



## Minutes of the EERA Council Meeting in Helsinki

28 August 2010, 09:00 to 15:00  
Helsinki, Siltavuorenpenger 20R

### Participants:

**Herbert Altrichter**, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Forschung und Entwicklung (OEFEB); **David Bridges**, British Educational Research Association (BERA); **Joana da Silveira Duarte**, Emerging Researchers' Network; **Mustafa Yunus Eryaman**, Turkish Educational Research Association (EAB); **Ian Grosvenor**, EERA Secretary General; **Brigitte Gruson**, Association des Enseignants et Chercheurs en Sciences de l'Education (AECSE); **Fiona Hallett**, Emerging Researchers' Network; **Gunilla Holm**, Finnish Educational Research Association (FERA); **Marit Honerod Hoveid**, Networks' Representative on Council; **Gonzalo Jover Olmeda**, Sociedad Espanola de Pedagogia (SEP); **Yasar Kondakci**, Educational Administration Research and Development Association (EARDA); **John Krejsler**, Nordic Educational Research Association (NERA); **Martin Lawn**, Editor of European Educational Research Journal (EERJ); **Raquel-Amaya Martínez González**, Asociación Interuniversitaria de Investigación Pedagógica (AIDIPE); **Ian Menter**, Scottish Educational Research Association (SERA); **Lejf Moos**, EERA President; **Petr Novotny**, Czech Educational Research Association (CAPV); **Joe O'Hara**, Educational Studies Association of Ireland (ESAI); **Maria Pacheco Figueiredo**, Networks' Representative on Council Elect; **Daniela Preis**, EERA Office; **Rudolf Tippelt**, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft (DGfE); **Huseyin Uzunboylu** (KED-DER), **Angelika Wegscheider**, EERA Office; **Theo Wubbels**, EERA Treasurer and Vereniging voor Onderwijs Research (VOR);

### 1 Apologies for Absence and welcome to new members

Apologies for Absence: Katharina Maag Merki and Joanna Michalak.

New member association KEB-DER: The new colleague from Cyprus, Dr Huseyin Uzunboylu, was welcomed.

### 2 Confirmation of Minutes of June 2010 Council Meeting

Minutes were confirmed.

### 3 Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points

Ian Menter will type the draft text on Academic Conduct and send it to EERA office. Council will receive the text for comments.

## 4 ECERs

### 4.1 ECER 2010, Brief Review

Very successful conference, 1810 participants registered. Many thanks to all people involved in making this ECER a success.

### 4.2 ECER 2011/ 2012/ 2013/ 2014 and beyond

ECER 2011 will take place from 12 to 16 September in Berlin, ECER 2012 in Cadiz from 17 to 21 September. ECER 2013 in Istanbul, dates need to be confirmed. ECER 2014 in London will take place from 22 to 26 September.

For ECER 2012 the keynote working group was re-established: EERJ Editor, Network Representative on Council, EERA President and LOC representative.

David Bridges was in contact with a professor from the University of Bologna, who showed interest in organising ECER 2015 there. David will provide Francesca Gobbo with the email address etc of this professor for checking possibilities.

### 4.3 Council Invited Session

Suggestion from Lejf Moos:

"In order to make Member Associations, Council and council members more active and visible at ECER we shall develop 'Council Invited Session':

Every year we plan for a maximum of 3 sessions, each session shall be in line with the theme of this particular ECER and the general purpose of EERA and shall comprise representation from at least 3 different associations from three different countries (as presenters, chair and discussants) etc."

Council found that, as this session is to take place during normal session times, the Convenors should be involved in the decision. There would be the danger of taking audience off the normal network sessions. But it would also give a platform to smaller nations to present themselves. It was decided to put this topic on the agenda of the Convenors' Meeting in January.

A general discussion then started about the European aspect of papers presented during ECER. It was claimed that very few papers offered a real European aspect. Other council members said that it would be impossible to really change that. On the one hand, there are general/global topics, like methodology, that are interesting for all researchers, without a visible European aspect; on the other hand, a European aspect could also come out of the discussion after a presentation. Many researchers would be hindered to present their own research at ECER if the European aspect was a strictly respected reason for rejection.

### 4.4 ECER Scheme for 3,5 Days

By prolonging ECER to 3 and a half days, the number of normal parallel sessions will increase. It was decided that the official slots (keynotes, EERJ roundtable, EERA invited etc) should all only last one hour and that they should take place in the central sessions of the day (after lunch). Some council members saw the danger that a longer ECER could lead to accepting more papers, also those of lower quality. Another problem may be the higher costs for staying longer.

