

Minutes for the steering committee meeting of ESREA

When: March 15 at 13.00-18.00 and March 16 at 10.00-18.00

Where: TU Dresden, Hörsaal-Zentrum

Attending: Michal Bron Jr. (Sweden), Wolfgang Jütte (Austria), Ewa Kurantowicz (Poland), Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Anja Heikkinen (Finland), Larissa Jögi (Estonia), Laura Formenti (Italy) – participated during item 1-12, Georgios Zarifis (Greece), Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark), Emilio Lucio-Villegas (Spain), Bernhard Schmidt-Hertha (Germany), Secretary: Andreas Fejes (Sweden)

1. Henning was elected to chair the meeting
2. Andreas was elected to be the secretary of the meeting
3. Wolfgang was elected to check the minutes
4. The agenda was approved with the addition of a new item 5 – absence
5. We noted Paulas apologies for not being able to be present at the meeting
6. The minutes from the previous meeting was approved
7. Information about the history of ESREA, the statutes, the role of the Steering Committee the role of the secretariat, the role of the secretary, presentation of how financial matters are conducted, web page and e-mail list was presented by the secretary.
8. Henning was elected as a chairperson of ESREA for the period of 2008-2010 unanimously.

Decision: Identified areas which ESREA is not active in at the moment: Participation in policy making and ESREA as project manager for e.g. EU projects. We need to discuss the future of ESREA, which paths to choose. Anja suggested that we make an action plan. Until next time the secretary will prepare a draft for an action plan based on input from the SC members. He will also add comments on what consequences there might be if the suggested items are pursued.

9. Ewa was elected as a vice chairperson of ESREA for the period of 2008-2010 unanimously.
10. Bernhard was elected as a treasurer of ESREA for the period of 2008-2010 unanimously.
11. Financial account for 2007 and the provisional account for 2008 was presented and discussed. A suggestion for future financial accounts was to include the result from the previous year to make it possible to compare with the result for the present year.
12. Henning introduced the Peter Lang contract and relation.

The books in production were presented. At the moment there are four ESREA books in production:

1. Book edited by Henning Salling Olesen on work and learning. They still lack a couple of chapters.
2. Book edited by Barry Hake and Francoise Laot on cross cultural influences in adult learning. The book is soon ready for print.
3. Book edited by Barbara Merrill with Etienne Bourgeois titled: Learning to Change? The Role of Identity and Learning Careers in Adult Education. Barbara has started to edit the chapters.
4. Book edited by Joanna Oustrouch and Edmée Ollagnier titled: Researching gender in adult learning.

Michal presented his, Paulas and Ruis book proposal based on the ADC network seminar 2007. A decision was made to put the book into production.

13. The secretary and Henning introduced the idea to start an ESREA journal which was discussed by the steering committee. It was decided that:
 - ESREA will create a scientific journal.
 - Two groups were formed to prepare material for discussion and decision next meeting: Group on production and access which should focus on discussing positive and negative aspects of different types of publications such as open access journal, publishing with publishers, only online or/and paper etc: Bernhard, Ewa, Emilio, Wolfgang; Group on content which will discuss mission statement with a journal, language policy etc: Anja, Larissa, Barbara, Michal, Wolfgang, Georgios. The secretary will coordinate and participate in both groups.
14. The budget was decided on with the following change: ESREA information material 1000 Euros. See appendix 1.
15. Discussion and possible decision on where to locate the 2010 ESREA triennial conference. The following comments and frames were discussed:
 - The conference fee needs to be kept as low as possible
 - The conference should be located in different parts of Europe each time therefore a conference in the Northern part of Europe this time would be suitable
 - Andreas will make further enquires and present at the next meeting
16. Information from and presentation of the different networks

Active democratic citizenship network had their last meeting in Braga, June 2008. The next meeting is planned to late June 2009 in Stockholm. The convenors are now also working on a book for Peter Lang based on some papers from the conference in Braga.

Access, Learning Careers and Identities Network will have their next conference in Seville, Spain 10-13 December 2008. The convenors are working on a book for Peter Lang based on their last conference.

The network on working-life and learning had their last conference June 26 – 28, 2007 at The Northern College, Wentworth Castle, Barnsley, England. The convenors are working on a book for Peter Lang based on previous conferences. Keith Forrester, one of the convenors, will be retired soon, and some of the others in the core group. Therefore, the network will face some changes in the future. Next con-

ference will take place in relation to the Researching work and leaning conference June 28-July 1 2009.

ESREA Network on Cross-cultural Influences in the History of European Adult Education is at the moment producing a book for Peter Lang based on their last conference. The book will be bilingual, English and French.

ESREA network on gender and adult learning had their last conference "Researching gender and adult learning", July 9-11, at the University of Warmia nad Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland. Joanna is the new convenor. The convenors are producing a book for Peter Lang based on their last meeting. The next meeting is planned to take place October 2009 at the University of Hull, England.

The ESREA life history and biographical research network had their last meeting in Canterbury Christ church university, England, March 6-9 2008. There were about 90 participants, and ESREA received several new members due to the conference. The next conference is planned to take place the first weekend in March 2009.

The between global and local: Adult learning and development network will have their next meeting in Wroclaw, University of Lower Silesia, Poland, 29-31 May 2008. So far 26 abstracts have been accepted. There will be a third meeting in 2009.

There was a discussion about the two "sleeping" ESREA networks on ethnicity and migration, and older learners. Bernhard raised his interest to contact Tarja Tikkanen to see if a new network on older learners could be created.

The proposal from Georgios Zarifis to launch a new network on was presented and discussed. Larissa suggested a title for the network "professionalisation and identity of adult educators". There was initially favourable response to the proposal. Georgios will re-work the proposal based on comments provided at the meeting and the item will be discussed and decided upon at the next meeting.

Discussion concerning on when to place the network meetings and conferences in time. It was decided that we should try to place the conferences and network meetings at times which does not collide with conferences organized by other organizations. When convenors plan a conference, they will alert the secretary who will check if there are other conferences taking place the same dates.

17. Henning raised the discussion if the steering committee should elect any ad hoc members. The SC will not at this time add any members.
18. Wolfgang informed about the ESREA symposium which will take place on Wednesday March 18 in Dresden.
19. Andreas informed the steering committee about the visit to Israel and the conference on adult education organized by the Israel adult education association April 25.

Emilio told about a network on literacy between universities in Spain and Nicaragua. The idea for the network is to expand among universities in South America and in

Europe. Emilio will prepare a report on this network to be discussed at the next meeting.

Barbara informed about a successful bid on lifelong learning with several ESREA members involved.

Bernhard informed about a new information letter on adult education from the Socrates programme in which ESREA was described.

20. The next meeting will take place in Linköping September 13-14, and the spring meeting 2009 will take place either in relation to the Life history network meeting or in Tallin.

21. Henning declared the meeting ended at 16.00.

Henning Salling Olesen
Chair

Andreas Fejes
Secretary

Wolfgang Jütte
Check the minutes

Appendix 1: Budget for ESREA 2008

Incomes

Gift (transfer from Leiden)	3000
Membership fees	10000

13000

Expenses

Travel costs secretariat:	3000
Other travel costs:	1000
Costs for steering committee meetings:	1000
PhD bursaries:	2000
Peter Lang books:	6000
Technical assistance book:	2400
Production costs for journal:	2000
ESREA information material:	1000

18400

Result -5400

Transferred from reserves 5400

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