

Minutes for the steering committee meeting of ESREA

When: March 18, 9.30 – 18.00, March 19, 9.30-12.00, 2010

Where: Tallinn, Tallinn University

Attending: Wolfgang Jütte (Austria), Larissa Jaugi (Estonia), Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Anja Heikkinen (Finland), Laura Formenti (Italy), Georgios Zarifis (Greece), Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark), Emilio Lucio-Villegas (Spain), Bernhard Schmidt-Hertha (Germany), Paula Guimaeres (Portugal) Secretary: Andreas Fejes (Sweden)

1. Election of the chair for the meeting
 - Henning was elected to chair the meeting
2. Election of the secretary for the meeting
 - Andreas was elected to be the secretary of the meeting
3. Election of someone to check the minutes
 - Emilio was elected to check the minutes of the meeting.
4. Approval of the agenda
 - The agenda was approved.
5. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting
 - The minutes were approved.
6. Absence from the meeting
 - Unfortunately, Michal and Ewa can not attend the meeting.
7. Definite financial account for 2009
 - Definite financial account was approved.
8. Provisional financial account for 2010
 - It was decided that the RELA budget may be increased to 3500 Euros as 1800 Euros was a payment for services conducted during 2009.
9. Election of new steering committee for 2011-2013
 - It was decided that each candidate shortly presents themselves. Items in such presentation should be the name, institutional affiliation, gender, research interests, Participated in what ESREA network activities.
 - In the call for nominations, the work of the SC should be presented.
10. Peter Lang books

Henning informed that the work and learning book is not completed yet. Quite a bit of editorial work is still left to be done, and he will discuss with Keith Forrester how the book can be advanced soon.

Emilio informed that the book on Global/local manuscript will be delivered to Peter Lang in September. There will be 15 chapters in the book with contributions from for example Spain, Portugal, Scotland, England and Poland.

Laura informed that the book proposal from the life history and biographical network will not be proposed as a Peter Lang book, but they will find other means of publishing the book.

The decision from last meeting that we will find alternatives to publishing our books was confirmed and further elaborated. We will further review the possibilities to publish books on demand in combination with open access online parallel publishing of our books. Bernhard reported about print on demand systems, which does not exclude parallel publishing online, and Henning will with the help of Roskilde University Library clarify the technical and legal aspects of a general online availability of ESREA publications, and the library will consider if it can provide such a facility.

11. The ESREA journal - RELA

- Andreas, Henning and Wolfgang informed about the progress of the journal. The call for papers for issue 2 and 3 have been made public and distributed to the members and published on the RELA webpage.

12. ESREA 2010 triennial conference

- Andreas informed about the progress of the planning of the conference. The distribution of submitted papers was discussed. Positively, there were a lot of papers from Portugal and Germany, at the same time as there were few submissions from the southern part of Europe (except Portugal) and from the UK.
- A suggestion was made about the possibilities to have a session/workshop during the conference with a focus on the state of the art of adult education and research on adult education in Europe. Anja will e-mail a proposition to the organizing committee.

13. Procedures for ESREA participation in conferences arranged by other organizations

- There is a difference between sponsoring an event and participating in an event. If we sponsor an event, it should be research oriented, within the field of adult education and learning, and be directed to an international audience. However, we can participate in other events as researchers in this area, although not sponsoring the events formally.
- If we sponsor an event, a member of ESREA should be a member of the scientific committee, and we should have a slot in the programme at the conference to present ESREA. It is also important to consider that the conference deals with international topics and the impact of these on a national level.
- Andreas will compile some bullet points about what should be presented by ESREA representatives at conferences that we sponsor.

14. Discussion about recruitment of researchers and promotion of doctoral training

- Today we sponsor PhD students through bursaries and by having lower fees at our conferences for the students. Can we do anything else?
- It was concluded that the organisation of network meetings should take the issue about conference pedagogy in relation to PhD students into consideration.

15. Information from the different networks

- Anja informed that the next history network meeting will take place in Budapest the summer of 2011.
- Laura informed about the Life history and biographical research network meeting that took place in March 2010 in Växjö, Sweden. A discussion took place about the three last conferences in relation to the book proposal on the theme of emotionality. Thus,

including the issue of time in the discussions. For the next meeting, participants will work on parts of the book, so that they can continue to work on the book at the next conference. The network is defined primarily by methodology rather than on content. Some people in the network do not identify themselves with adult education and learning. The next meeting will take place the first weekend in March in Geneva in 2011.

- Henning informed about the work and learning network. He is communicating with persons at two different locations to see if there would be “new” people available who could engage in the network.
- Emilio informed about the forthcoming conference in Seville of the Global/Local network. They have 52 papers. The papers come from Spain, Portugal, UK, Poland, Germany, Malaysia, Brazil, Canada, France, Greece and Finland. The conference proceedings will be published by Diálogos. After the conference in 2011, the network will start to have biannual conferences instead of annual conferences.
- Henning informed about the policy network. The plan is to organize a conference late autumn 2010, or may be autumn 2011.
- Barbara informed about the access, learning career and identity network have changed the plans to have a conference in March or April 2011 as Barbara is organizing the SCRUTEA conference this year. Different options, Geneva and Venice are discussed as potential conference locations. A book from the last conference of the network is soon about to be published by Edición Digital@3 with the support of the University of Seville and the University of Warwick.
- Barbara informed about the gender network. The next meeting is planned to take place in June 2011 in Montpellier.
- Barbara will contact Simon to ask for an update about the progress of the network on ethnicity, migration and xenophobia.
- Bernhard informed about the learning of older adults network. The next conference will take place 7-10 October in Munich. Deadline for submission of abstracts is April 4. There are 45-50 people on the e-mail list of the network at the moment. Bernhard is also compiling newsletter from the network that is distributed through the e-mail list. He is planning to create a web page for the network.
- Georgios informed about the adult educator network. The conference in Thessaloniki in November was much bigger than what he expected. There were more than 200 participants. The conference proceedings have been edited and published as an e-book with ISBN. A newsletter will be created for the network to be distributed through the network e-mail list with the ambition to activate the members. The newsletter will have an ISSN number and issued twice a year, March and September. The next conference is planned to take place in Vienna.
- Paula informed about the Active and Democratic Citizenship network. The next meeting is planned to take place in 2011. The book from the network meeting in Braga in 2008 has now been published by Peter Lang.
- The draft assessment form from Georgios was discussed. It was agreed to rename it in order to indicate that it aims at giving an overview of ESREA participants and their background. It was decided that the questionnaire will be distributed through each network meeting, so that participation in the networks can be analyzed. Georgios will set up the system and handle the incoming answers, and then distribute the summaries to the steering committee.

16. Any other business

- There weren't any other business.

17. Next meeting

- The next meeting will take place in Linköping from September 22 at 13.00 to September 23 at 12.00.

18. End of meeting

- The meeting ended at March 19, 10.50.

Henning Salling Olesen
Chair

Andreas Fejes
Secretary

Emilio Lucio-Villegas
Check the minutes