



ESREA newsletter

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Dear ESREA member,

This is my first newsletter as the new secretary of ESREA. I hope you will find it interesting. 2016 is a special year with the Triennial Conference in Maynooth, Ireland where we will celebrate that the idea of ESREA was born 25 years ago. ESREA also have a new logo. Thus, there are lots of things to commemorate as we proceed with promoting research on the education of adults in Europe and beyond. I hope you do not mind me changing the design of the newsletter a bit . . .

ESREA:s Triennial European Research Conference encourages the widest possible forum for the exchange of on-going research activities in Europe. ESREA conferences have been held 1995 in Strobl, 1998 in Bruxelles, 2001 in Lisbon, 2004 in Wroclaw, 2007 in Seville, 2010 in Linköping and 2013 in Berlin. Read more about the conference and get an up-date from the last SC meeting on the next page. Hope to see you in Maynooth in September!

Sincerely,

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Notes from the SC meeting

Preparing the future: news from the Steering Committee

The SC of ESREA met in Milano in February 23-24 and the minutes will be published soon on the website. Here is a short account of our discussion - beyond the financial, formal, and practical decisions.

This is the third year of the SC, elected in 2014 - hence a moment for assessment is needed. We discussed the action plan, i.e. the tool used by the SC to keep an open dialogue and to reflect on what we are doing. Adding to this a 2014-2016 report will be prepared for the closing of this triennium, before the elections in November.

The Triennial Research Conference, this year in Maynooth, is a main occasion for ESREA. When all networks are gathered it is possible to get an overall view of what is going on. So, it is quite natural to think of it as a special moment for reflection, dialogue, and the emergence of new ideas. During the conference, there will be a meeting between the conveners, the members of the SC and the RELA editors, to assess the present and think about the future. We realized that the very idea of ESREA was born in 1991, 25 years ago. It is great to have an occasion to celebrate this quarter of a century, and the incredible success of an association that did big things with a very low budget and a lot of passion and – it must be said! – Huge amount of voluntary work.

The agenda of ESREA is very rich. During this triennium, we decided to more explicitly support the training of new researchers, by sustaining summer and winter schools. There is still a lot to do in making sure that we receive more proposals. We are also discussing the possibility to develop a 'ESREA branded' school, involving as many institutions as possible among our associates.

Our publication activity is doing very well. RELA has a new issue out with 7 papers, thematic issues are in line and calls for papers are out. The inflow of submissions and the numbers of visitors and downloads are very high and increasing. The book series has many downloads, but it is time for new proposals. The cycle from book idea to an edited book is long. We invite the networks to make use of this opportunity to make their research work visible.

We need to make an effort to improve and update information about the Networks' activities. So, let's prepare for the future. The discussion about ESREA's aims, organization and action needs to be shared with associates and conveners. We live in complex times, in the middle of a generational shift and with big changes in academia. Creativity, solidarity, and a critical sight need to be developed. The discussion continues at the next meeting and during the Conference in Maynooth.

See you there,



Laura Formenti, *Chair of the Steering Committee*

ESREA Activities

24-26 June 2016

The 2016 conference of ESREA research network Interrogating transformative processes in learning and education: an international dialogue, 24-26 June, Athens, Greece. For more info:

http://www.esrea.org/esrea_news/1.666257/ITLPCONFERENCE3rdCallforPapers.pdf

8-11 September 2016

The 2016 ESREA triennial conference, 8-11 September 2016, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland.

For more info: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/esrea>

17-19 November 2016

The 2016 conference of the Network on Education and Learning of Older Adults (ELOA), 17-19 November, University of Wrocław, Poland

For more info:

http://www.esrea.org/esrea_news/1.666164/first_call_for_paper_ELOA_2016.pdf

8-10 June 2017

The 3rd Network Conference of the ESREA Research Network on Policy Studies in Adult Education will be hosted at the University of Verona (Italy) on June 8-10, 2017. For up-dates on this conference please visit:

http://www.esrea.org/policy_studies?l=en

For more information on conferences and call for papers: www.esrea.org

RELA



RELA European Journal for Research on the Education and Learning of Adults

RELA has three calls for papers for thematic issues:

Digitalisation and the Education and Learning of Adults. Submission deadline: 1 July, 2016

Intersectionality and adult education. Submission deadline: 1 July, 2016

Social economy as an alternative to capitalism – Learning solidarity and autonomy
Submission deadline: December 31, 2015

RELA also invite non-thematic research papers.
More information about these calls for papers can be found at:
http://www.rela.ep.liu.se/call_for_papers.asp

Conferences and seminars

18-20 April 2016

IV. International Adult Education Symposium in Makarska, Croatia. For more info:
<http://andragoski-simpozij2016.weebly.com/>

16-19 May 2016

The 18th Annual International Conference on Education, Athens, Greece. Organized by the Institute for Education and Research (ATINER). For more info:
<http://www.atiner.gr/education>

