

Minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of ESREA

When: February 23-24, 2012

Where: University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

People present to the meeting were: Laura, Henning, Barbara, Emilio, Jean-Michel, Rosanna, Georgios, Marcella, Andreas

1. Election of the chair for the meeting

Laura was elected to chair the meeting.

2. Election of the secretary for the meeting

Andreas was elected as secretary for the meeting.

3. Election of someone to check the minutes

Henning was elected to check the minutes.

4. Approval of the agenda

No amendments were made to the agenda.

5. Absence from the meeting

Adrianna, Aiga, Karin and Fredrik couldn't attend the meeting. Georgios attended the first day.

6. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

7. Report from the annual meeting 2015.

The report was accepted. Suggestion for next year is to make a note explaining who are representing an institutional membership and who are individual members.

8. Financial account for 2015.

The financial account for 2015 was approved.

9. Provisional financial account of ESREA for 2016

The provisional financial account for 2016 was approved.

10. Budget 2016

The budget was approved with the change that incomes from membership fees should be 12500.

11. Action plan

For the next meeting there will be a proposal for a report of the SC 2014-2016. Laura and Fredrik will make a draft and circulate among the SC members.

12. Triennial conference in Maynooth

The organizers had provided an elaborated account of the plans so far. The SC was impressed and very confident that the conference will be well organized. A meeting via Skype with the organizers were conducted to clear some details.

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A 25-year celebration of ESREA will take place at the triennial conference where the first president, Kjell Rubenson, and the first secretary, Barry Hake, will be invited to hold speeches around the creation and development of ESREA.

There will be a meeting with conveners at the conference, where the SC will ask for input on ESREA, its organization and its activities. Laura and Barbara will prepare an invitation to network conveners and circulate in the SC by March 30. RELA editors will be included in the meeting in order to attain input on the journal.

13. Decision on new logo for ESREA

It was decided to adapt a new logo for ESREA (the circle one without the map among the proposals).

14. ESREA support for summer schools

We received one application for the recent call supporting summer schools. It was decided to support the summer school organized by Roskilde University and University of lower Silesia with a maximum of six bursaries, 300 Euros each.

For the next meeting, Emilio will further develop a proposal for an ESREA summer school.

15. Information about RELA

Andreas, Henning and Barbara informed about the upcoming issues of RELA. In April, an issue consisting of 7 papers, out of which 5 are on the theme non-traditional participants, will be published. There is work on two thematic issues, and two more call for papers are out. There is a good inflow of submissions of open papers, and the number of unique visitors to the RELA website is still increasing.

16. Information about the book series

There is a good number of downloads of the books. At the moment there are no books in production and the editors will target those networks that haven't put in a proposal for a book, as well as inviting RELA editors to propose a book based on a thematic issue in RELA. The organizers for the triennial conference will be asked to see if there are possibilities to do book proposal/s based on a selection of papers from the conference (not an event based book, but rather book/s possible to base on some of the papers at the conference).

For the next meeting each SC member will be responsible to start a discussion around one of the published books in the series. We divided the reading as per below:

Policy – Jean-Michel, Barbara

Gender – Henning, Aiga, Emilio

Older learners – Marcella, Rosanna

Work and learning – Laura, Karin, Adrianna

Global/Local – Andreas, Georgios

17. Information from the networks

Before each SC meeting conveners are asked to submit short summaries of what has happened since the last meeting. The SC discussed the current activities and developments of the networks. The SC raised the importance of the conveners

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submitting information before the SC meeting, and also to keep the information on each network webpage up to date. The SC asks all conveners to review the information on the ESREA website.

18. Open discussion about preparing the future

The discussion continues at the next meeting. Laura and Fredrik prepare the item.

19. The ESREA website

ESREA will develop a website on a web hotel. Laura and Fredrik are responsible.

20. Any other business

21. Planning for the next meeting in Maynooth

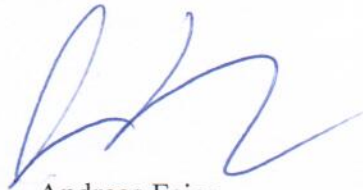
The next meeting will be in Maynooth September 7 to September 8.

22. End of meeting.




Laura Formenti

Chair of the meeting



Andreas Fejes

Secretary of the meeting



Henning Salling Olesen

Check the minutes