

Minutes for the steering committee meeting of ESREA

When: January 18 (13.00) -January 19 (14.00), 2017

Where: University of Milan Bicocca

1. Laura was elected the chair for the meeting.
2. Andreas was elected the secretary for the meeting.
3. Adrianna was elected to check to check the minutes.
4. The agenda was approved.
5. The minutes from the last meeting was approved
6. Emilio Lucio Villegas could unfortunately not able to attend the meeting.
7. Laura Formenti was elected the chair of the steering committee of ESREA for the period 2017-2019.
8. Fergal Finnegan was elected the vice chair of the steering committee of ESREA for the period 2017-2019.
9. The financial report of the SC 2014-2016 was presented and discussed.
10. Laura and Andreas introduced how ESREA is organised and operates.
11. The report of the steering committee 2014-2016 was presented and discussed.
12. A strategy for 2017-2019 was discussed. It was decided that Laura and Fergal will circulate a draft of strategy before the summer that will be discussed among the steering committee members through e-mail. Based on such discussion, a new draft will be presented and decided upon at the next SC meeting.
13. It was decided that Diana Holmqvist will act as signatory, by herself, for ESREA and all of the ESREA accounts with immediate effect.
14. A new location of secretariat is needed as of January 2019, after then having been located at Linköping University for 12 years. A call for expression of interest to host ESREA was discussed. Andreas will circulate a draft through the SC e-mail list providing space for feedback. Laura and Fergal will then compile a new version circulated to the SC for final decision. The final version will no later than late February be circulated to ESREA members.
15. Laura presented an update on the process of compiling an application for a potential ESREA summer school. Emilio will provide an update for the SC on the state of the art regarding the proposal, to be circulated among SC members.
16. The draft of the new webpage for ESREA was discussed. Laura will contact the developer of the webpage in order to have it updated according to our discussions.

17. Andreas and Barbara informed the steering committee about the background of RELA and its mode of operating. The coming two issues of RELA will be on social economy and on digitalisation. There has also been a call for paper on intersectionality and adult education. The traffic to the RELA webpage has increased from 23000 unique visitors in 2015, to more than 30000 visitors in 2016.
18. Barbara presented the background to the book series with Sense, and the mode of operation of the production of books.
19. The steering committee discussed what collaboration should be developed with other European organizations. It was decided that Marcella will organize a meeting between the SC/parts of the SC with EAEA in order to probe what kind of collaboration could be developed in relation to dissemination of research.
20. Information from the different networks was presented.
21. Any other business
 - a. It was decided to prepare a letter of invitation to become an institutional member of ESREA, which will be distributed to potential new members. Maria will provide a draft.
22. The next meeting will take place in Brussels September 13 starting at 9.00 to September 14 until 14.00.
19. The meeting ended at 13.00 on January 19.

Laura Formenti
Chair of the meeting

Andreas Fejes
Secretary of the meeting

Adrianna Nizinska
Check the minutes