

Minutes for the steering committee meeting of ESREA – European society for research on the education of adults

When: February 12 13.00 – February 13 12.00

Where: The meeting will held on at Boğaziçi University in the Faculty of Education building.

Participants: Barbara Merrill (United Kingdom), Karin Filander (Finland), Andreas Fejes (Sweden), Marcella Millana (Denmark), Henning Salling Olesen (Denmark), Emilio Lucio-Villegas (Spain), Laura Formenti (Italy), Adrianna Nizińska (Poland), and Georgios Zarifis (Greece). Secretary: Sofia Nyström (Sweden)

1. Election of the chair for the meeting
 - Laura was elected to chair the meeting
2. Election of the secretary for the meeting
 - Sofia was elected to be the secretary of the meeting
3. Election of someone to check the minutes
 - Andreas was elected to check the minutes.
4. Approval of the agenda
 - The agenda was approved.
5. Report from the annual meeting 2014 (Online postal ballot)
 - The minutes were approved. Clarification to the question posed by one of the members. First, it is hard to regulate the periods for the Steering Committee members since there is not so many members in ESREA that want or have the possibilities to become engage in the Steering Committee work. Second, there are twelve members and if the committee disagree the chair always has the last vote.
6. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting
 - The minutes were approved.
7. Absence from the meeting
 - Jean Michel Baudoin, Aiga von Hippel and Rosanna Barros sends their best regards.
8. Financial account for 2014
 - Financial account was approved.
9. Provisional financial account of ESREA for February 2015
 - Provisional financial account was approved.
10. Budget for 2015
 - Budget proposal for 2015 was approved after increasing the royalties with 200 euros.

11. ESREA action plan 2014-2016

- Discussion about the need for an action plan with a more elaborated discussion, Called the B- action plan. The chair is responsible to continue developing the draft until next meeting.
- Discussion and decision about the short actionplan: The committee discussed the draft and elaborated on the actions with the following:
 - o Issue 1: remove this section and write a clear introduction of the aims of ESREA and the relation to its research network. The chair is responsible for writing the introduction.
 - o Issue 2: Add an action – internal membership recruitment through the research network membership lists. Marcella Milana responsible for drafting a letter to the members of what ESREA does and why it is important to become a member. The third action – the secretary will be responsible. The fourth action – remove as an action but the secretary together with Andreas Fejes should put up a Facebook and Twitter account.
 - o Issue 3a: Add a second action: each network website needs to be updated, unified and revised. The Chair and Secretary are responsible for this action. Add to the third action suggestions for the triennial conference.
 - o Issue 3b: Action 3: Remove the example.
 - o Issue 4: Action 1: RELA Editorial group are responsible for this.
 - o Issue 5: Change the title from young to new and the number.
 - o Issue 6: Remove the reference to network as well as “nor to try influence policy makers”.
 - o The secretary will update the Action plan and send it around.

12. Discussion and decision of the location of ESREA triennial conference 2016

- Discussion about the different proposal. The Steering committee will continue discussion and will have an online meeting in the beginning of March.

13. Discussion and decision of ESREA support of summer schools

- ESREA will support existing summer schools with bursaries for four PhD students (300 euros each) that do not have any other funding. The students need to be either institutional or PhD members in ESREA. Furthermore, ESREA will promote these summer schools and announce it on the website.
- The Steering Committee had a discussion about the submitted proposals. The SC (Henning Salling Olesen was not present in this decision) decided to support The International PhD Summer Seminar, which is an collaboration between Roskilde University and the University of Lower Silesia.
- Marcella will start to draft the next call to support summer schools. The deadline for the next call will be in January 2016.
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14. Discussion about the relationship between ESREA and the research networks

- See Item 11.

15. The ESREA journal

- The Editorial team report back about the last issue as well as the coming ones.

- Concerning the issue of representation: Kathy Nicoll had to withdraw from the editorial board and is being replaced by Barbara Merrill. The SC discussed the importance to thinking about representation (gender, age, geographical distribution and so on) when appointing members to the board.

16. Book publications

- The editorial team report back on the book publications with SENSE. Three books have been printed and 214 books have been sold. The book based on the activities in the research network Global and Local will be printed and launched at the conference in June.
- All the royalties for the books both for the editors and the authors should go to ESREA. This is in the contract but it needs to be communicated to SENSE. The secretary will write to SENSE and clarify this.

17. Information from the different networks

- The present network convenors report back on the network activities and other network had submitted written reports.
- The secretary will send out the timetable again and ask the network convenors to provide the months in which they are planning to have their future conferences.

18. Any other business

- ESRALE (European Studies and Research in Adult Learning and Education) as reach out to ESREA to explore possible collaboration and engagements. The Chair will contact them and discuss future engagements.

19. Next meeting

- The next meeting will start at 13.00 on the 14th of September and end on the 15th of September at 12. The meeting will take place at the place of the next triennial conference.

20. End of meeting

Laura Formenti
Chair of the meeting

Sofia Nyström
Secretary of the meeting

Andreas Fejes
Check the minutes