



Minutes

EERA Council Meeting

Saturday 12 September, 9:00 – 15:00

Hotel Gellert, Budapest

Attendees

Angelika Paseka, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Forschung und Entwicklung im Bildungswesen (OEFEB); **Angelika Wegscheider**, EERA Office; **Annelies Kamp**, Educational Studies Association of Ireland (ESAI); **Branislava Baranovic**, Zagreb Institute for Social Research, Croatia (ZISR); **Ciaran Sugrue**, LOC 2016, University College Dublin; **Daniela Preis**, EERA Office; **Deniz Örucü**, Educational Administration Research and Development Association (EARDA); **Eduardo Jimenez**, Asociacion Interuniversitaria de Investigacion Pedagogica (AIDIPE), **Eric Mangez**, Association des chercheurs belges francophones en éducation (ABCéduc) and EERJ; **Erika Juhász**, LOC 2015; **Felicity Wikeley**, British Educational Research Association (BERA); **George Head**, Scottish Educational Research Association (SERA); **Gonzalo Jover**, Sociedad Espanola de Pedagogia (SEP); **Gyöngyvér Pataki**, Hungarian Educational Research Association (HERA); **Helen Phtiaka**, Cyprus Pedagogical Association (CPA); **Herbert Altrichter**, EERA Treasurer; **Jani Ursin**, EERA Network Representative on Council Elect; **Joanna Madalińska-Michalak**, Polskie Towarzystwo Pedagogiczne (PTP); **Kairat Kurakbayev**, Kazakhstan Educational Research Association (KERA); **Karmen Trasberg**, Estonian Academic Research Association (EAPS); **Lucian Ciolan**, University of Bucharest, Romania; **Marco Rieckmann**, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft (DGfE); **Maarten Simons**, EERJ Editor; **Mariagrazia Riva**, Società Italiana di Pedagogia (SIPED); **Maria Pacheco Figueiredo**, outgoing EERA Network Representative on Council & EERA Secretary General Elect; **Marit Honerod Hoveid**, EERA Secretary General; **Milosh M. Raykov**, Malta Educational Research Association; **Mustafa Yunus Eryaman**, Turkish Educational Research Association (EAB); **Nassira Hedjerassi**, Association des Enseignants et Chercheurs en Sciences de l'Education (AECSE); **Niels Kryger**, Nordic Educational Research Association (NERA); **Nikolai Gorbachev**, Belarus National Association "Innovation in Education" (BNA "IE"); **Palmira Jucevičienė**, Lithuanian Academic Educational Association (LERA); **Patricia Fidalgo**, Emerging Researchers' Group; **Paulina Korsnakova**, Slovak Educational Research Society (SERS); **Pavel Zgaga**, The Slovenian Educational Research Association (SLODRE); **Petr Novotny**, Czech Educational Research Association (CERA); **Satu Perälä-Littunen**, Finnish Educational Research Association (FERA); **Sofia Marques da Silva**, Sociedade Portuguesa de Ciências da Educação (SPCE); **Tamás Kozma**, LOC 2015; **Theo Wubbels**, EERA President, Mette Juncker & Martin Dons Densig (UCC, for LOC2017)

1 Welcome, Agenda and Minutes

Theo Wubbels welcomed all attendees and informed Council that Anna Aleksanya, Felicity Wikeley and Monique Volman had sent their excuses for not being able to attend. Iouri Zagoumenov and Ahmet Aypay were also unable to attend, but had appointed Nikolai Gorbachev and Deniz Örucü, respectively, as replacements.

The agenda was accepted without further changes.

The Minutes of the June Council Meeting were also accepted without request for changes.

2 Conferences

2.1 Budapest 2015: Oral Evaluation

LOC reported on the overall success of the conference, they thanked EERA Council for bringing ECER to Budapest and EERA Office for the good cooperation. The conference helped to mobilise the Hungarian educational research community with many of HERA members getting active at the conference. The conference contributed to building up new partnerships.

EERA Sessions went well and were well attended – e.g. the Roundtable on Central Europe but also the EERA session on Erasmus Plus funding opportunities, which was offered for the first time.

Maria highlighted the last minute actions regarding the changed topic of the Moot in which EERJ, networks, EERA exec, LOC and office were involved.

Generally, Council only received positive feedback, good evaluations, and the participants did enjoy the event at this beautiful venue with the friendly and most helpful volunteers. The new scheme of poster sessions in session rooms was well received; the model will be used in future years as well. Also, the experiment with Member Associations presenting themselves in the Publishers Exhibition Area went well, but it was agreed that the visibility of this needs to be enhanced – in the app, the printed programme and online. Maybe delegates could be better informed about it before (Email to participants of respective country/ twitter, facebook). Also for Dublin some members will have the opportunity to present themselves. (Numbers to be agreed) Theo thanked LOC for the great job they did and also EERJ for their initiative to change the topic of the EERJ Moot and to start a discussion on the refugee crisis during the conference. This was also well received by many participants. Angelika Wegscheider reported on the final participant figures and also on the sum donated by delegates for the Red Cross Hungary.

