

**Minutes of the EERA Council meeting held at the University of Hamburg,  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2002, 12.00-18.00**

Present

Michel Caillot (president)  
Raymond Bourdoncle  
Kyriaki Doumas  
Jules Pieters  
Elena Lahelma  
Ingrid Gogolin  
Bernard Schneuwly (minutes)  
Zoran Pavlovic

Invited for point 5 : Christiane Mayer

**1. Apologies**

Margret Kirkwoo, Lesley Morrison, Jorge de Lima, Martin Lawn (for EERJ), Ingrid Lohmann (for point 5)

**2. (and 3.) Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising from minutes not arising elsewhere**

*(i) Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> of September*

- GDP refund has to be re-discussed (see point finance of ECER)
- Bernard asks Gretler to make a copy of the archives of the beginning of EERA
- Add to minutes: importance to secure the office was stressed by networks conveners (see point 5)

Approved

*(ii) Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> September*

Approved

**4. ECER 2002 Lisbon**

*(i) Final attendance and income*

Income: 109057£

Expenses: 57'000 £ were spent in Lisbon; the agreement was about 45'000.-£ This point has to be cleared.

The final income is at least 52'000.-

*(ii) Feedback from sessions*

No paper with feedback from sessions. The committee asks Margret to send the feedback to the members.

## 5. ECER 2003 Hamburg

### *(i) Progress of the local organizing committee*

- There was a meeting with Margret and Michel and the local organizing committee. Michel: impressions about the place – nice place to organize a conference.
- Contract will be between ECER and the University; the University offers a person who organizes the conference. The local academic committee is not involved in any organizational matter. Dunia is the “local organizing committee” ([D.Meyer@aww.uni-hamburg.de](mailto:D.Meyer@aww.uni-hamburg.de))
- Dean of faculty, president of University and president of DGfE (national association) will open the conference; plus of course our president (35 minutes); perhaps some music
- List of the duties :
  - Rooms (30 rooms and the main room)
  - Social events (evening of the pre-conference; dinner for representatives; every day at the evening; 28'000 Euros); music is not included.
  - Coffee breaks in various locations (vouchers for one drink per break)
  - Lunches: three student dining halls; one is open; there are many restaurants
  - Conference desk in main hall;
  - Exhibitions, book shops, and so on: also in main hall; places has to be rent. EERA office invites international booksellers and editors; German invites German; Swiss invites Swiss; every member of the committee thinks about that and gives ideas to the office
  - No public copy and fax facilities ; only for the local organizers.
  - Student helpers: ok
  - Special technical staff: not needed.
  - Web presentation: has to be organized by the office. A direct access by the local organizers is needed; the genera design is elaborated in collaboration (Ingrid Lohamann will be in charge of that); links with all national web sites has to be created. A good web site is very important; all conferences and communications have to be put on the site;
  - A badge could be offered that includes free transport (5 euros); this should to be added to conference. The committee decides to take this opportunity.
  - Technical aspects: overheads are at disposal. Beamers and other equipments have to be rent.
  - All duties about payment and abstracts etc. is done by EERA office, as usual.
  - Interpreters: to be discussed in function of keynote speakers. Sign language interpreters? (800 Euro). No decision taken.

### *(ii) Publicity by EERA and the local organizing committee*

- Call for papers is discussed by Margret and local organizing committee; has to be sent beginning of next week to all national associations.
- Printed posters: Margret is in charge of elaborating some poster out of the already existing leaflet. 300 for Germany; Elena e-mails the number of posters needed for Nordic association; other national associations have to announce the number needed.

*(iii) Program outline: main conference and pre-conference*

Pre-conference (see paper already distributed)

- The committee agrees to support ONE invitation with 500 Euros (it could be Klafki). Other persons could participate as invited persons, but without budget (the names of Michel Caillot, Ingrid Gogolin and Edwin Keiner, Paul Standish are mentioned).
- People of the Graduierten-Kolleg Bildungsgangforschung of Hamburg are willing to do something: Christine will make contacts.
- On Monday: two conferences; on Tuesday 4 sessions, eventually parallel sessions, if necessary
- The social event is on Monday.

Main conference (see paper already distributed)

- Convenors' meeting: about 30 people
- Joint meeting: 50-60 people
- Schedule: ok
- AGA: about 50 people
- Informal social event on Friday: is not necessary
- Closing ceremony: local organization committee makes some proposals
- UNESCO institute of education will be invited as guest. EERA and local committee invites it; Michel writes a letter; local committee sends information to him
- Eastern Europe: Hamburg has contacts with some universities and can invite persons working in educational research directly; Hamburg University could eventually take over some of travel expenses (Belgrad, Budapest, Bucarest, Gdansk, Izmir, St. Petersburg, Prag, Sofia, Sopron, Tartou, Wasaw, Zagreb). The Nordic conference has contacts with Lithuania and Estonia; Elena gives names do Margret.

