

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

**When:** March 15 at 15.00 – March 16 at 16.00, 2013

**Where:** University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland

**Participants:** Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark), Emilio Lucio-Villegas (Spain), Wolfgang Jütte (Germany), Bernhard Schmidt-Hertha (Germany), Ewa Kurantowicz (Poland), Laura Formenti (Italy), , 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
  - Bernhard was elected to check the minutes.
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
  - Kristiina Brunila (Finland), Paula Guimarães (Portugal), Larissa Jogi (Estonia), Jean Michel Baudoin (Switzerland) and Georgios Zarifis (Greece) sends their regards.
7. Approve account for 2012
  - The account for 2012 was approved
8. Provisional financial account of ESREA March 2013
  - The provisional financial account was presented and approved.
9. Decide budget for 2013
  - The budget was approved with some changes. See bellow.
10. Update on the ESREA 2013 triennial conference
  - The report from the organisers was discussed and the steering committee was very pleased with the progress of the organisation.
  - Research about the history of ESREA: The Steering Committee suggests that Kathy Nicoll and Gerd Biesta will present their report on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September at 17.30. This presentation will be followed by a separate session in the parallel sessions another day where the report can be discussed more deeply with a view to ESREAs future development. This session should also include information about RELA and the book series.
  - The Steering Committee decided to increase the bursaries to 4000 Euros at most so that the 16 applicants could get the bursary, provided they fulfil the eligibility criteria.

- The Steering Committee decided to give a PhD award of 300 EURO to a doctoral student who has written a promising, innovative and creative paper. This will be presented during the conference dinner. The chair and the secretariat will appoint an award selection committee.
  - The Steering Committee find the new format for the conference proposed by Bernd Käßlinger interesting and support the idea.
  - Some of the Steering Committee will participate in the PhD preconference before the SC meeting starts at 13.00.
  - The Steering Committee discussed Kristiina and George's proposal for a special event during the conference. The SC decided to delegate it to Kristiina and George organize the session in more detail and ask them to come back with a more detailed proposal.
  - The Steering Committee suggest that the conference will end with a reflection upon the conference made by a panel including one from SC, a local organizer, a PhD student and someone that has participated in many ESREA conferences.
11. Application for a new ESREA Network on Transformative Learning in Europe
- The Steering Committee discussed the proposal and is in principle positive for this new network. Nevertheless the SC ask the convenors to make a more clear thematic definition of the aim of the network and to think about the name.
12. The ESREA journal
- The Editorial team reports that the journal run smoothly and that they have a steady stream of paper coming in for the different call for papers. The SC discusses how RELA can be made visible at the triennial conference in Berlin 2013, and also take advantage of the incoming papers without making a specific conference issue. One suggestion was that the SC and the scientific committee for the conference will pay extra attention for good and high quality papers which could be encourage to submit to RELA.
13. Book series with Sense
- The editorial team report that the first book in the Sense series edited by Marcella Milana and John Hallford are progressing and they will have a draft of the manuscript in October 2013.
  - Emilio inform that the Editorial team will accept the new book proposal "Learning across generations in Europe" with some clarifications. The SC gives the Editorial team the mandate to continue to communicate with the book authors.
  - Ewa informed about a new book proposal "Adult learning, development and community" which will be submitted to the Editorial team.
14. The ESREA website
- Wolfgang informs about the proposal, the positive and negative side of letting Linköping host the ESREA website and the new possibilities to transfer the website to wordpress. The Steering Committee was positive and gave the mandate to Wolfgang and Sofia to work on the development of the website. A work group was appointed containing Henning, Bernhard, George, Laura, Wolfgang and Sofia. The group will hopefully provide a prototype for the meeting in September.
15. Preliminary discussion about the election of a new steering committee for 2014-2016
- A new committee will be selected in November for 2014-2016. The Steering Committee initiated a discussion about the election. They stress the importance to



think about regional representatives as well as representative from different networks, gender, age, continuity and renewal. A call for candidatures will go out before the summer so that the discussion can continue in Berlin.

16. Information from the different networks

- Access: Barbara informs that the book from the last conference is running late due to different reasons. The plans for the conference in Linköping 28-30 of November progress as planned. The conference website are done and will be up and running soon. Barbara stress the need for another convener since it is a lot of work when you are alone.
- ADC: Ewa informs that the symposium that was supposed to be in Wroclaw is cancelled by the convenors. The Steering Committee would like more information why this decision was made and what is the network's plan for the future.
- ReNAdET: Wolfgang informs about the upcoming conference in Bonn the 1-3 of November in collaboration with ASEM. He is working on a call for papers. They are expecting around 50-80 participants. They will try to make a book after the conference since they have had three conferences now.
- Work and Learning: The network will have a conference in the end of March 2014 held in Osnabruck, Germany, Sandra Bohlinger will be a part of the local organizers.
- History of Adult education: No information
- Gender: Barbara and Ewa inform that a new book has been published in the network. They stress that somebody should review the book. The next conference is in Coimbra, Portugal 10-12 of October, 2013.
- Life history: Laura and Barbara report that the Canterbury conference in February was a big success. They had 90 participants, 70 abstracts presented in four plenary sessions. They stress that PhD students emphasize that the network/conferences are safe environment with good climate which is important in fostering to become researchers. They are preparing a book from the last year conference.
- Between global and local: Emilio inform about the next conference in Ghent April. They have 26 abstract and approximately 40 participants. They are preparing a book from the Istanbul conference which will be presented in Ghent.
- Migration: The next conference is in May 2014 in Wroclaw.
- Education and learning of older adults. Bernhard informs that the next conference will take place in Vilnius 23-25 October, 2013. In 2014 they will have a conference in Malta.
- Policy: they are planning for a conference in 2014 Alborg.

17. Any other business

- There was no other business.

18. Next meeting

- The next meeting will take place in Berlin starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September at 13.00 and end on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 12.00.

19. End of meeting

- The meeting ended March 16 at 16.00.

**Budget for 2013**

**Incomes**

Membership fees	15000
Royalties on books	200

**Total income:** 15200

**Expenditures**

Travel cost secretariat	2500
Cost steering committee	1200
Subsidies PhD students	8000
PhD award	300
Information/web	4000
Books	5200
Technical assistance books	1200
RELA	2000
Bank charges	200

**Total expenditures:** 24600

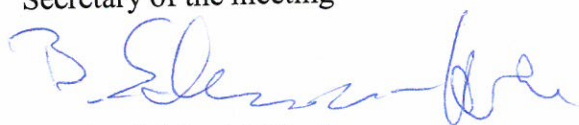
**Result:** -9400



Henning Salling Olesen  
Chair of the meeting



Sofia Nyström  
Secretary of the meeting



Bernhard Schmidt-Hertha  
Check the minutes