As the number of papers will continue to increase for several reasons (ECER has improved its reputation during the last years, young researchers are more and more under pressure to present internationally etc) it was important to find a way to include more papers in the conference. With the new schedule, it would be possible to have fewer parallel sessions and fewer sessions with 4 papers. This would leave more time for discussion and interaction. Council underscored the importance of leaving room for discussion in each session, in order to avoid the conference turning into a presentation "factory". It was reported that some networks will continue planning 4 papers in one

session, also because of the high rate of withdrawals. Another question that arose was if ECER should really host big symposia with more than 15 papers and lasting more than 3 or 4 sessions.

## 5 EERA Development

### 5.1 Nomination and Selection of Officers and Co-opted Council Members

#### Member association representatives (Council Members)

"Are nominated and elected by their associations according to the regulations of those associations"

Council approved

#### Emergent Researcher Group representative

"The ERG representative is nominated and elected by the ERG and approved by Council for a period of 4 years"

Council approved

The name was changed to Group for stressing the uniqueness of the former network and for enabling them to have this co-opted council member in addition to the Networks' representative.

#### Senior Mentor

Council pointed out that the idea of Senior Mentor was that a current Council member should have this post, for acting as an additional link between ERG and Council. Ian Menter will be replaced in Council, but will keep the role of Senior Mentor until next meeting in January.

#### European Educational Research Journal Editor

"The EERJ Editor is nominated by Council after approval of the Publisher and elected by Council for a period of x years"

This procedure was not clear enough in some points. It was decided that Martin Lawn would report to EERJ board and that they could suggest a procedure/wording which will then be decided on at the next Council Meeting.

#### The Network Convenor Representative on Council

"The Network Representative is nominated and elected for a 4 year period by the network convenors and approved by Council no later than June the year before she/he takes up the post"

Council approved

#### The President, Secretary General and Treasurer

- The Exec/office bearers are nominated by and elected by Council (C 5.5) for a four year period (C 6.5)
- The election shall be conducted no later than the end of June one year prior to taking on the position by September 15th. (C 6.7)
- The nomination and election procedure:
  - A nominating- and election committee for every officer is appointed by Council with three Council members – one of which is elected to be the chair of the committee - at the January Council meeting
  - The nominating- and election committee shall propose nominations and call for nominations from Council members no later than three month after the January meeting
  - Council Members nominations shall be supported by at least two more Council members
  - All members of EERA Member Associations can be nominated (C 6.9)

- The nomination- and election committee is responsible for the conduct of elections. The Committee shall prepare a ballot (C 6.6) including all duly nominated candidates, and shall transmit the ballot to each member of the Council.
- All candidates, who have accepted nomination, shall produce a short presentation (max. 200 words) that shall be transmitted to each member of Council with the ballot
- Council members shall vote by email or by other means as determined by the nomination and election committee
- The Chair of the nomination- and election committee is responsible for the tabulation of the ballot through independent counting procedures. Candidates are elected on the basis of simple majority of votes.
- The Chair of the nomination- and election committee shall report the results to the Exec and Council no later than at the June Council meeting.

Council was not sure if a committee would really make the election more transparent and easier. It seems that there are cultural differences with respect to a committee. In some countries, these committees help to minimize the feeling of competing with the other candidates. And in other countries, a committee provokes a feeling of control and of less transparent procedures of nomination. In other associations, the technical part of the elections is organised by the office, and all candidates nominated twice or more are automatically on the list for election.

It was now decided that in January, a committee would be elected and that the rest of the election procedure would be fixed then.

## **5.2 Strategic Council Meeting (formation of working group)**

These council meetings should focus on strategic development of EERA and ECER and be more of a workshop style, and more interactive. It was resolved that no working group was needed but that the Agenda can be brought forward by the Office Bearers and approved by Council.

## **5.3 Proposal: Members Reporting on Council**

Lejf Moos suggested the following:

"We have – as far as I remember - never on Council discussed the concerns or challenges that face our member association.

However I think it can be a valuable source of knowledge and information for our work on Council, if we get regular reports from EERA Member Associations through there representatives on Council.

I propose that we ask all Council Members for:

- A 5 minutes report on their associations concerns, challenges and opportunities for educational research, educational researchers and educational research associations as they are being seen and discussed at present
- A 100-200 word paper report on the same issues
- The reports should be given at 1 - 2 Council meetings every 2 or 3 years where there shall be time to elaborate and discuss the reports."

