

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

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**When:** 13<sup>th</sup> February at 13.00 – 12.00 the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014

**Where:** In Milano at Bicocca University, building U6 (located in Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo, 1), room Aula Massa, IV floor.

**Participants:** Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Karin Filander (Finland), Andreas Fejes (Sweden), Aiga von Hippel (Germany), Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark), Emilio Lucio-Villegas (Spain), Laura Formenti (Italy), Jean Michel Baudoin (Switzerland), Adrianna Nizinska (Poland), Rosanna Barros (Portugal) and Georgios Zarifis (Greece). Secretary: Sofia Nyström (Sweden)

1. Election of the chair for the meeting
  - Henning was elected to chair the meeting
2. Election of the secretary for the meeting
  - Sofia was elected to be the secretary of the meeting
3. Election of someone to check the minutes
  - Laura was elected to check the minutes.
4. Approval of the agenda
  - The agenda was approved.
5. Presentation of the Steering Committee members
  - Everybody presented themselves, their field of research and engagement in ESREA
6. Report from the annual meeting
  - The report was approved
  - Sofia can publish the ESREA SC report 2011-2012 on the website.
7. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting
  - The minutes was approved
8. Absence from the meeting
  - Marcella Milana sends her best regards and she will join the meeting by SKYPE later.
9. ESREA as an organisation – Strategies for the next period
  - Henning describe the history of ESREA, how ESREA is run, network and the strategies the last SC had especially with publication activities (RELA and the book series) and the support of newer members/PhD students. Priorities to invite as many younger researchers and organising some special activities in related to conferences have been a success.

- The last SC supported a project about the history of ESREA commissioned to Kathy Nicoll and Gert Biesta. They presented a preliminary report at the triennial conference in Berlin and will finish in March. It can be used for the SC to develop strategies for this period.
- Andreas explain the Swedish Association Law, which ESREA is based on, and its praxis.
- ESREA in numbers – Sofia present the numbers of members, countries of origin and general information about how ESREA is managed from Linköping.
- Report from the Steering Committee 2011-2013.
- Report from the old SC and discussion:
  - i. Clarification of the mission and context: Continue working on a closer relation between the research network convenors and SC. This is important since the networks are the heart of ESREA. It would be good to appoint an individual from the SC to be responsible to arrange and talk to the convenors to find out what are their concerns. Continue the discussion about developing a more interactive website and a more coherent website for the network. Laura and Sofia will create a structure and then contact the convenors and ask for new information.
  - ii. Outreach and recruitment actives: Discussed how to make ESREA visible in regions where we are not visible. Identified southeast Europe as targets. It is important that ESREA is open for invitations from these countries as well as invite universities to become institutional members, which will enable individuals to participate. Establish relations and meeting. Knowing more about the local situations.
  - iii. Operational modi of ESREA: Had a general discussion
  - iv. Publishing strategies: Had a general discussion
  - v. Engaging in the training of younger researchers and research capacity building: The SC assigns Marcella, Henning, Georgios and Rosanna to explore the possibilities for funding and organising an ESREA summer school. They will draft a proposal for the next meeting.
  - vi. Participation in policy formation, lobbying, and liaising with other organisations: Had a general discussion.
  - vii. Strategy for 2014-2016 – Emilio and Karin will draft a new action plan for the next SC-meeting.

#### 10. Financial account for 2013

- The financial account for 2013 was approved

#### 11. Provisional financial account for ESREA February 2014

- The provisional financial account for 2014 was approved

#### 12. Election of the Chair of ESREA for the period of 2014-2016

- Laura Formenti was elected as the Chair of ESREa

#### 13. Election of a Vice Chair of ESREA for the period of 2014-2016

- Adrinna Nizińska was elected as the Vice Chair of ESREA

#### 14. Election of a treasurer of ESREA for the period of 2014-2016

- Emilio Lucio-Villegas was elected as the treasurer of ESREA

15. Budget for 2014

- The budget was approved after adding 10 000 euros to the budget for planning and organising an ESREA summer school.

16. The ESREA journal

- Andreas describe the organisation of RELA, upcoming issues, submission and visitors rate and indexing.
- Discuss the language policy within RELA. In order to fulfil RELAs mission of being a truly European journal it is important to encourage researchers from all countries/language submit to RELA. There is a possibility to submit and have a review in own language if RELA can appoint suitable reviewers.

17. SENSE Book series

- Emilio describes the organisation of ESREA book series, the three upcoming books and the importance of convenors to work and submit new book proposal.
- Marcella will replace Karin Filander in the Editorial Board and Georgios will replace Marcella in the advisory board.
- The distribution of the 50 copies of each book that ESREA has to buy from SENSE: 34 books to the secretary (will send two to each member of SC and keep remain 10 books) and the members of the Editorial board should have four copies.
- Call for book proposal: Sofia send out a reminder to all convenors to submit proposal.

18. ESREA 2016 triennial conference

- Call for Tender to host the ESREA 2016 triennial research conference – Sofia will send out a draft in September 2014, dead line for tender in the end of January 2015 and the SC takes a decision in the first SC meeting in 2015.

19. Information from the different networks

- Seven research network conferences are planned for 2014. Unfortunately two conferences will be held during the same time. This needs to be avoided in the future. Sofia will send out an e-mail to the convenors and ask them to send in a five year plan for conferences and activities so the Steering Committee and secretary has an overview.
- Short update from all eleven networks and their activities.

20. Any other business?

- Henning informs about different engagements. ESREA has got a request about sponsoring (with ESREA logo) EDUworld conference in Romania. General discussion about what and when ESREA can sponsor an event. Further, Henning informed that Sofia is in the task force for a UNESCO research project about the impact of Distance Education on Adult Learning (IDEAL), and that he had attended a “thinktank for lifelong learning” established by the UNESCO institute.

21. Next meeting

- The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in Porto, Portugal, starting at 13.00 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September and end at 12.00 of the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

22. End of meeting



Henning Salling Olesen

Chair of the meeting item 1 thorough 14

Checking the minutes item 15 through 22

Sofia Nyström

Secretary of the meeting



Laura Formenti

Check the minutes item 1 thorough 14

Chairing the meeting item 15 through 22

