

Minutes for the steering committee meeting of ESREA – European society for research on the education of adults

When: 14th of September at 13.00 until 15th of September 12.00, 2015

Where: The meeting was held at Maynooth University, Ireland.

Participants: Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Karin Filander (Finland), Andreas Fejes (Sweden), Marcella Millana (Denmark), Emilio Lucio-Villegas (Spain), Laura Formenti (Italy), Adrianna Nizińska (Poland), Rosanna Barros (Portugal) and Fredrik Sandberg (Sweden). Secretary: Sofia Nyström (Sweden)

1. Election of the chair for the meeting
 - Laura Formenti was elected to chair the meeting
2. Election of the secretary for the meeting
 - Sofia Nyström was elected to be the secretary of the meeting
3. Election of someone to check the minutes
 - Marcella Milana was elected to check the minutes.
4. Approval of the agenda
 - The agenda was approved.
5. Absence from the meeting and present
 - Jean Michel Baudouin (Switzerland), Aiga von Hippel (Germany), Georgios Zarifis (Greece) and Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark) send their best regards. We also make a presentation of the members of the SC since Fredrik Sandberg (Sweden) joining the meeting.
6. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting
 - The minutes were approved.
 - For future meetings, the agenda should have the item of “matters of raising” where the Steering Committee go through the previous minutes and check the actions taken.
 - The secretary is responsible to make a folder available in Box in order to share documents with the Steering Committee.
7. Provisional financial account of ESREA for September 2015
 - Provisional financial account was approved.
8. ESREA action plan 2014-2016
 - The action plan was approved with minor grammatical changes. The secretary will do the last changes and then circulate it to the Steering Committee.

- When the Action plan is finalised it should be shared with the network convenors and published on the website. The Chair and Vice Chair will draft a letter to the convenors where they describe the Steering Committees process with the action plan and invite them to reflect on the actions.
- In line with the action plan, the Steering Committee wants to recruit those individuals who are members in the research networks but not ESREA members. A recruitment letter has been drafted and it was accepted with minor changes. The secretary will do the changes and the draft letter should also be sent to the convenors asking for comments.

9. Discussion and planning for ESREA triennial conference 2016

- The Steering Committee members are pleased with the progress of organizing the triennial conference and they expressed their gratitude to the conference organizers.
- The ESREA PhD Student Award was decided to be 300 euros for the First Prize. Second and Third Prize will have only the nomination. The First Prize also includes supported guidance by one of the editors for potential publication in the RELA journal. The Scientific Committee for the Student Award should have six members from the Steering Committee and at least one from the Conference Organizing Committee. Laura Formenti and Rosanna Barros volunteered to be a part of the committee. It was also decided that one of the RELA editors would be committed to it. The Scientific Committee should be finalized on the February meeting. The organizers need to have an option in the registration so the students can tick that they want to be taken into consideration for the ESREA PhD student award. The Student Awards should be announced on the conference dinner and the winners should, if possible, have their presentations the day after.
- Decision about Student Bursaries for the conference: The Steering Committee allocated at least 4000 euros for bursaries and the exact amount will be decided when the number of applicants is known.

10. Discussion about a new call for ESREA support of summer schools

- The Steering Committee decided to change the call to “ESREA support for seasonal schools” so it can include both summer and winter schools. There will be two deadlines, one in January and one in August in order for the Steering Committee to take decision.
- Marcella Milana will draft the new call and circulate it to the Steering Committee. The finalizing of the call and the decision will be done via e-mail conversation.
- The secretary will re-circulate the document drafted by Henning, Georgios and Marcella about the possibilities to apply for funding for an ESREA summer school.
- Laura Formenti, Barbara Merrill and Emilio Lucio-Villegas Ramos will draft a proposal for a potential ESREA seasonal school, to be discussed during the next meeting. The secretary will also ask Henning Salling Olesen if he wants to join the group.

11. Discussion about the request for a new name to be given to the ESREA research network “Migration, Ethnicity, Racism and Xenophobia”.

- The Steering Committee examines the convenors' arguments for the change, and debates the different pros and cons; after this discussion, the SC is pleased with the proposal and supports the change of the name of the network to "Migration, Transnationalism and Racisms".

12. Information about the upcoming annual meeting

- The Secretary informs that the ESREA annual meeting of 2015 will be held on the 16-20 of November.

13. Selection about a new secretary for ESREA 2016-2018

- Fredrik Sandberg, Linköping University, Department of Behavior Sciences and Learning, Division of education and adult learning, Sweden, is selected as the new secretary for ESREA.

14. The ESREA journal

- Andreas Fejes informs about the upcoming issues of RELA. The next issue in mid-October is on Cartography. There are also two calls for papers out at the moment.
- The editorial group is satisfied with the continuing inflow of papers.
- The editorial group will send an e-mail to network convenors and ask them to give them input on future call of papers. This is also meant to create a stronger collaboration with the Networks.

