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European Society for Research on the Education of Adults

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Dear ESREA member,
Here comes the third ESREA newsletter for 2014.

Every third year ESREA organizes a European research conference somewhere in Europe in cooperation with a hosting institution. This conference is not connected to any specific network; rather it aims to gather all ESREA networks for a joint conference. The previous conferences were organized at the following locations: 1995 in Strobl (A), 1998 in Bruxelles (B), 2001 in Lisbon (P), 2004 in Wroclaw (Pol), 2007 in Seville (Sp), 2010 in Linköping (S) and 2013 in Berlin (D).

ESREA is now calling for tenders to organize the next triennial conference in September 2016. In order for the Steering Committee to make a well grounded decision, the tender needs to include the information as outlined on www.esrea.org.

We also have two announcements. First, we are happy to announce that the research report by Kathrine Nicoll and Gert Biesta (2014) about *(His)story of the European Society of Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA): A narrative history of intellectual evolution and transformation in the field of adult education in Europe* are now available on www.esrea.org. In the newsletter you can read how this research project came about and how the Steering Committee wants it to be used.

Second, we are also happy to announce that RELA now celebrates its fifths anniversary. Andreas Fejes, who is part of the Editorial group, will in this newsletter describe his thoughts of these years and the future.

Again, I want to remind you about the first volume in the ESREA new book series with SENSE Publisher. *Adult Education Policy and the European Union: Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives*, Edited by Marcella Milana and John Holford (Sense, Rotterdam, 2014), xiv + 179 pp., US\$54 (pbk), ISBN 978- 94-6209-546-5, US\$99 (hbk), ISBN 978-94-6209-547-2, US\$49 (e-book), ISBN 978-94-6209-548-9. The open access e-book can be found at: <https://www.sensepublishers.com/media/1971-adult-education-policy-and-the-european-union.pdf>. Please be so kind to inform your university libraries about the ESREA book series and its open access policy; and invite them to include the books from the series in their catalogues.

Lastly, I want to invite all of you to participate in the annual meeting of ESREA 2014. It will take place on the 17-21 of November and I will send out the agenda shortly.

Best wishes
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This newsletter contains the following sections:

- The Research report by Kathrine Nicoll and Gert Biesta (2014). *(His)story of the European Society of Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA): A narrative history of intellectual evolution and transformation in the field of adult education in Europe.*
- Forthcoming ESREA activities
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Dear associates,

as you maybe know the Steering Committee of ESREA decided, in the occasion of the 20 years of being a organisation, to give a little grant to fund a research on its history. It is the first time that ESREA makes an effort to build knowledge about itself, and an important occasion to raise awareness about the organisation, its origins, the transformations it went through, and also think about its future.

So, we invite all of you to read the joint report of 2 years' work, by two colleagues of us - Katherine Nicoll and Gert Biesta - who very bravely committed to do this historical research. It was not easy work: as other associations, ESREA was born out of the enthusiasm of a group of very engaged researchers. So, many stories rest within the participants to this adventure (5 of them were interviewed by Nicoll and Biesta). Other stories were hidden in many documents, drafts, old reports and minutes, and more recently in the website. So, much information was lacking, or contradictory; anyway, now a lot of little pieces have been retrieved and re-organized, following an hypothetical sub-division of ESREA's history in 3 phases, and the creation of one story among the many. It is a fascinating story: about ESREA and about twenty years of adult education in Europe.

Isn't it exciting, to understand that we are part of a history? But are there other stories that remain hidden? Will we be able to listen to them, and gain new insights? What still needs to be told, or discussed? By publishing the report in the website, the Steering Committee wants to invite all ESREA associates and friends to participate in this reflexive challenge: who are we, and who could we be? How is adult education evolving? What can ESREA mean, to adult education and research? This report is a starting point and one of the many stories to be told. We need to keep a dialogic space to enrich it with other stories and points of view.

So, please, take care, read it, discuss it in your next conferences and meetings. We will build another reflexive moment during the triennial conference in 2016.

And if you have something to tell, please write.

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Your Sincerely
Laura Formenti, Chair of ESREA

Forthcoming ESREA activities

More information on the conferences and call for papers see www.esrea.org

The 2014 conference of the ESREA research network of Education and Learning of older Adults, Oct 22-24, University of Malta.

The 2015 conference of the ESREA Lifehistory and Biography research network 5-8 March, 2015, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy.



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Updates from Andreas Fejes, Editor of RELA

Dear ESREA member

On behalf of the editors of RELA I'm happy to announce that RELA now celebrates its fifth anniversary. The first issue was published in the autumn of 2010, and with the recent publication of the thematic issue on MIGRATION AND THE EDUCATION AND LEARNING OF ADULTS, RELA has now published five complete volumes. So far RELA has been a success in creating a forum for debate about issues at stake in adult education in Europe. With the open access policy, anyone with an Internet connection can freely download what is published in RELA.

