

ESREA

European Society for Research on the Education of Adults

Meeting of the ESREA Steering Committee September 20 14.00-17.15 and September 23 14.20-18.55 in Seville, Spain

Present the entire meeting: Michal Bron (Sweden), Antonio Fragaso (Portugal), Wolfgang Juette (Austria), Ewa Kurantowicz (Poland), Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Edmee Ollagnier (Switzerland), Linden West (United Kingdom), Secretary: Andreas Fejes (Sweden)

Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark) Present 1-8, 11

Rudolf Tippelt (Germany) Present 1-8, 11

Paula Guimaeres (Portugal) Present 9-16

Larissa Jogi (present during June 16) (Estonia) Present 1-8

Risto Rinne couldn't participate in the meeting

1. Henning was elected to chair the meeting 1-8, 11 and Ewa was elected to chair the meeting 9-10, 12-16
2. Andreas was elected to be the secretary of the meeting
3. Linden was elected to check the minutes
4. The agenda was approved with the addition of a new 13 – Conference for PhD students
5. The minutes from the previous meeting was approved
6. Andreas presented the provisional account according to appendix 1. Linden raised the question why so few PhD students apply for subsidies. Henning thinks we need to include this issue in a discussion on how to involve more young scholars in ESREA activities. Further discussion on this issue in item 13.

Andreas presented the paid up members as of September 17 - 41 institutions and 52 individuals. It was agreed to send a list of all members to SC but also to see what Swedish law says about protection of personal information.

7. The forthcoming election of a new Steering Committee was discussed. It was felt to be important to have more candidates than number of positions in the steering committee so as to have an actual election.
8. Andreas informed that the new web page and the e-mail lists are now up and running on the Linköping university server. The web page still has www.esrea.org as an address. The links to previous conferences will be added.

Andreas informed the SC that he will focus on the ESREA logo issue during the autumn. It was also suggested, which will be executed, that we make a professional folder about

ESREA in colour.

9. The SC decided that outreach work of ESREA should have a clear aim related to ESREA and future ESREA activities. To only have a simple and underdeveloped aim to inform about ESREA as an organisation is not enough for ESREA to fund. 1000 EUROS was added to the budget for discretionary use for the chair, treasurer and secretariat.

It was clarified that it's part of the role of the secretary to represent ESREA in different contexts, subject to consultation with the Officers. If the secretary can't participate he can ask someone else to do representation in his place. In response to the invitation from the Israeli colleagues, the secretariat was asked to represent ESREA. If the secretary is unable to represent ESREA, the officers, i.e. the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will discuss sending a deputy and identify a person suitable for it.

More generally, steps will be taken to begin to think systematically about an outreach strategy. The secretary will prepare a draft for a policy document for outreach work to the March meeting of the new SC, which will include reference to Estonia.

10. Andreas reported that he had spoken to Peter Lang (PL) about his role in relation to them. It was decided that he will be the main contact on ESREA's part re the overall contact. Contact related to specific issues concerning the production of the different volumes should be between PL and the volume editors.

Linden informed the SC that the Life history/biography book has been printed for a second time by PL. The meeting expressed its congratulations concerning this which augured well for the whole series.

It was decided that ESREA covers the subsidy to PL for 250 pages for each volume. If there are more pages in a volume, the volume editors need to present their case to the SC for a new decision or find necessary funds by themselves.

The third book in the series will be the work and learning book edited by Henning Salling Olesen, hopefully published at the end of this year.

It was decided that the fourth book will be one based on the cross-cultural network as proposed by Barry Hake and Françoise Laot. The book will be published with a support of 1000 EUROS from Françoise Laot's department. If the support of 1000 Euros is not realised a new discussion must be made in the SC.

The fifth book is based on the access network edited by Barbara Merrill and Etienne Bourgeois as decided at the SC in Braga in June 2007. The volume is planned to be published during the Spring of 2008.

Anna Vidali has a suggestion for a book on psychoanalytical/psychosocial perspectives based on the Life history conference in Italy 2006 and a conference in Dubrovnik in the same year. They have money left from the conference to cover the costs of such a book. The question though, raised by Linden, is that some chapters in the book are not specifically related to learning and education. Another issue is who "owns" the money from the

conference, the organizers or the network? Linden will contact Anna to ask her to make a thorough proposal to the next SC meeting. Concerning the money issue the SC will get back to this and devise a policy statement more generally on this issue.

