

Annual Report 2011, Berlin

The network received a healthy number of submissions (more than 50). The reviewers were eager to maintain the quality of the conference, possibly to improve it further. Quite a few proposals had to be redirected. This brings the overall acceptance rate for the Berlin conference around 56 %, similar to the previous years. As always, session 1 was allocated to the invited speaker: Volker Kraft (Universität Kiel, Germany) addressed "Constants of Education". The programme figured around 50 presentations. On average there were around 30 people in each session. The well attended (and thoroughly enjoyed) conference dinner took place on Wednesday, September 14.

The 2011 business meeting (September 15) had 46 participants; several issues were discussed and decided.

Roland Reichenbach, Leena Kakkori, and Zdenko Kodolja decided to step down as convenor. The network expressed its gratitude for their work during the previous years. Three new convenors were appointed: Gonzalo Jover Olmeda (Spain), Christiane Thompson (Germany), and Marianna Papastephanou (Cyprus).

In order to make in one way or another the ECER conference more distinctive as compared to other philosophy of education meetings, it was decided that a conference theme for Network 13 would be proposed for each year (in addition to the overall theme that is determined by ECER). For the 2012 meeting the theme is: The place of humanities in education. Though the network will still accept submissions which deal with work in philosophy of education in the general sense, it will particularly invite contributions which deal with issues related to the annual conference theme. For the 2012 meeting that implies contributions which deal for example with how the place of the humanities has changed in a post-structural economy, how the humanities may contribute to the flourishing of the nation, what its proper place should be in an educational context including what is to be transmitted. It is hoped that quite a few of the submissions would deal with this topic thus to contribute to the focus of a number of discussions of the 2012 meeting.

Finally it was decided that the network will appoint itself chairs for symposia (different from the general ECER format) to make sure that the time schedule is followed and that enough room is given to discussion.