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Dear ESREA member

This is the first newsletter for 2011. As you can see, there are several ESREA conferences planned for 2011. Call for papers for these are available at our website.

The new steering committee of ESREA will meet early March to plan the activities and strategies for the coming three years.

Best wishes
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This newsletter contains the following sections:
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**Forthcoming ESREA activities**

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3-6 March, 2011
The 2011 conference of the ESREA life history and biographical research network: *Human agency and biographical transformations*
University of Geneva
http://fapsesrvnt2.unige.ch/Fapse/mimesis.nsf/04c8b37acff022ccc1256c22002c5423/cce27d61e682f6c1257751002f08e1?OpenDocument

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28-30 April, 2011
The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network Between global and local: adult learning and development
Istanbul, Turkey
http://www.esrea2011.boun.edu.tr

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9-11 June, 2011
The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network on Gender and adult learning
"Introducing gender into academia – (in)visible act"
University of Montpellier 3

16-18 June, 2011
Joint conference of the ESREA Network on Active Democratic Citizenship and Adult Learning and ESREA Network on the History of Adult Education and Training in Europe Budapest, Hungary
More information will be available at www.esrea.org

November 9-10, 2011
The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network on adult educators, trainers and their professional development Tallinn, Estonia.
More information will soon be available at www.esrea.org

December, 2011 - Exact date will be available soon
The 2011 conference of the ESREA research network on Access, Learning careers and Identities University of Aveiro, Portugal
More information at www.esrea.org

10-12 February, 2012
The 2012 conference of the ESREA research network on Policy studies in adult education, University of Nottingham, UK.
More information available at www.esrea.org

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

The first issue: Envisioning future research on the education and learning of adults is available at www.rela.ep.liu.se Submissions to the journal are welcome at any time.

Forthcoming conferences/seminars

7-8 April, 2011
The challenges of access, retention and dropout in higher education in Europe Seville, Spain
http://www.ranlhe.dsw.edu.pl/

11-13 April, 2011
The fourth Nordic Conference on Adult Learning Trondheim, Norway
More information: http://www.ntnu.no/videre/konferanse/adult_learning
23-26 May, 2011
Annual international conference in Education
Athens, Greece

25-27 May, 2011
12th International conference on human resource development research and practice
University of Gloucestershire, UK
http://hrdconference2011.glos.ac.uk

28-29 May, 2011
International transformative learning conference in Europe
Athens, Greece
More information available at: www.tlcathens2011.gr

10-12 June, 2011
The 52nd annual conference of the Canadian association for the study of adult education
Toronto, Canada
More information available at: www.oise.utoronto.ca/CASAE

11 June, 2011
Critical perspectives on professional learning, fifth annual conference
Leeds, UK
Deadline for submission of abstract: January 10, 2011
More information available at: www.leeds.ac.uk/medicine/meu/Lifelong11

16-18 June, 2011
14th International conference “Evaluation in education in the Balkan countries”
Belgrade, Serbia
http://belgradeconference.webs.com

23-24 June, 2011
Learning through experience: developing international and regional research agendas for recognition of prior learning (RPL)
Glasgow Caledonian university, UK
www.crll.org.uk

29 June – 1 July, 2011
FACE annual conference: Lifelong learning and community development
University of Glasgow, UK
www.f-a-c-e.org.uk

3-7 July, 2011
International doctoral summer school – Theorising the political and ethical in doctoral research in education
letschool@stir.ac.uk
5-7 July, 2011
41st annual SCUTREA conference
University of Lancaster, UK
More information at: www.scutrea.ac.uk

29-31 August, 2011
European summer university for lifelong learning
Neuchatel, Switzerland

4-7 December, 2011
The 7th international conference on research work and learning
East China normal university, Shanghai, China
www.rwlecnu.org

New books on adult education/adult learning


Rizhome Freirean issue 9 is now available at www.rizoma-freireano.org

**Ongoing research projects and announcements**

**New head of Encell, the National centre for lifelong learning, Sweden**

In March, Cecilia Bjursell joins the School of Education and Communication in Jönköping as the new head of Encell (www.encell.se). The current head of the centre, Professor Helene Ahl, will remain as the academic leader. Cecilia Bjursell has for the last years been working as a research fellow at Jönköping International Business School. She has been involved in both research projects and development projects for practitioners. In addition, she has been a program coordinator for the business administration programs at the school. Bjursell has a degree in business as well as in psychology from Lund University, and received her PhD at Linköping University. Her dissertation concerns the integration process in merging companies. As the head of Encell, Bjursell will concentrate on external communication and collaborative projects.

**Pascal would be interested in ESREA members contributing to the following online discussion:**

The Crisis of Public Universities
http://pascalobservatory.org/pascalnow/blogentry/crisis-public-universities

Especially from the perspective of the role of universities in third mission/external engagement and adult education work. You can look at this new strand of discussion, but in order to comment within this public forum you need to be an electronic subscriber to the website and this is a free service. If you are not already a subscriber to Pascal you can request to do so at http://pascalobservatory.org

Also we have initiated another discussion on the role of culture in LLL and on learning cities with stimulus papers from Bari • Cork • Dar es Salaam Glasgow • Hong Kong • Hume • Kau- nas • Vancouver all of which you can link to and read. If you want to be able to comment on these papers an extra permission is need once you are a subscriber, and you should send your request to Peter Kearns who is leading the PIE discussion (p.kearns@netspeed.com.au)

Finally once you become a subscriber, you can initiate you own discussions and send material for consideration to be posted on the site to submissions@pascalobservatory.org

Professor Michael Osborne, Cluster, Director of CRADALL and Co-director of PASCAL University of Glasgow
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
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 2010 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 2010.

Number 2 2011 – deadline for submission April 15
Number 3 2011 – deadline for submission June 15
Number 4 2011 – deadline for submission September 15
Number 5 2011 – deadline for submission November 15