1-3 June 2016

Eucen 48th European Conference in Dublin. *Crossing borders through lifelong learning: enhancing quality and equity in higher education*. For more info:
<http://dublin2016.eucen.eu>

3-5 June 2016

The 13th PASCAL International Conference, *Learning Cities 2040 - Global, Local, Connected, Sustainable, Healthy and Resilient*, at the University of Glasgow. For more info:
<http://conference2016.pascalobservatory.org>

9-10 June 2016

The future of history and philosophy of education seminar, Tallinn University. For more info contact: *Estonia*: airi.liimets@tlu.ee *tiiu.kuurme@tlu.ee* *Finland*: risto.m.ikonen@uef.fi

20-21 June 2016

Academic and vocational education - clash of cultures? workshop in IHS, Vienna. For more info: <http://www.peda.net/veraia/uta/vetculture/>

4-15 July 2016

Summer school of 2016 and the course "International migration Challenges, approaches and intervention strategies" in Paris. For more info contact: summerschool.univ-paris-est.fr

22-25 November 2016

EAPRIL Conference, Porto, Portugal
For more info: www.eaprilconference.org

Announcements

Call for papers: *Journal for Research on Adult Education* with the theme "International comparison of basic education policies. Deadline: May 1, 2016. More info at: <http://www.springer.com/education+%26+language/journal/40955>

SCUTREA 2016 - Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for attending SCUTREA's 2016 conference 'Adult Education in Austerer Times', to be held at the University of Leicester from 5-7 July 2016. For more info: <http://www.le.ac.uk/scutrea>

Call for expressions of Interest:

We are delighted to announce our call for Expressions of Interest from those who would be interested in hosting SCUTREA's conference in 2017. The conference would be organised by the host institution, but with strong support from the Council team. For more info: : <http://www.scutrea.ac.uk/2016/03/scutrea-2017-call-for-expressions-of.html>.

PhD Scholarship "ENLIVEN: Encouraging Lifelong Learning for an Inclusive and Vibrant Society"

The Doctoral School in Humanistic Studies, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona (Italy), invites applications for 1 PhD scholarship in Adult Education Policy. The candidate who is awarded the scholarship must commence the PhD degree programme on 1 October 2016 and will be affiliated to the International Research Centre for Global and Comparative Policy Studies on the Education and Learning of Adults (IRC-GloCoPos) based at the Department of Human Sciences. For more info: <http://www.univr.it/main?ent=iscrizionecs&cs=630&lang=en&scuoladott=11>

Publications

ESREA book series

There is no new books published in the ESREA book series, but you can access published books open access at:

<https://www.sensepublishers.com/catalogs/bookseries/research-on-the-education-and-learning-of-adults/>

RELA articles

Find new RELA articles here: http://www.rela.ep.liu.se/pre_published.asp

Book

Milana, M., Holford, J. & Mohorčič Špolar, V. (Eds) (2016). *Adult and Lifelong Education: Global, national and local perspectives*. London: Routledge

Book

DISTRESS IN THE CITY

Racism, fundamentalism and a democratic education

by Linden West

More info here: <http://www.ucl-ioe-press.com/books/social-justice-equality-and-human-rights/distress-in-the-city/>

Book

Field, John/Schmidt-Hertha, Bernhard/Waxenegger, Andrea (eds) (2016): *Universities and engagement. International perspectives on higher education and lifelong learning*. London/New York: Routledge. More info here:

<http://www.routledge.com/products/9781138824447>

How to become a member of ESREA?

Membership in ESREA is open to individual and institutional members. As a member you will get a reduced fee at ESREA activities, information in the field of research on the education of adults through the ESREA mailing list and newsletter. As an individual member you have the right to vote at the general assembly that takes place each year (on-line through postal ballot). As an institutional member, all employees at the institution have the right to participate in the ESREA activities to a reduced fee. However, the institutional membership allows only one vote at the general assembly.

If you want to become a member the process is the following:

1. Download the document at: www.esrea.org
2. Fill out the form and e-mail it to: nina.svenman@liu.se
3. Within one up to two weeks you will receive a confirmation of your membership by e-mail
4. At the same time as the membership is confirmed you will be invoiced the membership fee which for 2016 is 50 Euros for individual members (25 Euros for PhD or Edd students) and 150 Euros for institutional members. **Payment of membership fees can only be made through an international or EU bank transfer.**

Cheques are not accepted!

Forthcoming newsletters

If you want some information included in forthcoming newsletters, here are the deadlines for 2016.

Number 2 2016: deadline for inclusion **1 June**

Number 3 2016: deadline for inclusion **1 September**

Number 4 2016: deadline for inclusion **1 December**



IMAGINING DIVERSE FUTURES
FOR ADULT EDUCATION:
QUESTIONS OF POWER AND
RESOURCES OF CREATIVITY

ESREA 8th Triennial
European
Research
Conference

8-11th September 2016
Maynooth University
Department of Adult &
Community Education