Council welcomed this idea, as it would lead to more cohesion between the associations. Three volunteers were found for the January meeting: Herbert Altrichter, Yunus Eryaman and John Krejsler.

## **5.4 Council Meeting Times (overview of query to Council Members)**

"Council Members were asked if they would prefer having the EERA council meetings on weekdays or partly on weekdays instead of the weekend meetings which are done now.

19 council members answered this request; the majority favours to switch at least partly to weekdays.

5 asked for Saturday/Sunday meetings; 11 for Friday/Saturday and 8 stated they would prefer weekday meetings. Totals are higher than 19 as some chose two options. "

Council decided that in future, meetings should take place on Friday and Saturday. The question arose if it would be possible to be even more "family friendly" by also allowing partners to join the council dinner eg on a self paid basis. Opinions on this proposal varied. Office bearers will come up with a suggestion for the next council meeting.

## 6 Networks

### 6.1 Approval of Network Convenors' Election of Representative to Council

Council approved new Networks' representative on council, Maria Pacheco Figueiredo.

### 6.2 Short Report from Networks Meeting

The networks really appreciate the possibility of meeting more often and working together more intensely. Thanks to the meeting of 2 days, they now see themselves as a real body within EERA, and the meeting has created an emerging culture of working together.

At this meeting during ECER, the question was discussed what to do with smaller and weaker networks. It would be harsh to just close them down. They should get the possibility to re-structure themselves, e.g. by creating a new name and profile. This worked well for network 9, who changed name and focus and has been growing since then. Another possibility would be to suggest smaller networks to merge with others.

### 6.3 The Application from SHE

The network convenors suggested to accept the new network under the condition that they use the name "Research on Health Education". Council approved the new network with the new name and descriptor. Ian Grosvenor said that new guidelines will be developed in order to underline that all new networks are on probation and that new applications would only be discussed in the January network meeting, as an email procedure has proved to be less successful than wished.

## 7 Presidents Report

Lejf Moos presented his report as follows:

"2009 - 2010 has again been a busy and productive year for EERA. I shall report briefly on the work of Council:

#### ECER

- We had the biggest ever ECER in Vienna (more than 2000 attendants and 1600 submissions)
- We have had a very successful ECER in Helsinki (app. 1700 attendants and 1500 submissions. A new feature was launched, the EERA Panel)
- We have progressed with planning 2011 in Berlin, having agreed on the theme: 'Urban Education' and have three keynoters, who have accepted our invitation and have started planning for 2012 in Cadiz, 2013 in Istanbul and 2014 in London. A new contract with LOC's is being introduced.

#### New Member Associations

- We had four applications: KIB-DER from Cyprus was accepted, RUTE from Spain was rejected and applications/letters of interest from Belarus and Hungary are being supported.

#### Emergent Researchers

- The Emergent Researchers Group (ERG) has carried through very successful pre-conferences in Vienna and Helsinki with best paper awards
- Two new features: EERA Summer Schools (one on History of Education and the other on Academic Writing) were run with very high level of interest and success

#### Constitution

- AGA agreed on a new constitution that is now in the courts of law process here in Berlin
- We have started work on a set the General Regulations, that fit the Constitution

#### Networks

- The network Convenor Seminar was carried through in Helsinki in January with a very high level of satisfaction
- The work on network reports, descriptors and network structure and development is being carried on

#### External Relations

- EERQI: We participate in seminars and have engaged a new assistant for this job
- WERA: We participate in Council meeting and working groups
- ISE (Initiative for Science in Europe): We participate (if flights are not cancelled) in the work around the European Research Council (ERC)
- Education Europe: We participate in work around the EU Commission's 7th and 8th Research Framework Programmes

#### EERA History

- Martin Lawn is producing a database and overviews of the EERA history

#### EERA Website and Database

- Work on enhancing the proceedings at ECERS through streaming etc. is continued
- Work on website and database is continued with technical investigations in possibilities and restrains."

## **8 Treasurers Report**

Theo Wubbels reported on the account of 2009 and the updated budget for 2010 (Attached: Treasurer's Report)

Budget 2011:

The new position in the EERA office and extension of office space was approved. As ECER will be longer, a raise of the fees was discussed. ECER is not an expensive conference, compared to others, and Berlin is cheaper than other cities. A raise of 7 % on all different fees was decided.