2.2 Dublin 2016, LOC-report

Ciaran Sugrue reported that things were well on their way.

2.3 2017 Copenhagen

Glasgow could unfortunately not find suitable dates for 2017.

France is still investigating for later options. (2019)

University College Copenhagen offered to host ECER 2017 on 21-25 August 2017. The Carlsberg campus where ECER would take place is under construction and is supposed to be finalised in 2016. It is close to the city centre, where most hotels and hostels are placed. It can be reached in 15 minutes walking or 10 minutes by train. For the social events, several options would be possible, also in the Carlsberg area itself where an event with 4000 people was organised during a conference last year, i.e. the growing number of ECER participants would not be a problem. The campus would also have enough rooms for the sessions, and several larger lecture halls and gyms that can be combined. Some council members were unsure about the prices in Copenhagen, and Mette mentioned that 72 hour transportation costs about 27 €, the cheapest hotel rooms would be from 53 €, and a coffee for example is about 5 € in a normal café. On the campus in the cafeterias, the prices are of course lower. There are also hostels available and it will be checked if dormitories for the emerging researchers can be offered. The August date was an issue for some council members, but it was pointed out that in Northern European countries, September is no longer possible, as many of them start their term beginning of September. Herbert Altrichter reported on the meeting with the colleagues from Copenhagen and informed Council that first talks during the Budapest conference could be taken as good basis for negotiations and that the cost estimation per participant (offered by UCC) is comparable to Dublin, or a bit lower, if external funding and sponsorship by tourist authorities could be gained. Council was in favour of continuing the negotiations.

2.4 2018 Bolzano:

The negotiations for Bolzano are well on the way, as well as trying to get sponsorship etc. The costs per participant would most likely be lower than for Dublin. First contacts with SIPED have been established. With a better overview on the budget and the admin-side of ECER, the Local organizers will start to involve SIPED more strongly after a meeting in December at the annual SIPED conference.

ECER in Bolzano will take place 3 – 7 September 2018.

ECER General

2.4.1 Link Convenors Feedback on "Video presentations /Distance presentations"

Maria Figueiredo reported that the link convenors were in favour of offering a new format with Video Presentations, and that it should be offered in the next Call for 2016 and on the website.

She also pointed out that offering video presentations were not to be mixed up with offering distance presentations as this was not a format that EERA would currently aim at. Some networks self-organised "distance presentations" with e.g. bringing a video from colleagues who could not participate in a symposium, some symposia managed to self-organise a skype presentation for a missing presenter. Supporting this by EERA office / Local Organisers on a larger and official level would mean additional burden to room equipment (loud speakers, software etc.) and will raise questions linked to conference fees. So more discussion would be needed before distance presentations can be offered officially. At the moment office/LOC tried to help in exceptional cases: e.g. if the request was linked to a symposium. Clearer guidelines would be needed in which cases the support should be granted, how this would relate to conference fees, certificate of presentation, etc.

Other activities like self-organised live streaming to audiences outside ECER, as done by some networks, could also be discussed further.

2.4.2 General regulations on EERA sessions / and evaluation committee (Theo)

Council approved of the general regulations regarding EERA sessions.

EERA Sessions can be proposed and organised by the Local organisers, Council members, Link Convenors and the EERJ lead editor(s). Submission time will start in December and last until end of February, council discusses the proposals and nominates an evaluation committee in March.

3 Exculpations

3.1 Report President

After his written report in the agenda, Theo Wubbels was exculpated by Council for his work of the last year.

3.2 Report Treasurer

Herbert Altrichter reported on the results for 2014, on the audit report and also asked that Marko Riekmann and Milosh M. Raykov who had volunteered to look into the budget 2014 audit document let Council know about their impressions. They both confirmed that budget and results were very transparent, but that it might be a good idea to try to develop sponsoring a bit further.

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3.3 Report Secretary General

Marit Honerod Hoveid reported on the work with EERA office and on the Summer Schools. She had the impression that the EERA Summer School was now better connected with ERG and Council, and that is was a good way of capacity building.

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4 Seasonal Schools:

4.1 2016 Linz

The next EERA Summer School will take place in Linz from 10 to 15 July 2016 (and in the following year from 9 to 14 July 2017). Mentors have already been approached and a more detailed programme will soon be available. Council was asked once again to spread the information on the Summer School, not only within their national associations, but also within their institutions and other institutions in the country they are connected to.

4.2 Call for EERA Season School 2018/2019

A Call for Proposals will be issued in the next couple of weeks. The Submission deadline will be December 1. Masaryk University in Brno is already interested in hosting the 2018/2019 Summer School.

