

# **ESREA** European Society for Research on the Education of Adults

**Meeting of the ESREA Steering Committee, 18-19 October 2006, Seville,  
Las Sirenas, Alameda de Hércules 30**

**Minutes:**

## **Wednesday 18 October:**

**Present:** Michal Bron (Sweden), Antonio Fragaso (Portugal), Paula Guimaeres (Portugal), Wolfgang Juette (Austria), Larissa Jogi (Estonia), Ewa Kurantowciz (Poland), Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Edmee Ollagnier (Switzerland), Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark), Rudolph Tippelt (Germany), Rinno Risto (Finland), Linden West (United Kingdom).  
Secretary: Barry Hake (Netherlands).

- 1. Welcome:** by the Chair of ESREA: Henning Salling Olesen.  
The members were welcome by the Henning Olesen.
- 2. Agreement of the agenda**  
There was some discussion about moving the item on the new location of the Secretariat to later in the meeting. It was decided to keep to the agenda as proposed.
- 3. Minutes of last meeting in Berlin**  
The minutes of the meeting in Berlin were unanimously approved.
- 4. Re-location of the ESREA Secretariat 01-01-2007**
  - 4.a Henning** reported upon the procedure which had been adopted in the search for a new location for the Secretariat from 1st January 2007.  
Two written tenders were submitted to the ESREA chairperson by the universities of Tampere (Finland) and Linköping (Sweden).  
Edmee and Barry visited Tampere, while Linden and Barry have visited Linköping.
  - 4.b Edmee, Linden and Barry** reported their findings of their visits to Tampere and Linköping. They answered the informative questions posed by other SC members. This was followed by an open and frank discussion.
  - 4.c** It was decided to move to a ballot of SC members to determine which of the two locations would become the new location of the ESREA Secretariat. This ballot resulted in a majority of votes cast for Linköping.
  - 4.d Implementation of decision:**
    - Henning will inform Tampere and Linköping of SC's decision;
    - the decision will also be communicated to ESREA members via the e-mail list and the website;
    - Henning and Barry visit the Linköping in the immediate future;
    - steps will be taken to open administrative and financial infrastructure in new location per 01-01-2007;
    - steps will be taken to close the ESREA account in Leiden per 31-12-2007;
    - Barry will provide all necessary information and support for the new location throughout 2007. Any travel costs will be covered by ESREA budget with prior approval of ESREA Chair;
    - Barry will attend first SC meeting in 2007.

## 5. ESREA European Research Conference 2007

**Emilio** and **Barry** reported the state of progress on the basis of the conference website.

They also reported that Las Sirenas, the location of the SC meeting, will provide the main location for the meetings of parallel, breaks and lunches. The director of Las Sirenas conducted a guided tour of the building.

Plenary sessions will be located in another building. There are three possibilities and the decision will be taken later.

Information was given on the choice of the two Patios, near to Las Sirenas, as the dedicated residential accommodation for conference participants

These need to be reserved through the travel agency. Other hotels will be available at the discretion of participants.

Emilio and Barry reported that they had arrived at an agreement with regard to the conference budget together with registration fees to be paid by ESREA-members and non-members, and PhD students.

The finalization and updated website with the draft conference programme will be available in early January 2007.

During a discussion of the role of the conference Scientific Committee – Henning, Ewa, Rudi, Barry, Emilio - in the assessment of abstracts, it was decided that abstracts must be submitted by 31st January with the announcement of the results of the assessment will follow in March.

Given that many SC members will be present at the Bonn meeting in May, it was decided to hold an informal meeting there with regard to progress.

In conclusion, it was decided that Barry will hand over the day-to-day negotiations with the local colleagues in Sevilla on 1st January 2007. He will remain a member of the conference Scientific Committee.

## 6. Reports from the ESREA Research Networks 2006–2007

**Active Democratic Citizenship and Learning: Michal** reported that the next meeting of the network will be held at the University of Braga (Portugal) in June, 2007.

**Life-history and Biographical Research: Linden** reported that the next meeting will take place at the University of Roskilde in early March 2007. This meeting will adopt the narrower focus on the relationship with learning which was discussed at the last meeting of the SC.

**Gender and Learning: Edmee Ollagnier** reported that the next meeting will take place in Poland at the beginning of July 2007.

**Access, Learning Careers and Identities: Barbara** reported that the next meeting will take place in December 2006 at the University of Louvain- la-Neuve. Professor John Field (Stirling University) will be the keynote speaker.

**Working Life and Learning: Henning** reported that the network will next meet in the UK – Northern College – in late June 2007.

**Cross-cultural Influences in the History of European Adult Education: Barry** reported on the meeting of this network at the Sorbonne – University of Paris V – in late June, 2006.

**Adult Learning and Development: Antonio** reported on the first meeting of this new network which took place at the University of Faro immediately after the SC meeting.

## 7. Dedicated ESREA series of publications with Peter Lang Verlag

**Barry** reported that the costs of the Lang publications will increase due to the decision of the German Federal Government to introduce a 19% value added tax on books. He has been informed of this by Lang.

**Linden** reported on progress with regard to the second volume in the Lang series from the Life-history and Biographical Research network;

The manuscript has been submitted and needs undergo some modifications. It should be published in early 2007.

**Henning** reported on the plan for the third volume from the Working-Life and Learning Research network. It was pointed out that the SC has not as yet received a pro forma for this volume.

**Barry** reported that the Cross-cultural network has a potential volume of papers in English and French. The University of Paris has made 1000 Euro available to help pay for the publication in the Lang series.

Barry Hake has been the contact person for the ESREA series with the Hamburg office of Peter Lang Verlag, but he is not willing to continue in this position. He will remain a member of the editorial board for the series.

A sub-group was created comprised of Linden, Michael and Wolfgang who was to discuss the ESREA publication policy and report on the next meeting.

## 8. Financial prognosis 2006

### Incomes

Membership fees                      9000 (In 2005 it was 8900)

### Expenses

Travel costs secretariat:            2500

SC dinners:                              900

PhD bursaries:                         2500

Peter Lang books                      3000

Technical assistance book:         1200

Website:                                 1000

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Result                                     - 2100

## 9. Professionalization of Adult Education and Continuing Education

**Henning** reported on a DIE-led group on the professionalisation of adult education and continuing education. They will hold a meeting 3-5 May in Bonn. Henning will ensure that invitations are sent to members of the ESREA SC.

**Barry** reported that he is a partner in two new research projects on the training of adult educators on behalf of the European Commission.

## 10. Institutional membership

**Michal** reported on recent contacts with the Department of Andragogy, Faculty of Philosophy at Belgrade University, who wish to become members of ESREA.

## 11. Meeting SC in Spring 2007

It was agreed to hold the meeting later than usual following the ESREA conference in Braga in mid-June 2007.