## **9 Secretary General Report - EERA Archives project**

Martin Lawn had had some difficulties to collect data from the networks. So he suggested participating in the network meeting in January to encourage networks to participate in this. Council approved the suggestion that Martin Lawn takes part in the next Convenors Meeting in January, for collecting more data.

It was also suggested, that publishing one network history on line stimulate others to participate more. If necessary, Office Bearers should help collecting data by contacting the people involved.

From now on, the report Martin Lawn has written can be distributed (before that, office will take care of a final layout).

At the strategic council meeting (next June) the report should be on the agenda again, for giving Council the chance to look at it and discuss it more profoundly.

## 10 Membership Issues

### 10.1 New Member Associations:

Hungary and Belarus had both asked for being supported with a workshop.

It was decided that Lejf Moos and Marit Honerod Hoveid will support Hungary by visiting them and developing networks within their association etc. and that Lejf Moos and Rudolf Tippelt will be responsible for the support for Belarus.

### 10.2 Support for Needy Associations

Office had asked Council Members to report how they are supported by their associations to attend the EERA Council Meetings. 8 stated that the association would support 3 meetings; 3 stated they are refunded partly by their associations and university/public funding. 8 members claimed to have difficulties, as the association could not fund all 3 meetings or they would need to access university funds. Also two associations who do normally not attend the Council Meetings claimed this as a reason.

Lejf introduced to the proposal and argued for support to LOW GDP Associations after application. Application would be asked for each year. He pointed out that full representation of Council Members is wished in order to delimit a democratic deficit and to enable broader exchange.

He proposed to support LOW GDP Associations as follows

- Member associations from low GDP countries can apply to Exec for support of € 300 pr. Meeting for 3 meetings
- that would mean: 7 members x 3 meetings x € 300 equals € 6.300

Council approved support for needy associations, as suggested. Office will ensure to clarify that this is within the limits of the German constitution.

### 10.3 Application AIS-EDU (subgroup of Educational Sociologist within Italian Association for Sociology)

They are not an association on general educational research. Therefore their application is rejected, but they will be invited to join EERA networks. They are already part of the working group for a new network for sociology.

### 10.4 Application CERA, CYPRUS EDUCATION RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Husseyin Uzunboylu was asked to report on this association. He said they would rather be teachers than researchers. This lead to the question whether it is appropriate that research associations have more teachers than researchers as members. Some council members pointed out that teachers could also be good researchers. GERA for example accepts teachers as members, as long as they currently do research.

It was decided that Office bearers would ask CERA for more details, e.g. on the kind of research they do, if they organise a conference etc.

A template for future applications should be developed including questions that may help to answer if an association is research oriented or not.

Early note: Russia showed interest and was invited to New Nations Meeting for first information; associations yet to build (Serbia, Slovenia), and an association from the Ukraine are interested to join EERA.

## 11 Technical Development/EERA website

Angelika Wegscheider presented an overview of open tasks and current developments, like the integration of the BEI data, the necessity of a rework of the navigation structure of the website.

BEI data will come in one format across all the previous conference, which will make the

integration easier. Details will be discussed in a meeting with Phil Sheffield in November. Also in autumn office will meet with the website developers for planning a restructuring of the website.

The question of full paper upload was addressed, full papers submitted to BEI before 2008 will stay there and the imported archives will link to them. EERA still needs to decide on whether to carry on the full paper upload within the own website or not.

There are concerns that weak papers might harm the reputation and also some open question on how to best handle them (key-wording etc.), on the other hand sharing knowledge is seen as a value plus networks who urge their delegates to hand in full papers before the conference feel that this strengthens the quality of the presentations.

BERA just started to ask all delegates for full paper before the congress.

Angelika then showed an example for a Social Network linked to a conference (ALT-C conference) and reported a first investigation regarding expected difficulties and costs. The major issue is displaying the extensive ECER programme in a yet to choose system. She asked for being cautious on this and that first the rework of the website plus the integration of BEI data needs to be finalised.

She reported on a successful start of keynote streaming with about 70 people following the live streams, encouraging remarks on the conference radio and the growing used of twitter amongst the conference delegates. All audio and video files will be available via the EERA website after the conference, in addition a EERA site within iTunes U / beyond campus will be set up (no costs) in order to have a prominent representation within one of the places to retrieve audiofiles online.

Last year's 10 podcasts/videos had been downloaded about 5000 times altogether, which is a good turn out.

The only new feature not too much used during conference was the Flickr-Group for sharing photos, but delegates might upload photos once they are back home.

## **12 Summer Schools**

### **12.1 Summer Schools post 2011:**

Both summer schools EERA is currently supporting run until 2011.