The number of unique visitors to our webpage continuously increases, and currently there are 2000 unique visitors each day. The number of downloads increases, as well as the number of submitted papers. Currently the rejection rate of RELA is 65%, indicating that there is an actual selection process based on quality criteria taking place (i.e. Every third paper submitted becomes published at the end). Further, RELA continuously apply for inclusion in databases/indexes, and we have been successful so far.

One aim of RELA is to create a space for research on the education and learning of adults from all across Europe and beyond, encouraging the publication of researchers who do not usually publish in the English speaking language. In doing so, the ambition is to further and widen the debate going on in the field. The previously established English speaking journals in the field are often dominated by authors from Anglophone countries (See Fejes and Nylander 2014), and RELA has the ambition to contribute to a change to such patterns. This

is a challenging task, and one strategy is to make possible submissions in other language than English, reviewed in the native tongue, and if accepted, the author can deliver an English translated version of the paper.

RELA operates on the basis of thematic call for papers, in order to facilitate debates on similar topics in a specific issue, thus working on increasing the coherence of the journal. However, RELA also welcomes submissions not related to a specific theme, so called open papers. Currently, there are three call for papers available at the Journal webpage. "Non-traditional participants in adult education and learning - the (scientific) discipline as agent for change" (submission deadline: 30th November, 2014) and "Dignity, Solidarity and Responsibility" (submission deadline: 30th of November, 2014) and an open call for non-thematic related papers (continuously open for submissions).

If you are interested in submitting a paper to RELA, or if you have any questions about the journal, more info is available at www.rela.ep.liu.se. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Andreas Fejes on behalf of the editorial group

Reference

Fejes, A. & Nylander, E. (2014) The Anglophone International(e): A bibliometric analysis of three adult education journals, 2005–2012. *Adult Education Quarterly* 64(3), 222-239. DOI: 10.1177/074171361452802.

More information about RELA can be found at: www.rela.ep.liu.se.

Forthcoming conferences/seminars

29-31 October 2014

8th International Conference on Self-Education held in Strasbourg, France.

For more information: <http://colloque-autoformation.unistra.fr/en/presentation/>

6-19 November 2014

The VI International Congress of (Auto)biographical Research (VI CIPA). The theme is Between public and private: ways of living, narrating and keeping.

For more information: <http://vicipariodejaneiro.com.br/?lang=en>

25-28th November 2014

EAPRIL (the European Association for Practitioner Research on Improving Learning) is holding its 9th annual conference in Nicosia, Cyprus.

More information: www.eapril.org

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1-2 December, 2014

Irish National Network of EUCEN. Conference theme Lifelong Learning in Ireland: Mission, Vision and Practice, University College Cork, Ireland

For more information: <http://www.ucc.ie/en/eucen/>

28 January – 6 February 2015

International Winter School of Comparative Studies on Adult and Lifelong Learning, Würzburg/Bavaria, Germany.

For more information: <http://www.lifelonglearning.uni-wuerzburg.de>

26-27 March 2015

6th Nordic Conference on Adult Education and Learning will be held in Tampere. The theme is Adult Education and the Planetary Condition.

For more information: <http://www.uta.fi/edu/nordic/index.html>

18-21 May 2015

17th Annual International Conference on Education, Athens, Greece.

For more information: <http://www.atiner.com/education.htm>.

8-10 July, 2015

22nd International Conference of Europeanists. The theme is “Contradictions: Envisioning European Futures”, Paris, France. Organized by the Council for European Studies.

For more information: <https://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/conferences/2015-ces-conference>

December 2015

The 9th International Conference in Researching Work and Learning (RWL9) will be held in Singapore. Conference theme “Work and Learning in the era of Globalisation: Challenges for the 21st Century”.

For more information: will soon be available.

New books in adult education/adult learning

Fejes, A. & Nicoll, K. (eds) (2015) *Foucault and a politics of confession in education*. London: Routledge.

Kocianova, R. et al. (2013). *Analysis and Comparison of Forms and Methods for the Education of Older Adults in the V4 countries*, Prague: Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague. Details including a pdf of selected pages are available at: https://e-shop.ff.cuni.cz/knihy/monografie/analysis_and_comparison_of_forms_and_methods_for_the_education_of_older_adults_in_the_v4_countries-918

Ollagnier, Edmée. (2014) *FEMMES ET DÉFIS POUR LA FORMATION DES ADULTES, un regard critique non-conformiste*. Préface de Nicole Mosconi Collection : Savoir et Formation • Série : Genre et education, L'Harmattan, Paris ISBN : 978-2-343-03338-9

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How to become a member of ESREA

Membership in ESREA is open to either individual members and to institutional members. As a member you have a reduced fee at ESREA activities and you receive information in the field of research on the education of adults through the ESREA e-mail list and through the ESREA newsletter. As an individual member you have the right to vote at the general assembly which takes place each year (virtually through postal ballot). As an institutional member, all employees at the institution have the right to participate in 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 to sofia.nystrom@liu.se
3. Within one-two weeks you will receive a confirmation of your membership by e-mail
4. At the same time as membership is confirmed you will be invoiced the membership fee which for 2014 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 to have some information included in forthcoming newsletters, here are the deadlines for the forthcoming newsletters 2014.

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