Dear ESREA member

Here is the fourth ESREA newsletter for this year. If you have any information on new books, conferences or other interesting news within the field of adult education and lifelong/adult learning, please e-mail me and it might appear in the next newsletter which will appear in late November.

Best wishes
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Forthcoming ESREA activities

December 10-12, 2008
ESREA Access, Learning Careers and Identities Network conference
Seville, Spain.
More information available at www.esrea.org

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March 12-15 2009
The ESREA life history and biographical research network conference
Milano, Italy
More information available at www.esrea.org

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May 28-30, 2009
Conference of the ESREA network "Between Global and Local: adult learning and development"
Magdeburg University, Germany
More information available at www.esrea.org

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June 11-13 2009
Active democratic citizenship and adult learning network meeting
Stockholm, Sweden
More information is available at www.esrea.org

Forthcoming ESREA books


Information from the last steering committee meeting
The steering committee had their last meeting September 13-14 in Linköping, Sweden. During the meeting, some of the decisions made were the following ones (You will find the complete minutes at the web page in October):

New ESREA networks
Three new ESREA networks were launched:
- Adult Educator, Trainer and Professional Development
- Migration, ethnicity, racism and xenophobia
- A network on policies of adult education – final title of the network will be decided later on

More information on these new networks will be distributed separately to ESREA members through the e-mail list. Information will also be available as soon as possible on our website at www.esrea.org

ESREA 2010 triennial conference
Several member institutions responded to the call to host the 2010 ESREA triennial research conference. At the end, three institutions submitted a written proposal to host the conference. After a careful review (of these three good proposals) in relation to the conference themes suggested, calculated costs (for participation, hotel, travel opportunities etc), conference venue localities, and in relation to a geographical distribution in comparison to previous ESREA research conferences (1995 in Strobl, 1998 in Bruxelles, 2001 in Lisbon, 2004 in Wroclaw, and 2007 in Seville) the Steering Committee decided to locate the 2010 ESREA research conference in Linköping, Sweden.

ESREA will launch a new academic peer-review journal
The Steering Committee of ESREA has decided to launch a new academic peer-review online open access journal with the preliminary title: European journal of research in adult education and learning (EJRAL). The aim of such journal is to make high quality research within the area of adult education, adult learning and lifelong learning, from all over Europe available to a larger audience. The language of publication will be English, but possibilities to publish abstracts in other languages and to link a published article to another language version of the same article will be possible. Further, submission of articles written in native tongue will be
possible, and if accepted, the paper will have to be translated into high qualitative English by the author (on the expense of the author). More information will be distributed through a separate e-mail to ESREA members.

**Forthcoming conferences/seminars**

23-26 October, 2008  
10th International conference on further education in the Balkan countries  
Konya, Turkey  
More information contact Assistant Professor Dr. Athina A. Spitanou: asipi@uom.gr

14-16 November, 2008  
Intercultural dialogue: Challenge for democratic citizenship and human rights education  
Vienna, Austria  
More information available at: www.dare-network.eu

25-26 November, 2008  
The International Conference Adult Learning and e-Learning Quality  
Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania.  
More information: http://qualityalliance.vdu.lt/

27-29 November, 2008  
1st international conference on linguistic and intercultural education  
Alba Iulia  

4 December 2008  
Learning and skills research network conference  
Organized by NIACE  
London, UK  
Deadline for submission: 3 September  
More information about the network at www.theresearchcentre.co.uk/LSRNW/value.htm  
More information about the conference: gurjit.kaur@niace.org.uk

8-12 December, 2008  
The identity of experience – challenges for experiential learning  
International consortium for experiential learning  
University of Sydney, Australia  

22-24 April 2009  
The third Nordic conference on Adult Learning  
Communication, Collaboration and Creativity  
University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark  
Deadline for the submission of abstracts is January 16  
More information available at: www.sdu.dk/adultlearning
Increasing numbers of people now receive a higher education. Yet we still do not have that ‘educated public’ about which the philosopher, Alasdair MacIntyre, wrote two decades ago. *The stranger within: On the idea of an educated public* reflects on this situation, regarding the future shape of the university as a kind of public sphere in exile and a site of social and cultural interpenetration. At its centre is a revaluation of the Scottish tradition of ‘democratic intellectualism’, highlighted by George Davie in his book *The democratic intellect* (1961). Davie charts the gradual extinction in the Scottish universities of a type of higher education which encouraged breadth of study, public engagement and, through the compulsory study of philosophy, a concern with theory and ideas. In *The stranger within* Jean Barr re-examines and seeks to reframe this Scottish tradition and its associated ideal of an educated public in light of recent debates concerning cultural difference, the nation, imperialism and globalisation. She investigates how the radical social purpose inherent in the democratic intellect tradition might be re-vitalised to become a feature of higher education and of a more broadly based popular education worldwide. The book is underpinned by philosophical, social and cultural studies and it draws specifically on radical adult education practices related to social movements, and to liberating knowledge ‘from below’. It should be a valuable resource for academics from different disciplines who wish to communicate across disciplines about key issues of the day; to managers in higher education who wish to counteract the fragmentation
of disciplines; and to adult, community and lifelong education workers, and members of the wider public who seek strategies to counter current educational and ‘lifelong learning’ orthodoxies.


This book unites an international team of leading researchers and educators around the theme of knowledge dialogue. Spanning topics from natural complexity to neuroscience, from education theory to climate change, from immunology to archaeology and human migrations, these renowned multidisciplinarians engage each other, through a series of original essays, in an atmosphere of constructive criticism and with the ambition to build a new foundation for the transdisciplinary approach. It is known that the exact sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts each have their specific tools, methodologies, goals and limitations. This book examines how leading thinkers are addressing the problem of knowledge fragmentation into what C. P. Snow called the “Two Cultures”. The authors invite you, the reader, to join their search for reciprocal enlightenment and enrichment as they set out to bridge communication gaps between the traditionally defined disciplines.

**Call for paper to a new book**
The Gehfa (Groupe d’étude - Histoire de la formation des adultes) launched a call for papers (wrote in French) for a publication on the theme: Pictures in the History of adult education and training. Period: from the end of 19th century to 1975. It may concern the use of photographs or films or TV programs in adult education classes or sessions.

More information at: [http://gehfa.com/11_Appel/Appelcontributions.htm](http://gehfa.com/11_Appel/Appelcontributions.htm)

**How to become a member of ESREA**

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 andreas.fejes@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 2008 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

If you want to have some information included in forthcoming newsletters, here are the deadlines for the forthcoming newsletters 2008.

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