did not attend ECER but you also did not inform us you would not be presenting your paper. This process is a lot of work and the result is only that one person has been made aware of the situation. Ann Quennerstedt asks if it is really worth the effort. Paulo Landri commented that it is important to ask this question in order to raise awareness for future conferences. Ed Smeets added that if there are no consequences to being a no-show presenter (for example of you are a 2-time no-show, your submissions are no longer accepted), it is not really worth the effort. Angelika said that EERA has made the conscious decision to not develop such a "blacklist". Irina Usanova said that what would be of most interest to her is to see the quality of the session, but this is no longer on the SRS. It was said that if Networks want an overview of the quality of a session then it must be open to everyone who attends a session to give this feedback. Jani suggested the SRS could be transferred to an online system and there could be two versions, one just for chairpersons and the other for everyone for quality purposes.

Result: There will be two pilot surveys this year. One will be an online survey just for feedback on quality, open to the entire audience plus the session return slips in the rooms for chairs and one will be a more complete survey with all 3 topics 1) size of audience 2) missing papers 3) quality. NW 25 and ERG volunteered to take part in these pilots.

Discussion: Christine said that having the SRS on paper in the rooms is very important to her, she reminds her chairpersons during ECER to fill them out and finds them to be very helpful information *during* ECER. She often goes into session rooms and looks into the folders. Petra and Paolo said they do the same and that they take advantage of having the paper SRS at the conference. Angelika responded: This makes me very happy.

7.5   Management of network webpage according to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

EERA's General Regulations state that the convenors and co-convenors will be listed on the website with name, affiliation and email. However some networks publish a list of their reviewers, some of those with emails. What to do about this with regard to GDPR?

Result: EERA will continue to publish the list of reviewers and their affiliation, but without emails when requested but will send email to reviewers asking for their permission to do so.

Discussion: Christof asked why Networks publish a list of reviewers. Lisa answered that it is an acknowledgement of their contribution and that some need it for their career. In her Network, the reviewers had asked to be listed. Monica Carlsson says she views this as part of ensuring transparency in research.

8. News from the EERA Council

(See annex part 1 – NW Seminar Powerpoint)

8.1   EERA Video – How the pieces of EERA fit together

Joe began with a general overview of how the EERA pieces fit together by showing the About EERA [video] .

Joe drew special attention to the following points: 1) the growth of EERA over the last years 2) the focus has changed from Western Europe to Wider Europe 3) apart from Office, all EERA work is done by volunteers, done alongside their professional and personal lives and that it is important to give yourselves a pat on the back and also important to acknowledge volunteer work.

8.2 Council and keynote speakers

Joe reported on the role Council plays in selecting the Keynote speakers, noting that having 6 slots provides many options for people to make keynotes suggestions based on the ECER theme.

Discussion: Lisa Rosen asked when the best time to propose Keynote speakers is. Jani answered that for every ECER there is a Scientific Committee. He says he has not been especially good at getting Networks involved and suggested that perhaps Petra, the next Networks' Representative on Council, could be more active in doing so. In general the deadline to suggest keynote speakers would be 18 – 24 months before ECER. Lisa said that the LCs would need to know the conference theme in time to make suggestions.

8.3 ECER 2022 in planning stages

Joe introduced the Yerevan State University in Armenia as the location for ECER 2022. Council has approved this, negotiations are underway. This venue is especially attractive to EERA as no ECER has been held here before and Armenia has a long tradition of educational research.

8.4 New Network Honorary Members

(See annex part 1 – NW Seminar Powerpoint)
Joe presented the latest Honorary Network Members and noted how important it is to recognize people in this way.

8.5 Academic writing workshops

(See annex part 1 – NW Seminar Powerpoint)
Joe spoke of the Academic Writing Workshops as one of the most important EERA activities of the last few years. Many National Associations have expressed interest in these workshops. There are 3 pilots in 2019: in Vilnius (Lithuania), Eger (Hungary), and Lecce (Italy).

8.6 New members

Joe announced EERA's newest member Luxembourg Educational Research Association (LuxERA), which was represented at the Network Seminar by Council Member Andreas Hadjar. He explained that the path to EERA membership takes 3 years and there is mentoring throughout the process.

8.7 Elections (Secretary General)

Maria Pacheco Figueiredo was elected to a second term as Secretary General. Congratulations, Maria.

8.8 EERA activities

Joe reported EERA made a strategic decision to expand EERA – to involve new ideas, new challenges and new definitions of what "Europe" means. EERA is involved in EASSH and WERA and is strategically interested in actively engaging with other bodies.

8.9   Finances

(See annex part 1 – NW Seminar Powerpoint)
The goal is to have enough resources to cover an ECER which does not take place, at the moment this is the case. EERA is in a good financial situation at the moment and will have the resources to cover new initiatives.

Discussion: Christof asked: Can we as a Network create a connection as a legal body to networks in other organisations, a connection on behalf of EERA? Angelika responded that there are agreements between Networks and journals. Joe added that for EERA's strategic focus it would be helpful to have a map of what relationships we have as a Network/Association/Association of Associations. Michael Göhlich. says that there are at least two other organisations covering the same topic as his network. He asks if it would be allowed to organize a Joint Session with another organization. Jani responded that NW 22 offered a pre-seminar with another organization in Porto and that money is available for such collaborations through Network project funding scheme.

9. Reminders / Updates

(See annex part 1 – NW Seminar Powerpoint)

9.1   Report from new publications (editorial board members needed for Book series)

Request: Joe informed LCs that editorial board members needed from the NWs are needed for the book series. If you (or somebody from your Network) are interested, please be in contact with Dennis Beach (dennis.beach@ped.gu.se) *as soon as possible*. Criteria: Associate Professor and upwards and some editorial experience.

Joe reported that the Review journal is paused for the time being. The reason is that the publishers wanted tens of thousands of Euros. Open Access may be a solution.

9.2   Poster award (procedure for nomination and this year's jury)

Link Convenors (or a person from your Network assigned to this task) will be responsible for nominating the best poster(s) from your network. (1–5 poster submissions in the Network = one candidate / more than 5 poster submissions in the Network = two candidates)
Inform EERA Desk of nominated poster(s) by Wed. 04 Sep. 17.00 email: dow@eera.eu or drop by.

9.3   Network Funding: new deadline: 3.5.2019 & procedures for reporting received funding & funding can only be used to what it is targeted

(See annex part 1 – NW Seminar Powerpoint
Because there have been several difficulties in the processing of the finances after the Network Project/Season School has been completed, Angelika outlined how the process should work. Last year, a Council Working Group streamlined this project and the Networks now receive a new, streamlined template for the financial report. Angelika asks that this template be followed. She explained that the procedures outlined in the contract and the financial report template have to be followed exactly because as EERA is a non-profit organisation, no money can go to members = members are not allowed to profit. The tax advisor helped develop the procedures for the financial report and Office is required to make sure they are followed.

Requests:
- If you see that your expenses will deviate from those described in the contract, please inform EERA immediately.
- Please only use money for the purpose stated in the contract (do not, for example, use travel money for catering)

Discussion: Christine Teelken said she would like to recommend that other Networks apply for funding as she has had good experience doing so.

9.4 Reminder: Link Convenors' meetings during ECER 2019

- Tuesday, 3 September, 09.00–10.30 (room TBA)
- Friday, 6 September, 12.15–13.15 (room TBA)

9.5 Future ECERs

- ECER 2020, Glasgow, 25.–28. August
- ECER 2021, Geneva, 03.–04. September (ERC) 06.–09.September (ECER)