From 2012 new partners are searched:

- for the network summer school, Network 09 showed interest
- for the Academic Writing: Birmingham would probably be interested and it was agreed that Exec enters into negotiations with Birmingham.

### **12.2 Application Spring School Network 9**

Marit Hoveid briefly introduced the Network 09 submission. They would like to focus on the high end of empirical analysis as they see a big need for these very specialised courses. Fiona Hallett reported that the methodology workshop at the Pre-Conferences organised by the network 9 people was very successful. This could be a good sign for a future summer school.

Then a discussion came up whether to have this as a Council Summer School or a Network Summer School. Having it as Council Summer School would underline the generic character of it, but it came in as a network summer school application.

A network summer school would not be allowed to pay honoraria to lecturers and also needs a 50% co funding. This would need to be adapted if the summer school is to run as a network summer schools.

Council approved of the NW 9 application for a spring school. It was handed over to the office bearers to work out with the applicants how co-funding is solved. Funding is granted for one year only, extension to be discussed after evaluation.

Ian Grosvenor with the office bearers will develop guidelines for future applications for EERA council summer schools and network summer schools.

## 13 External Cooperation

### 13.1 EERQI Report

EERA delegates from selected delegates were invited to participate in reviewing process. First results will be discussed in the EERQI Workshop in Geneva.

### 13.2 WERA Report

Lejf Moos reported on WERA and suggested to urge the Executive Committee of WERA to bring the following items taken into the agenda for the Kuala Lumpur Council meeting in order that they can be discussed and decided:

1

In order to be more inclusive, we need to have the following clarification into the Constitution and also into the nominating description:

Nomination of candidates for office bearers. To be added to Constitution, Article 3, Section 5:  
"No more than one candidate from any country can be nominated at each nomination".

1: All officers shall be from different countries

2

In order to have clear line of governance, we need to have the following clarification in somewhere: Chairs of committees:

"Chairs of WERA committees shall be members of Council"

3

In order to support less wealthy member associations in participating in Council's work, we need to underline, that

"Council meets no more than once a year in connection with the Focal meeting."

4

As WERA is an association of associations, we need to give Council members the opportunity to prepare themselves for the meetings in Council. This means that:

- Minutes from Council meeting shall be forwarded to Council members no later than 2 month following the Council meeting.
- Agenda for next Council meeting shall be forwarded to Council members no later than 2 month prior to Council meeting."

Council welcomed this initiative. Council wanted to know if there are more tensions between associations. Some associations wondered what would be the benefit of being a member of WERA. It was also highlighted that any additional interest would need to be mentioned when being nominated for posts within WERA.

In two years, EERA has to decide again if membership of WERA should be continued. It would be too early to decide that now, as the communication problems at the WERA council are multiplied to those at the EERA council, due to more members and more nationalities. So time for development is needed.

It was once again fixed that WERA will be a continuous topic at each council meeting.

### 13.3 ISE (short report on the European Research Council discussion)

Lejf intended to go there but could not due to the strike on the airport. There will be another meeting in Frankfurt in September.

### 13.4 Educating Europe (short report)

Lejf reported briefly on the meeting in Brussels. "Research in Social Sciences and Humanities in the context of the 7th FP for Research and Development (2007-2013) 2 and presented some notes from the Power Point: 'On Being Useful' by Dimitri Corpakis, Head of Unit in DG for Research, Brussels June 30th 2010 ([www.b2match.com/FP7Education/index.php](http://www.b2match.com/FP7Education/index.php))

He highlighted some opportunities for education research funding within FP7, like the ERA European Research Area, 2000, ERC European Research Council and Theme 8 of

FP7 economic development with sustainability and social cohesion, reinforce EU competitiveness, new relations with international partners, core EU values and diversity.

Lejf also reported on an offer for cooperation put forward by Dr. Jornitz from DIPF, who coordinated the above meeting. They are willing to somehow contribute to the ECER 2011 and would like to put education research higher on the agenda of the EC.

Council decided that it would be good to invite a representative of the EC to the January Council meeting, e.g. Dimitri Corpakis. This meeting should be well prepared, with examples of former projects showing the interest in interdisciplinarity.

### **13.5 Tempus V project on "Students' and researchers' skills in the field of the Academic and Scientific Writing." (LM/ Fiona H.)**

There would be several possible ways of supporting this project. Either EERA itself could be an official partner, or EERA supports the project by offering expertise. Fiona Hallett might join the project consortium as a partner with Edgehill University and work on synergies with the ERG.