5 EERA Affairs

5.1 Office, oral report

Angelika Wegscheider reported that HU Berlin could for the time being not offer any rooms to EERA. So EERA will either need to stay with the new rooms offered by FU or find options at the free market.

She presented some first numbers on ECER 2015 and stated that roughly 50% of delegates opted for not receiving the printed programme, which was seen as a good start.

5.2 Scheme Council Meetings/Changes in Deadlines

With the newly adopted council meeting scheme in March and September, the timeframe for discussions on the conference theme and the keynote speakers has to change.

For 2018/Bolzano this means the theme has to be presented in the council meeting in Dublin (August 2016), in March 2017 (Berlin Council Meeting) the agreement on keynote speakers and the final wording of the theme would need to be reached.

For ECER 2017/ possibly Copenhagen keynote speakers and theme have to be discussed and agreed upon in the March 2016 council meeting in Berlin.

The keynote working group for 2017 will consist of: Theo Wubbels, Jani Ursin, Patricia Fidalgo, Marit Honerod Hoveid, Eric Mangez, Petr Novotny, and a to be confirmed colleague from LOC 2017 .

6 Networks

Jani Ursin reported on the Convenors meetings that took place during ECER. Most of the discussion was on ECER, but also on the election process for link convenors. Link Convenors did approve of the new guidelines especially for the transparency, however asked for a longer transition period.

For the new link convenor of the Emerging Researchers' Group, a different procedure applies, as he/she is also a co-opted council member and need confirmation by council. In order to start the shadowing phase of Patricia Fidalgo successor as soon as possible, Council was asked to accept an approval of the candidate via email. That would allow the successful candidate to start shadowing in December, and not only in March after the next Council Meeting. However, in March, it would be put on the agenda again, for a formal approval. Council agreed to this procedure.

Timeline: Application by the end of October, interviews per skype early in November.

Jani Ursin reported further that networks were happy with the interactive poster sessions in their session rooms, even when mixing posters and papers. Also generally they considered ECER sessions being of good quality with good audience. The Conference App was generally well received, while there were in fact some problems with the updates.

The link convenors supported the initiative of EERJ on the refugee crisis, but also asked for a clearer statement from EERA directly.

While most conference rooms where 40 pax and more there were a handful of smaller rooms and convenors asked to avoid rooms with 20 or less capacity.

The timing of session 14 was also referred to in the network reports, because of its difficult schedule after the central events on Friday, just before the closing ceremony. Someone even heard it being called the graveyard session, and one council member reported on her own presentation this year in this session, with only the other presenters as audience. The convenors asked whether it would be an option to schedule the central events on Friday after session 14. Then it could be tried to invite important guests to the Central Events in order to make it more attractive. Alternatively it was suggested to have network sessions 14 as the last session and have there special guests so to attract participants.

One council member said it would be good to make the network meetings longer than one hour, as he felt that newcomers were ignored due to lack of time, and networking not easily possible there.

7 EERJ

The EERJ editors reported on the change of the EERJ Moot to a new topic reflecting the refugee crisis and its effect on Educational Researchers. The EERA networks were asked to also reflect on that issue, and to send their notes to EERJ, which were then also discussed in the Moot. This led to the development of four statements, of which one key statement was brought to Council, in order to suggest it as an official EERA statement. The tabled statement was discussed by Council and a working group amended it during the lunch break. Council approved of the new, stronger and more focused statement and of the actions planned to be taken.

In their general report, the editors informed Council that they are currently in a transition period, with the new board, a new publisher as well as new technology. The new submission platform has not yet been in use long enough to report on statistics like rejection rate etc, but this will be done at the next meeting. The journal is doing well, and the visibility has increased thanks to the new publisher. Sage however suggested waiting some longer before applying for a listing in the Social Sciences Citation Index. There is only one concern from the board with regard to the new publisher: the email list is now shorter, and people have to apply deliberately for receiving the information emails on new issues. EERA Office agreed to send out an invitation to all participants. EERJ is currently working on a form for submitting interest for special issues. EERJ plans to have two open calls for EERJ per year, one topic related, one theory related.

In April, the editors will meet the EERA networks during the Network Seminar in Berlin.

The EERJ Board decided that the ERC Best Paper would, in future, go through the normal review process, with the normal criteria for rejection, but that the author would get more detailed and supportive feedback. They also thought about not mentioning any longer that it was an Emerging Researcher's paper, i.e. not even mention the Best Paper award, as this might lead to less interest from the established researchers. This was discussed in Council, and the general feeling was that this would take away the importance of winning this prize, and also make the ERG less visible. The best paper prize could however be mentioned in a footnote or in a description on the author, instead of placing the paper in a special category, as it used to be.