*(iv) Keynotes and EERJ Roundtable*

- The German society will propose somebody (response in second part of meeting)
- A Scottish person: standards in educational research; indicator for quality in educational research.
- Out of the joint declaration on higher education and the General agreement trade in services (GATS), proposed by different university association, the idea to ask for a critical point of view on this question from the point of view of educational research is proposed. The members, and more particularly Jules, look for a person who can give a critical keynote on this topic: the development of universities in Europe, in the context of GATS, university policy. Jules sends some texts of person working in this domain.

Suggestion is made to give a procedure to decide about keynote speakers:

- make a list of all keynotes already given in ECER (titles, persons, provenience); it is suggested that this list is elaborated by the office; it is given to all members of committee, every time it has to decide about keynotes;
- decide about keynotes in function of different criteria: domains (taking also into account de networks), nations, gender. These criteria have to be elaborated.

Roundtable: *E-learning landscape in Europe*

- Martin Lawn
- Ingrid Lohmann
- PERINE
- e-learning network; somebody from the south (Martin is responsible to find somebody in taking into account these criteria)

(v) *Arrangements for reviewing*

- See minutes from joint meeting convenors/committee for the main conference reviewing process.
- Preconference reviewing process:  
There was a wish to present papers in the thematic domain also. Cooperation in reviewing process with networks was decided in Lisbon. The process looks like this: Kyriaki, Jan, responsible for postgraduate network, and the responsible of the respective thematic network do the reviewing.

(vi) *Practical arrangements between EERA and Hamburg University*

Budget

In function of the discussion of a working paper the following decisions are taken:

- leave IT technicians: 2500 euros less
- Data Beamer and PC: will be rent; so this will give as much income as expenses (see also above)
- leave Microport: 1500 less
- only two social events (no social events on Friday evening): so less expenses for social event.

(vii) *Contract with Hamburg University*

Final agreement is made between Margret, Dunia and Michel.

(viii) *Social program*

Activities like

- Alternative Alstercanal tour
- One normal tour

are possible.

For all activities: July 15<sup>th</sup>. They have to be booked with early registration

## **6. ECER 2004 – 2005 - 2006**

There are two problems for organizing ECER in Amsterdam:

- time of the conference must be on July or August, because courses begin in September;
- commitment with EERA and ECER is not high by researchers at Amsterdam university; quality of ECER conferences are questioned, and also what ECER can bring.

Decision: the conference will be held in the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Jules organizes it in Amsterdam, together with the national association and members of one of the Universities of Amsterdam. If this is not possible, the conference will be organized in Twente. Jules informs the committee in the meeting in May.

2006: Switzerland will organize it, probably in Geneva.

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2002, 9.30-13.00**

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Invited for second part of point 5 : Hans Merkens

#### *Apologies*

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### **6. (point added) ECER 2005**

In order to find a place, the following contacts are taken and a report on the contacts is given on the next committee meeting:

- Greece : contacts with different persons by Michel Caillot and Kyriaki Doumas (Bernard gives her an address)
- Italy : Bernard takes contact with former president of one of the association
- Austria : Ingrid has given the address of the president to Michel Caillot.
- Prague: National Institute of Technical and Vocational Education will be contacted by Michel Caillot.

The Committee has to decide next time in Strathclyde about the site of the 2005 in order not to be late, as for the last three conferences organized in a hurry (Lisbon, Hamburg and Amsterdam or Twente).

### **5. Hamburg conference: second part (with the presence of Hans Merkens)**

- two questions: an scientific committee
- Keynote speaker: two persons. Present results of PEARLS (literacy study in primary school); the results are ready in May. Wilfried Bos is leading in this project; Dr. Eva Maria Lankes is a young researcher. They will do their conference in English. No translation needed.

- Hans Merkens wants to promote international cooperation through the networks mainly. Difficulties in Germany; empirical research is coming up now. Try to get new members in the networks. Make an announcement mainly to young researcher to join networks.
- Possibility for German researchers to propose symposia; slots could be offered to bring researchers here in contact with international researchers. There is a language problem: how to organize contacts and how to have integrative symposium. Hans Merkens will take initiatives in this respect.

For the second keynote speaker of EERA, the choice is between Neave and van der Wende (for information see [http://utwente.nl/cheps/about\\_cheps/the\\_cheps\\_team/cv's/Neave.doc](http://utwente.nl/cheps/about_cheps/the_cheps_team/cv's/Neave.doc) or see [http://utwente.nl/cheps/about\\_cheps/the\\_cheps\\_team/cv's/Wende.doc](http://utwente.nl/cheps/about_cheps/the_cheps_team/cv's/Wende.doc)). Jules sends the inaugural lecture given some months ago by these two persons to all members of the committee. The members give a feedback to Michel and Margret concerning their choice between them. Deadline: January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. EERA Networks**

(i) Notes from the Joint Convenors/Council meeting and matters arising

Point is skipped because no notes.