15. Book publications

- The Editorial board gives an update from the book production. The fourth book is just being published and after that the book from the Global and Local network is next in line. After that there are no new book proposals.
- The Editorial board will draft a letter to the network convenors to encourage them to propose books. Especially targeting the upcoming conferences and their organizers. The Steering Committee had a discussion if RELA could do a book proposal based on some of their open papers. This will be raised in the RELA meeting.
- SENSE has supplied the Steering Committee with download statistics for the books. The Steering Committee are pleased with the download rate but it is important to continue discussing how to increase it.
- Discussion about how to promote the ESREA book series. The Editorial board will contact SENSE in order to find out about their promotion strategy. The Secretary also needs to encourage ESREA members to target their libraries. Emilio Lucio-Villegas Ramos will send SENSE a list of journals so they can send review copies to these journals. RELA should also do book reviews of all titles published in the ESREA book series.

16. Information from the different networks

- ReNAdET: The 4th biennial meeting is organised this year (11-13 November 2015) in Larnaca Cyprus. A limited number of papers (max. 30) will be presented.
- Working life: The network has just published their book. Their next video meeting will be on September 22, in which future actions will be planned.
- Policy:
 1. Organized and chaired the Panel: "Revisiting the 1976 UNESCO Recommendation on the development of adult education" (further

information are attached). The panel was hosted and part of the main program of the conference by the Global-local network. Collaboration with the conference host, Sabina Jelenc Krašovec has worked very well. The panel was well attended by conference participants and a few others who came only for the panel.

2. Cancelled the Policy Studies network conference originally scheduled for Tallinn in June 2016, and invited the network members to attend the Triennial conference instead.
 3. Handled communication with Taylor and Francis concerning republication in book format (as part of Routledge's SPIB - special issues as books – program) of the special issue entitled Adult and Lifelong Education: Global, National and Local Perspectives, from volume 12, issue 1 of Globalisation, Societies and Education, upon the publisher special selection.
- Gender: From 8th till 10th of October there is a conference in Belgrade (Serbia). There will be around 40 papers with 75 participants. Now they are finishing preparations for the gender conference (we meet each two years in October, so the next one is going to be in 2017).
 - Global and Local: *Perspectives on community practices – living and learning in community The Eight Conference of the ESREA Network “Between Global and Local” 18 - 20th of June 2015 Ljubljana, Slovenia.* There were approximately 75 participants (including few students, who helped and also participated the event) from: UK, Germany, Italy, Croatia, Sweden, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands, Brazil, Slovenia. Portugal, Poland. Hungary, Serbia, and South Africa. Participants have presented 40 paper and we had 3 keynotes. The Conference also included a joint activity with the Policy Network. There are no plans to organise a conference in 2016.
 - ADC: The Steering Committee are very pleased to see that the new convenors Dr Fergal Finnegan, Lecturer in Adult and Community Education, Maynooth University, National University of Ireland, Dr Henrik Nordvall, Associate Professor, Department of Behavioural Sciences and Learning, Linköping University, Sweden, Jenni Pätäri, University of Tampere (School of Education) and Annika Turunen, Åbo Akademi University (Faculty of Education and Welfare Studies) have taken up the activities in the network.
 - Access: They are now doing the final preparations for the conference in November where there will be 43 participants.
 - Life history: The conference in March in Milano was a great success with 95 proposals. The next conference will be in Canterbury.
 - ELOA: They are now planning for their conference in Jönköping in October where they expect around 100 participants.
 - History: No news. The Secretary will contact the convenors to get an update on their activities.
 - Transformative: No news. The Secretary will contact the convenors to get an update on their activities.
 - Migration: They are working to redefine their network and the name change is a part of this.

17. ESREA Website:

- The secretary informs about the changes on Linköping University website and its consequences for ESREA website. The secretary will take care that the new ESREA

page in the website contains the ESREA name and logo as its header, instead of the university name.

- The Steering Committee gives the Secretary the mandate to explore the possibilities to update the ESREA logo.

18. Information about SPCE

- Rosanna Barros informs that the special issue of The Journal Research in Education (Revista Investigar em Educação) is progressing well and the deadline for proposals is at the end of October. The issue is planned for spring. This issue is a collaboration between ESREA and the Portuguese Society of Educational Sciences (SPCE).

19. Discussion about taking position in the current situation of refugees

- Marcella Milana informs the Steering Committee that the current refugee crisis and its human and educational implications were discussed intensively at ECER, the annual conference of the European Educational Research Association (EERA) in September 2015. EERA emphasizes that education is central to the framing of ideas and the construction of life chances. Therefore, EERA calls upon member associations and educational researchers across Europe and beyond to reflect on and act according to our moral and intellectual responsibilities.
- The Steering Committee emphasises the importance of taking a stand and gives Marcella Milana the task to explore the ongoing developments of the EERA's statement, to evaluate if ESREA could subscribe to it and contribute with an introduction concerning the importance of adult education.

20. Any other business

- No other business

21. Next meeting

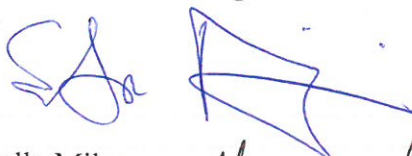
- The next meeting will take place in Milano at Bicocca-Milano University between the 23rd of February and the 24th of February 2016.

22. End of meeting

Laura Formenti
Chair of the meeting



Sofia Nyström
Secretary of the meeting



Marcella Milana
Check the minutes