If EERA wants to be a formal partner, someone from Council would need to really get acquainted with the project details in order to be well prepared for what this would mean to EERA. A decision is only due in Spring, therefore Fiona Hallett will continue reporting to Council and officers will help with collecting information.

## **14 EERJ report**

EERJ Editorial Board AGENDA  
HELSINKI ECER 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010  
Editor: Progress in 2010

1. Reviewing our progress this year, I would say that we have produced the strongest set of issues so far during this year with Special Issues on 'The Bologna Process'[9.1] and 'Agency in a Changing Educational Context' [9.2] and 'Mapping the European Educational Research Space: policy, governance and cultures' [9.3 and 9.4][see attached information] . The Bologna papers came from an EERA Network [HE] and the Agency papers came from a Nordic research network. The call for papers on Europeanization in education [9.3 and 9.4] was very successful, with approximately 30 papers received. Although the EERJ is without direct rivals, it consistently reflects the work of the EERA Networks and associated scholars, and their deepening involvement in cross border European research.

Between them, the first three issues contained 34 papers and the final issue [9.4] will have an additional ten papers plus an Essay Review. In total, then the EERJ will have produced 45 papers in total in 2010 [compared to a well established journal, the British Journal of the Sociology of Education, with 36 papers in 2010]. In 2005, in comparison, the EERJ produced 28 papers. In simple terms, the work associated with the Journal has increased enormously and continues to grow.

During the course of 2010, the Journal should develop a new method of electronic submission, which will enable a more efficient way of tracking and reviewing papers. Also, the Journal has entered the SSCI [Thomson Reuters] procedures to enter their citation index. They are reviewing aspects of our production and quality throughout this year.

The Essay Review Board was created to make sure that national research-related texts were being reviewed in the Journal. In addition, it is a way of building links between some of Europe's new researchers in education and the EERJ. It is proving to be a good way of attracting useful essay reviews.

During the course of 2010, the management of the EERJ will later. There will be a new group of Executive Editors and an Advisory Board [constituted by the current Editorial Board]. This is a reflection of the large amount of work generated in the EERJ.

2. Rejected Papers [March - August 2010]

The Journal rejects approximately half the number of submitted papers, usually at point of entry

3. Future Proposals 2010

**Philosophy of Education and the Transformation of Educational Systems**

**Symposium on 'Bottom-up Approaches to Agency in Education'**

**New European Sociology of Education**

Possible publication of papers from an EERA-supported symposium in Oxford in early 2011. It is a first attempt to work out some new directions or revive some older ideas in sociological approaches that can inform our response to the common European policy space we are in. The proposal follows from a range of developments in sociology that have implications for sociology of education. For example, a recognition of the growth of new perspectives on the Europeanization of education, that combine political science and sociology in 'political sociology'; along with renewed interest in materialities and in theorization of actor-network relations; renewed interest in the sociology of knowledge; the emergence of cultural political economy as a way of approaching the changing social relations and processes of the societies that constitute the European space.

4. EERJ Roundtable 2011 Berlin

[Organized by EERJ Editors -Terri Seddon, Francesca Gobbo and Edwin Keiner]

After a series of discussions in Helsinki - in the Editorial Board, the EERA Council, and in and around the ECER - we have an agreed basis for the Roundtable next year. The overall idea was agreed with Harm Kuper, the ECER Organizer in Berlin.

Its organizers are - Terri Seddon, Francesca Gobbo and Edwin Keiner .

Its working title at the moment is - 'Useful Knowledges and the Educational Sciences'. It was agreed that there would be one key speaker and two or three responses. Harm Kuper suggested a particular Berlin-based speaker from social sciences/research and I hope that he will send around this name and the speaker's background etc. Other speakers could represent professional and policy knowledges etc.

The EERA Council agreed that from next year the Keynote and Roundtable session will be reduced to one hour in length. This will create a new discipline for the sessions - which have always been difficult to time manage. The chairing of the session and agreements with the speakers will be crucial.

## 15 Any other business

EERA in Public Service Review: "The Learning Curve"

"Lejf Moos, Ian Grosvenor and Theo Wubbels, of EERA, discuss the importance of educational research and highlight growing cooperation across Europe in the dissemination of findings..."

The a.m. paper on EERA was published.

## 16 Next meetings

Next meeting:

14 - 15 January 2011. Starting 14 January 09.00 h, Berlin

June: Open

17 September 2011, after ECER in Berlin