

# ESREA

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Dear ESREA member,

Now it is the last days of 2015 and it is time to reflect up on the year that has passed. It is also my last days as secretary of ESREA since I'm stepping down. My three years as secretary has been exciting, interesting and a time where I have learnt a lot. It was also been three years where ESREA has continued to develop and to promote the research on adult education and learning in Europe.

During these years ESREA has published five new books in collaboration with SENSE publishers. And in line with ESREA's aim, these books have been made open access (<https://www.sensepublishers.com/catalogs/bookseries/research-on-the-education-and-learning-of-adults/>). Based on the download statistics, we can see that the books are downloaded all over the world and I hope that we all can continue to spread the word about ESREA book series. Another example is the continuous strengthening of RELA. In October, there was a new record regarding the number of unique visitors at the RELA webpage, more than 2500 in one month.

Besides promoting research within the field, ESREA is also about all the activities that goes on in the research networks. And probably, some of the book chapters and articles in RELA have probably been presented at one of the 19 conferences that have taken place during these years. Without the activities and engagements of the research networks and its members there would not be an ESREA.

One strategy of ESREA is to support the development of doctoral students in the field. Here I want to remind you that ESREA now supports another important resource for doctoral students as well as for member institutions: seasonal schools for PhDs supported by student bursaries from ESREA. Only seasonal schools that are clear expressions of ESREA's academic and social traditions, hence devoted to the development of research in adult education and learning to the highest international level, and by good academic quality and organization, can be sponsored. Member institutions are invited to propose seasonal schools to the Steering Committee, twice a year. The next dead line is 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 (for summer schools). For more information: [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org).

I also want to remind you that the deadline to submit abstract to ESREA next triennial conference in Maynooth the 8-11 September, 2016, is the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. I really hope that I will see many of you there.

So, now it is time for senior lecturer Fredrik Sandberg ([fredrik.sandberg@liu.se](mailto:fredrik.sandberg@liu.se)) to take over as the secretary of ESREA and I want to wish him all the best. In order to make the secretariat more effective, especially concerning the handling with membership and the payments, Fredrik will have help from Nina Svenman ([nina.svenman@liu.se](mailto:nina.svenman@liu.se)) who will be responsible for all issues concerning membership.

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With that, I now want to say thank you to all of you for this time and I know that I will see many of you during the years to come.

Happy New Year to all of you!

Best wishes

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This newsletter contains the following sections:

- Forthcoming ESREA activities
- Forthcoming conferences/seminars on adult education/adult learning
- New books on adult education/adult learning
- Announcements
- How to become a member of ESREA
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## **Forthcoming ESREA activities**

More information on the conferences and call for papers see [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)

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The 2016 conference of ESREA research network of Life History and Biography, 3-6 March, Canterbury, England.

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ESREA Triennial conference 2016, 8-11 September, Maynooth University, Ireland. For more information: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/esrea>

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**RELA European Journal for Research on the Education and Learning of Adults**

RELA has three call for papers for thematic issues:

- Digitalisation and the Education and Learning of Adults. Submission deadline: 1 July, 2016
- Intersectionality and adult education. Submission deadline: 1 July, 2016
- Social economy as an alternative to capitalism – Learning solidarity and autonomy”. Submission deadline: December 31, 2015

There is also an open call for non-thematic related papers (continuously open for submissions). More information about RELA can be found at: [www.rela.ep.liu.se](http://www.rela.ep.liu.se).

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### **Forthcoming conferences/seminars**

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5th – 7th April, 2016

International Conference on Learning in Later Life: Theory, Policy and Practice, The Open University, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom.

For more information: <http://www.associationforeducationandageing.org/>

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16-19 May 2016

18th Annual International Conference on Education, Athens, Greece. Organized by Institute for Education and Research (ATINER).

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28-31 May, 2016

35th Annual Conference, The Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education/ Association canadienne pour l'étude de l'éducation des adults, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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3-5 June, 2016

4th International Conference "Lifelong Learning: Continuous Education for Sustainable Development", St.-Petersburg.

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July 7-9, 2016

"Activity Theory and Organizations", 32nd European Group for Organizational Studies, Naples, Italy.

For more information:

[http://www.egosnet.org/jart/prj3/egos/main.jart?rel=de&reserve-mode=active&content-id=1434639284029&subtheme\\_id=1407070329078](http://www.egosnet.org/jart/prj3/egos/main.jart?rel=de&reserve-mode=active&content-id=1434639284029&subtheme_id=1407070329078)

5-7th July 2016

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SCUTREA's 2016 Conference, 'Adult Education in Austere Times', Vaughan Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Leicester

For more information: <http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/lifelong-learning/events/scutrea>.

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### **New books in adult education/adult learning**

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Sandra Bholinger, Ulrika Haake, Christian Helms Jørgensen, Hanna Toiviainen and Andreas Wallo (Eds) (2015). *Working and Learning in Times of Uncertainty. Challenges to Adult, Professional and Vocational Education*. SensePublisher: Rotterdam

Egetenmeyer, R. (ed.) (2016): *Adult and Lifelong Learning in Europe and Beyond Comparative Perspectives from the 2015 Würzburg Winter School*. Frankfurt.

Rob Evans, Ewa Kurantowicz and Emilio Lucio-Villegas. (Eds) (2015). *Researching and Transforming Adult Learning and Communities: The Local/Global Context*. SensePublisher:

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Marcella Milana and Tom Nesbit (Eds.) (2015). Global Perspectives on Adult Education and Learning Policy. Basingstoke (Hamp.)/New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

## Announcements

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Elm (European Lifelong Learning Magazine) is a new free online magazine on lifelong learning and adult education. It is the only journalistic medium of adult education with a European scope and with a continent-wide correspondent network. Elm was born in the autumn of 2015 as a result of a merger of two online media, LLinE (Lifelong Learning in Europe) and InfoNet Adult Education. Our main readers are educators, advocates and workers in adult education organizations. Elm supports the work of its readers by keeping them up-to-date on the trends and phenomena of the adult learning world.

Highlights of the first theme issue: Is social media a learning utopia or just a noise generator?

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## How to become a member of ESREA

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Membership in ESREA is open to either individual members and to institutional members. As a member you have a reduced fee at ESREA activities and you receive information in the field of research on the education of adults through the ESREA e-mail list and through the ESREA newsletter. As an individual member you have the right to vote at the general assembly which takes place each year (virtually through postal ballot). As an institutional member, all employees at the institution have the right to participate in ESREA activities to a reduced fee. However, the institutional membership allows only one vote at the general assembly.

If you want to become a member the process is the following:

1. Download the document at [www.esrea.org](http://www.esrea.org)
2. Fill out the form and e-mail to [nina.svenman@liu.se](mailto:nina.svenman@liu.se)
3. Within one-two weeks you will receive a confirmation of your membership by e-mail
4. At the same time as membership is confirmed you will be invoiced the membership fee which for 2006 is 50 Euros for individual members (25 Euros for PhD or Edd students) and 150 Euros for institutional members. Payment of membership fees can only be made through an international or EU bank transfer. **Cheques are not accepted.**

## Forthcoming Newsletters

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If you want to have some information included in forthcoming newsletters, here are the deadlines for the forthcoming newsletters 2016.

Number 1 2016 – deadline for submission 18 January 2016

Number 2 2016 – deadline for submission 9 May 2016

Number 3 2016 - deadline for submission 29 August 2016

Number 4 2016 – deadline for submission 1 December 2016

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