(ii) Report on the post-graduate network

Kyriaki summarizes her report (already sent). Then she asks some questions.

- Homepage: better visibility of the postgraduate network. Kyriaki makes a proposal through Margret to the person in charge of the website.
- Integration and cooperation between postgraduate and other networks. This is the task of the network and the convenors' meeting.

## **8. Report on the EERA Office**

(i) Follow-up from Lisbon

No information. Skipped

(ii) Database

A new database will be created with all important informations about members and participants at conferences, also about banking and accounting of ECER and for preparing conference in allocating papers and so on. There are greater possibility for searching and reporting.

The treasurer was surprised about the new database, because there was money invested in the old one. He fully agrees, but he would like to know what happened exactly. The question is asked to Margret and Leslie.

(iii) banking

A new bank is looked for. This is in charge of the office. The change will be made in January. Jules gives the office the necessary documents.

## 9. EERA finances

(i) *treasurer's report (document already sent; see also draft estimate)*

The treasurer can give a precise overview on what happened in 2002. The short note already sent shows that the situation is satisfactory. Perhaps there could be a increase for the Hamburg conference. Together with fees from associations, institutions and individuals members the situation is optimistic.

A letter will be sent for the associations, institutes and so on; it is ready.

In the draft estimate, one has to change the membership fees from 500 to 600.

Increase of the fee for Hamburg conference. Increase of more or less 30 euros. Jules mails this information to Margret. Fees are as decided as follows

<b>Members of National associations in EERA</b>	<b>Before June 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>After June 15<sup>th</sup></b>
Delegate high GDP country	180£	200£
Full time post-graduate student from high GDP	90£	100£
Delegate from low GDP country	90£	100£
Full-time post-graduate student from low GDP country	45£	50£
<b>Non members of national associations in EERA</b>	<b>Before June 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>After June 15<sup>th</sup></b>
Delegate high GDP country	220£	£
Full time post-graduate student from high GDP	90£	100£
Delegate from low GDP country	90£	100£
Full-time post-graduate student from low GDP country	45£	50£

GDP countries: no official limit for high and low GDP. We decide: 15000\$ per capita is the limit.

(ii) *membership subscriptions*

Point skipped.

## 10. Communications

(i) *EERJ (written report)*

No new information

(ii) *Website*

No new information

## **11. EERA Member Organizations and Council membership**

### *(i) Member benefits*

No information

### *(ii) President Elect*

Jorge de Lima is proposed as president elect

### *(iii) Invitations/requests to join Council*

- Greece: a letter was sent to Greek association president Papas. No response. Michel will retry.
- Michel was in touch with French Belgian association: Denney. They agree in principle. New letter will be sent to formalize the membership.
- Austria: letter will be sent by Michel Caillot.
- Jules will ask the Flemish association.
- Italy: Bernard writes two e-mails to persons involved in the association.
- Prague: Michel writes a letter to an interested person.
- In the context of contacts for the ECER conference, the local committee makes contacts with different persons in Eastern countries.
- Elena makes contact with Estonia.

Switzerland: Bernard will leave the committee. Lucien Criblez from the University of Zurich, current president of the Swiss Educational Research Association, will replace him ([criblez@paed.unizh.ch](mailto:criblez@paed.unizh.ch)). Mails and information have to be sent to him from now on.

### *(iv) Arrangements for co-opting a convenor*

The procedure proposed by Margret in her e-mail sent December 11<sup>th</sup> as adopted.

## **12. EERA development**

### *(i) 6<sup>th</sup> framework*

After the information sent by Jules, two reactions

- One reaction by a Greek colleague who was interested.
- EU received 15'000 expressions of interest; moderate positive evaluation to the proposal sent by Jules. We will go further, if positive. Jules will send the proposal to the members of the committee. Every information that allows to make the proposal stronger has to be sent to Jules.

In this context: Ingrid sent a page on a possible European Social Science Citation Index. She get an answer: go on. We could take a lead in that matter. Ingrid will send the page to the members

of the committee. European Science Foundation is also interested in the question. Jules will take contacts in this matter.

*(ii) Relationships with other research associations: EARLI, Canadian Association*

- EARLI: meeting with Jan Vandamme in Lisbon. Contact with president of EARLI. Ingrid met Ermo Lehtinen, the president; he gives us his regards. He will respond to the letter. Michel Caillot will have a contact by telephone with him.
- Canadian Association: possibility to have a slot to present the European research. The contact with the association has to be given to Ingrid to invite them to do the same in Hamburg.
- Bernard informs about the World Association of Educational Research (WAER) that has its congress in Chile in May 2004. He sends the call for papers to all members of the committee.

**13. AOCB**

Next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Mey in Glasgow, Strathclyde University.