

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

**When:** September 29 15.00 – September 30 at 16.00, 2012

**Where:** Roskilde University, Denmark

**Participants:** Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Kristiina Brunila (Finland), Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark), Emilio Lucio-Villegas (Spain), Bernhard Schmidt-Hertha (Germany), Paula Guimarães (Portugal), Ewa Kurantowicz (Poland), Georgios Zarifis (Greece), Jean Michel Baudoin (Switzerland), Laura Formenti (Italy), Larissa Jogi (Estonia), Secretary: Andreas Fejes (Sweden)

Participating convenors : Linden West (UK, item 8, 12, 13, 14, 17) ;

1. Election of the chair for the meeting
  - Henning was elected to chair the meeting
2. Election of the secretary for the meeting
  - Andreas was elected to be the secretary of the meeting
3. Election of someone to check the minutes
  - Laura Formenti 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 with the addition of Bernhard Schmidt-Hertha on the list of those who attended the meeting.
6. Absence from the meeting
  - Wolfgang sends his regards.
7. Provisional financial account of ESREA September 2012
  - The provisional financial account was presented.
8. Meeting with network convenors regarding the strategy of ESREA
  - The technical equipment did not work, and thus the meeting took place with the SC and Linden West who was participating on site in Roskilde. The action plan was discussed. Some issues raised were the role of the networks during the triennial conference; the question of how to acquire ISBN numbers for proceedings – all information about this is available at: <http://www.isbn-international.org>; and questions of how doctoral students can be supported.
  - The action plan was approved.
9. Decision about the location of the secretariat for the period 2013-2015
  - The steering committee is very satisfied by the work conducted by the secretariat located in Linköping, which has contributed to create stability in the organisation. Linköping University has offered to continue to host the secretariat for another three years.

- It was decided that the Division for education and adult learning, Department of behavioural sciences and learning, Linköping University, Sweden, will continue to host the secretariat January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015.
10. Election of a secretary for the period 2013-2015
    - Andreas Fejes has decided to step down as secretary of ESREA due to new work tasks as professor and chair of adult education research at his department.
    - Sofia Nyström was unanimously elected as the secretary of ESREA for the period of January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015.
    - It was decided that Sofia Nyström has the power to, by herself, sign contracts and financial accounts for ESREA from 1. January 2013.
  11. 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.
    - It was decided to allocate 3000 Euros in the budget for 2013 to provide subsidies for PhD students' participation in the triennial conference.
  12. Organizing a special event
    - It was decided that Georgios and Kristiina initiate a proposal for a symposium in connection to the triennial conference (using one of the slots in the parallel sessions) focusing on the relation between research and policy, where policymakers within the European commission and other policy-making organisations are invited to participate. A proposal will be circulated to the SC during November.
  13. The ESREA journal
    - Henning, Ewa and Andreas reported on the progress of RELA. The next issue will be published in mid October with four articles focusing on analysing policies in adult education and learning. The spring issue 2013 will focus on approaches to research on the education and learning of adults.
  14. Book series with Sense
    - Henning and Emilio reported on the work of the editorial team for the book series. One book proposal has been submitted and will be discussed in the editorial team. There are two more proposals being prepared. It was decided that we should encourage the networks and the convenors to submit book proposals.
  15. The ESREA website
    - The item was postponed to the next meeting.
  16. ESREA repository
    - The item was postponed to the next meeting.
  17. Information from the different networks
    - Bernhard reported from the ELOA conference that recently took place in Slovenia. There were 55 participants, which was an increase since last time. The next meeting will take place in the beginning of October 2013.
    - Laura and Linden informed about a stable participation of 30-35 persons who participate each year (however there are a lot more participants at the conferences). A lot of PhD students participate in the conferences. There are a lot of new participants

from the US, Canada, Australia etc. They are publishing a book based on the last conference. The next meeting is taking place February 28 to March 3 in Canterbury, UK.

- Barbara reported on the access, learning careers and identities network. There is work being done to do a publication based on the last conference. The next conference is planned to take place at the end of November or the beginning of December 2013, in Linköping, Sweden.
- Ewa informed about the Global/local network. They will organise a conference every two years. The next conference takes place April 25-27 in Ghent, Belgium. The network is working on a book proposal for the Sense series.
- Paula reported from the ADC network. The next conference takes place May 23-25 in Wroclaw, Poland.
- Georgios informed about the adult educator network that plans to organise the next conference in early or mid November 2013.
- Barbara informed about the gender network plans to hold their next conference October 10-12, at the University of Coimbra, Portugal. They are publishing a book based on the last conference.
- The network on migration, ethnicity, racism and xenophobia will have the next conference May 14-16 2014 in Wroclaw, Poland.
- There is no news at the moment from the history network.
- The policy network has submitted a book proposal for the Sense series. The next conference is planned to take place sometimes in 2014.
- The working life and learning network are planning a book proposal for the Sense series. They are also planning a conference in June 2013.

18. Any other business

- There was no other business.

19. Next meeting

- The next meeting will take place in Wroclaw March 15 15.00 to March 16 at 18.00
- The second meeting 2013 will take place in connection to the triennial conference, starting September 3 at 13.00, ending on September 4 at 12.00.

20. End of meeting

- The meeting ended September 30 at 15.30

Henning Salling Olesen  
Chair of the meeting

Andreas Fejes  
Secretary of the meeting

Laura Formenti  
Check the minutes