Sage offered the possibility to publish an additional Virtual Special Issue, using articles from the archives.

Theo Wubbels thanked the EERJ editors for the dynamics during ECER, for the broad discussions started thanks to their efforts with regard to the refugee crisis, and also for their huge efforts on setting up the journal in a new context.

8 Strategies

8.1 Report Working Group Ethical Guideline

Georg Head reported on the working group on ethical guidelines, who had analyzed various documents and developed a skeleton for what any ethical guidelines should reflect. Writing full guidelines was not the original task of the working group, reminded Georg. Also other actors are working on the same issues currently, e.g. "Science Europe", but also AERA – so maybe their expertise could be borrowed.

While it was agreed that the WG could not come up with a full new set of guidelines it would be interesting to have more overview on different practices and regulations throughout Europe. The group might produce a questionnaire to be circulated before the March council meeting for an informed discussion in March.

8.2 Report Working Group Prospective Members

Theo Wubbels reported on the "Prospective Members Session" during ECER, where contacts with researchers from Bosnia-Herzegovina were made. Pavel will be in touch with the group.

Also, Theo and Marit met colleagues from Ukraine during ECER, who had already applied for candidate membership.

8.3 Publications

Herbert gave an overview of the developments in EERA's work on publications on behalf of the WG on publications: two networks have applied for projects to strengthen existing links between journals and networks, a third one is expected.

For EERA the WG proposes a first roadmap for two central activities, which were discussed in the June council meeting – a review journal and a series of books focussing on specific topics. Council welcomed these projects and widely shared the idea that there is a market for both. Both activities were seen as apt to promote EERA and offer publication options to ECER presenters. It was also stressed that the new journal should be carefully profiled and that attention needs to be paid for the peer reviewing process for journal and book series. The EERJ Editors reminded Council that new EERA publication activities should not be in competition with EERJ. Networks who work on a book could possibly also develop a special issue for EERJ. Theo suggested that an EERJ board member could be part of the editorial board of the book series and stressed that EERJ is seen as the flagship journal of EERA, but that there was room for additional new publication strands.

The working group will continue the planning processes in consultation with EERJ; first information may go out to networks soon after the council meeting.

8.4 Evaluation of the Studia Paedagogica Agreement

Patricia Fidalgo and Petr Novotny reported on the cooperation between Studia Paedagogica and the Emerging Researchers Group. Outstanding papers presented at the Emerging Researchers conference are invited to being published in the annual English Volume of Studia Paedagogica. Two articles were published in 2014, two further have been invited in 2015. Petr Novotny, picking up discussions if the Best Paper publication should be labelled as such, pointed out that the table of contents would label these papers as Emerging Researchers Papers. Council thanked the ER-Group and Petr Novotny. Cooperation will be carried on.

9 Visibility: work with ISE, EASSH, WERA

9.1 EASSH

EASSH will have a next meeting in October. It is now an official association under French law, and 80 associations were invited to become members. The fee was chosen to be low in order to be inclusive.

9.2 ISE

ISE will have a midterm evaluation meeting on H2020, where Theo will participate. EERA is along with the European Sociological Association the representation of SSH there.

The EERA session on SSH and European funding has shown that if EERA wants to have a voice in EU, the results and offers of educational research need to be presented and shown better, which would ask for more policy orientation. The question if EERA should engage more in this and if yes how it is to be achieved will be put on the agenda of the March meeting.

10 Budget

10.1 Budget outlook 2015

Herbert Altrichter reported on the current figures and on the outlook of the budget. The two council members who had looked into the figures reported once more that these are very transparent and clear.

Council approved of the budget for 2015.

10.2 Budget proposal 2016

Also the Budget proposal for 2016 was approved by Council.

11 Members: Application and Reports

11.1 Application Croatia Full Membership

Council accepted the full membership of Croatia (Croatian Educational Research Association).

11.2 Candidate members: Russia and Ukraine

Russia:

A group of researchers has applied for candidate membership for Moscow State University of Psychology and Education. They have already taken first steps towards building up an association (like drafting a constitution.) Some council members were concerned if given that the founding group of researchers were based in a municipal university, the association would later include all Russia. The candidate membership was however accepted.

Ukraine:

The Candidate Membership of Ivan Franko State Pedagogical University was accepted.

11.3 Members Report: Kazakhstan

Practitioners can become members, as teachers can bring new ideas from their daily work. The members need to be connected to education or educational research. The number of publications increased so considerably in the last years because you need to publish internationally to be granted a PhD.

12 Next Meetings

18 – 19 March Berlin (both days 9.00-17.00h)

13 AOB

The Roma Education Fund, located in Budapest, had 10 papers presented at ECER, they would be interested in connecting better with EERA. They could for example do something in Dublin, like an EERA session also including the travellers issue in Ireland.