Edmée proposed a book on gender in adult learning based on the two last gender network meetings. The book will be a reviewed book with two serious reviewers. It was decided that the book will be included in the PL series as the second book for 2008, and as the sixth volume.

It was stated that as the economy of ESREA is good at the moment, a space for an ad hoc decision for a third book for 2008 is open for discussion at the next meeting.

Michal and Paula will, at the next SC meeting, present an elaborated book proposal for a book on Active democratic citizenship based on the last meeting in Braga this June.

Linden mentioned that he will come forward with a book proposal after the Life history conference in March 2008 for a volume in 2009 or 2010. This would be a book to explore emotionality in learning and research: auto/biographical perspectives.

11. The Seville conference was discussed. Overall, the SC was very pleased with the conference and wants to acknowledge the good work done by the local organizing committee under the leadership of Emilio.

Some comments to discuss and reflect upon for the next triennial conference, raised at this meeting were:

- * How do we create a space where there is more heterogeneity concerning the papers presented?
- * How to include more papers with quantitative methods?
- * How do we create a space where the methodology used in the papers is discussed more elaborately?
- * What is the role of the chairs? How do we communicate the message to the chairs what their roles are?
- * What is the role of the discussant? How do we communicate the message to the discussants what their roles are? Or is this role necessary when there is good chairing?
- * How do we define the different session formats as clearly as possible?
- * How can the roundtables become even better with more discussion where the listeners are involved?
- * How do we plan the end of the conference concerning official thanks to organizers, participants etc?
- * How do we plan the ritual of announcing the PhD prize?

12. Information was presented from the networks.

The next gender network meeting will be held in October 2009 at the University of Hull, UK. The local organizer will be Sheila Gaynard. Edmée leaves the convenorship of the network to Joanna Ostrouch. When there is a convenor outside of the SC the secretary is responsible to be in close contact with those convenors and to report back to the SC.

ADC network had a meeting in Braga, Portugal in June. There were a lot of participants which creates a good basis for a book. The plan is to have the next meeting in Spring 2009, probably in Stockholm, Sweden.

The access network is working on the PL book for publication the spring of 2008. The plan is to have the next meeting at the end of 2008. Antonio will see if it is possible to arrange it in Portugal.

The life history and biography network will have their next meeting in Canterbury in March 2008. A first call has been distributed to the members and through the web page. There have been a lot of responses so far. The question about including the francophone world is being addressed in the planning of the conference, i.e. a call will be distributed in French.

The between global and local network will have the next meeting in May 2008 in Poland. The first call will be distributed within a few weeks. For the preliminary meeting in 2009 Ghent is no longer an option, but Antonio will see if it is possible to have a meeting in Germany instead.

The working life and learning network had a meeting in Northern College, UK at the end of June 2007. The next meeting will take place late in 2008 as a precursor for the global RWL-6 conference in Roskilde in June 2009.

The Cross-cultural network is now working on the book for PL. They plan to have their next meeting in Austria, Spain or Portugal.

Tarja Tikkanen has contacted Andreas about starting the older learner network again, perhaps in association with NVL, the Nordic network for adult learning. Rudi has also suggested that he is interested in starting the network again in terms of demographic issues (inter-generational). The secretary will contact Tarja and Rudi for further discussion.

13. Antonio raised the idea of arranging a conference for PhD students, as a way to introduce them to ESREA, its role and potential. One idea was to have a pre-conference before the triennial conference. Another idea was to arrange a summer school. There was a suggestion that we should also include master students in such activities. We also need to think about including EdD students in such arrangements.

Andreas suggested that a first step could be to arrange a 2-3 days conference only for PhD, and EdD students. He will check if Linköping can arrange such a conference. Antonio and Wolfgang will also see what possibilities there might be for such arrangements and for funding.

14. Any other business

Antonio raised the issue about the location for the 2010 conference. We need to start thinking about it already. Tallin University might be interested in arranging the conference. Andreas will send out a call for proposals to the members in which those interested state their interest in arranging the 2010 conference.

Wolfgang asked for more data from the different networks in relation network analyses carried out by him and Michal.

Andreas asked for everyone to send him a copy of each ESREA publication so as the secretariat has all the publications available.

15. Next meeting will take place in Dresden Monday March 17 to Tuesday March 18. Andreas will plan the practicalities of this meeting together with Wolfgang.

16. The meeting ended at 18.55

Henning Salling Olesen
Chair

Andreas Fejes
Secretary

Linden West
Check the minutes