

Minutes for the steering committee meeting of ESREA

When: November 5 10.00– 19.30, 2009

Where: Thessaloniki

Attending: Michal Bron Jr. (Sweden), Wolfgang Jütte (Austria), Ewa Kurantowicz (Poland), Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Anja Heikkinen (Finland), Laura Formenti (Italy), Georgios Zarifis (Greece), Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark), Bernhard Schmidt-Hertha (Germany), Larissa Jaugi (Estonia) Secretary: Andreas Fejes (Sweden)

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 as the secretary of the meeting.

3. Election of someone to check the minutes

Bernhard was elected to check the meeting.

4. Approval of the agenda

A new item 13 was inserted: Nomination of editorial board member for Journal of Adult and Continuing Education.

5. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were approved.

6. Absence from the meeting

Unfortunately, Paula and Emilio are not able to attend the meeting. They send their regards.

7. Auditors report for 2008 and the general assembly 2009

Andreas informed about the general assembly for 2009 where the members agreed to accept the financial records and business of ESREA for 2008.

8. Provisional financial account for 2009

The provisional financial account was presented. Andreas also presented the numbers of paid up members. There has been an increase of 100% of paid up members since 2006.

The SC approved the provisional financial account.

There was a discussion about membership and the activity rate of members. As a starting point for further discussion about membership in ESREA Wolfgang will design a simple questionnaire (Excel file) that includes questions about whom people are (in terms of professional relation to the field, gender, membership status) and which networks people are participating in. Such questionnaire will be distributed to network convenors who are asked to fill them out for the participants in each conference and meeting of their network. All such information will be kept anonymous. Such information will be analysed by Wolfgang.

Further, Georgios will produce a draft for an online form that can be developed to be used for the administration of ESREA networks, and at the same time produce input for a database.

9. Budget for 2010

The proposal for budget was approved.

The membership fees for 2010 will be 150 Euros for institutional members, 50 Euros for individual members and 25 Euros for PhD student members.

10. Election of where to locate the secretariat and election of secretary for the coming three years

It was decided to locate the ESREA secretariat at Linköping University for 3 years, 2010-2012.

Andreas Fejes was elected secretary of ESREA for the period 2010-2012.

11. Peter Lang books

Andreas will present sales statistics for the next SC meeting of our Peter Lang books.

Two new ESREA books have been published, volume 5 and volume 6. Volume 5 is based on the Access, learning careers and identity network and volume 6 is based on the Active democratic citizenship network. Volume 4, based on the cross-cultural network is ready for printing and is expected to be published within the coming few months. The work and learning book will be worked upon in the spring. Hopefully the book can be published at the end of 2010. Ewa reported that they have decided to include 15 papers in the book based on the Local/Global network. Their plan is to finish the editorial work with the manuscript during spring. Hopefully the book can be published at the end of 2010.

Future publication strategies were discussed based on a report prepared by Michal, Emilio and Bernhard. It was decided that ESREA will work on finding another mode of publishing books compared to what we are doing today. Future publishing will include publication both in print and electronic open access.

For the next meeting Bernhard will see how print on demands can be distributed to different parts of the world, and at what kind of costs. Ewa will see what the possibilities are for cooperation between ESREA and the publishing company at her university. Henning will research how a repository of ESREA publications and papers can be created and maintained.

At the next meeting we will discuss further what the role of an academic society like ESREA can be in promoting and regulating publishing.

Andreas informed the SC that there will probably be a proposal for a book in the Peter Lang series based on the triennial conference next year.

The book proposal from the Life history network was discussed. Laura will raise a discussion about the proposal at the next Life history network meeting in March and then get back to the Steering Committee.

12. The ESREA journal

Andreas, Henning, Wolfgang and Ewa informed the SC about the progress with the journal. The journal will be launched officially Friday November 6.

Each issue of the journal will have a thematic section related to themes with call for papers, and one section for open papers.

13. Nomination for the journal of adult and continuing education (JACE)

Mike Osborne, the editor of the journal has asked if ESREA could nominate a person to be a member of their editorial board.

It was decided to nominate Georgios Zarifis as a member of the editorial board of JACE on behalf of ESREA.

14. ESREA 2010 triennial conference

Andreas presented the plans for the triennial conference. The plans were acknowledged by the SC although the organizers were asked to investigate if the participation fee could be lowered.

15. Information from the different networks

Georgios informed about the first network meeting of the adult educator network that takes place November 6-8. The first conference has more than 200 participants. The website developed for the conference will be the formal website of the network in the future. The next conference is planned to take place in 2011 in Bielefeld, Germany organized in cooperation with DIE.

Ewa: Local/Global network held its last meeting in May in Magdeburg, Germany. There were 50-60 participants. A big group of these participated in the network meeting the previous year. The next meeting will take place in Seville, May 2010, and the plan is for a conference in Istanbul 2011.

Michal: The ADC network held its last meeting in Stockholm, June 2009. There were 30-40 participants. Two thirds were new to the network and most of the participants came from Sweden. Based on the conference, Michal has contacted the international journal of lifelong education concerning making a special issue based on re-worked papers from the conference.

Henning informed about the new network on policy studies in adult education. The first preparatory meeting was held in Copenhagen, October 2009. There were 15 participants who worked on outlining the aim and scope of the network. A first conference is planned at the end of 2010.

Henning: The work and learning network is not active at the moment, although the previous participants have continuously taken part in the RWL conferences. There are discussions about how to restructure the network.

Bernhard: The education and learning of older adults network will have its first meeting in October 2010 in Munich, Germany. There have been contacts with 40 persons who are interested in the network. A newsletter has been established, with the aim of one every third month.

Barbara: The access and identity network has recently published a book in the Peter Lang series. The next meeting time is not decided. It will take place in December 2010 or at the beginning of 2011.

Anja: The history network had its first meeting after its re-launch in Turku, June 2009. There were 14 paper presentations and participants from 8 countries. The plan is to publish a few papers from the conference in a Finnish e-journal on history of education. The next seminar is planned to take place in Budapest, Hungary in June 2011.

Laura: The Life history and biographical network held its last meeting in March in Milan, Italy. A lot of participants feel part of the network and comes to the network meetings several times. One of the challenges of the network is to have topics that are inclusive of different traditions. The next meeting will take place in March 2010 in Växjö, Sweden.

Barbara: The gender network held its last meeting in Hull, UK, October 2009. There were 15 paper presentations. The next conference is planned for 2011.

The ethnicity and migration network has its first meeting in Sheffield, UK, December 2009.

16. Any other business

Michal and Georgios informed about the celebration of the 50 year anniversary of the chair of andragogy at the University of Belgrade. They will both participate at this event informing about ESREA.

Bernhard informed that DIE want to publish information about RELA in one of their journals.

Barbara told us that Jim Crowther will be the new editor of Studies in the Education of Adults. The next SCRUTEA conference is July 6-8, 2010 in Warwick.

Ewa told us that a transformative learning conference will take place in Bermuda. Ewa and Linden West participate in the discussions.

17. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in Tallinn March 20, 2010 starting 9.00 until March 21 ending at 12.00.

18. End of meeting

The meeting ended November 5 at 19.30.

Henning Salling Olesen
Chair

Andreas Fejes
Secretary

Bernhard Schimdt-Hertha
Check the minutes