Minutes
EERA Council Meeting March 2019
15/16 March 2019, Berlin (2 full days)
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Attending:

Name	Association
Ana Kozina	The Slovenian Educational Research Association (SLODRE)
Andreas Hadjar	University of Luxembourg (Candidate)
Angelika Wegscheider	EERA Office
Anna Aleksanyan	Educational Research Armenian Society (ERAS)
Arnaud Dubois	Association des Enseignants et Chercheurs en Sciences de l'Education (AECSE)
Bernardo Canha	Centro de Investigação, Difusão e Intervenção Educacional (CIDInE)
Branislava Baranovic	Croatian Educational Research Association (CERA)
Daniela Preis	EERA Office
Dragica Pavlović Babic	Educational Research Association of Serbia (DIOS)
Eduardo García-Jiménez	Asociación Interuniversitaria de Investigación Pedagógica (AIDIPE)
Elisabetta Biffi	Società Italiana di Pedagogia (SIPED)
Enda Donlon	Educational Studies Association of Ireland (ESAI)
Eric Mangez	Association des chercheurs belges francophones en éducation (ABCéduc)
Erich Svecnik	Österreichische Gesellschaft für Forschung und Entwicklung im Bildungswesen (OEFEB)
Eva Hultin	Nordic Educational Research Association (NERA)
George Head	Emerging Researchers' Group
Gonzalo Jover	Sociedad Española de Pedagogía (SEP)
Herbert Altrichter	EERA Treasurer
Huseyin Uzunboylu	Cyprus Educational Sciences Association (KEB-DER)
Iouri Zagoumennov	Belarus National Association "Innovations in Education" (IE)
Isabelle Mili	Swiss Society for Research in Education (SSRE)
Jana Poláchová Vašťatková	Česká asociace pedagogického výzkumu (ČAPV)
Jani Ursin	EERA Networks' Representative on Council
Joanna Madalińska-Michalak	Polskie Towarzystwo Pedagogiczne (PTP)
Joe O'Hara	EERA President
Julianna Mrazik	Hungarian Educational Research Association (HERA)
Kadir Beycioğlu	Educational Administration Research and Development Association (EARDA)
Karmen Trasberg	Estonian Academic Research Association (EAPS)
Katrin Schönert	Universität Hamburg, LOC 2019
Liudmila Rupšienė	Lithuanian Academic Educational Association (LERA)
Lucian Ion Ciolan	Romanian Educational Research Association (ARCE)
Marco Rieckmann	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft (DGfE)
Maria Pacheco Figueiredo	EERA Secretary General
Mhairi Beaton	British Educational Research Association (BERA)

Milosh M. Raykov	Malta Educational Research Association (MERA)
Mustafa Yunus Eryaman	Turkish Educational Research Association (EAB)
Oksana Zabolotna	Ukrainian Educational Research Association (UERA)
Paulina Korsnakova	Slovak Educational Research Society (SERS)
Petra Grell	EERA Networks' Representative on Council Elect
Rossi Simeonova	Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Education (Candidate)
Saneeya Qureshi	Emerging Researchers' Group
Satu Perälä-Littunen	Finnish Educational Research Association (FERA)
Sofia Marques da Silva	Sociedade Portuguesa de Ciências da Educação (SPCE)
Stephen McKinney	Scottish Educational Research Association (SERA)

1. Apologies and Welcome of New Members

Joe O'Hara informed Council that Arcady Margolis and Wilfried Admiraal sent their apologies for this meeting. He also welcomed the new members Mhairi Beaton, Rossi Simeonova and Bernardo Canha.

2. Introduction to New AGENDA [For Information]

Joe introduced the new agenda categorising all items in For Information, Decision etc. Council welcomed the new structure and did not ask for any changes.

3. Confirmation of Minutes [Decision]

Council confirmed the minutes without changes.

4. ECER 2019

4.1 General Report: Submission numbers, EERA Workshops [Information]

Angelika presented first numbers for ECER which attracted with 2519 submission (exl. ERC/including the network meetings) a little less submissions than ECER 2018 (2631) but still more than the historically large ECER 2015/WERA Focal 2015.

Submission Formats

Paper	2149
Poster	135
Ignite Talk (20 slides in 5 minutes)	32
Video	6
Research Workshop	33
Panel Discussion	15
Symposium	143
Long Paper	6
	2519

The main structure of submission nr remains the same. However Ignite Talks, which were previously featured as Pecha Kucha saw an increase from 13 to 32.

Reviewers
720 reviewers from 50 countries are engaged in the ECER/ERC 2019 reviewing.

EERA Workshops

4 networks handed in workshops for Tuesday morning

4.2   LOC Report [Information]

Katrin Schönert from Universität Hamburg reported on the status of ECER preparations, e.g. on the social event on the Thursday, which is planned to take place in Millerntor Stadium, of the football club St Pauli. It will be on a self-paying basis but thanks to lots of sponsoring, the amount per person will only be 25 €. Another interesting plan they have is a student's seminar on sustainability, where they develop new ideas for ECER. There will also be an event ticket for German trains. EERA Council thanked LOC for their efforts in attracting additional financial support for ECER 2019.

4.3   EERA Sessions [Discussion/Decision]

The reviewing committee will be Joe O'Hara, Maria P. Figueiredo, Isabelle Mili, Karmen Trasberg, Kadir Beycioglu and one colleague from LOC 2020. The plan is that the committee remains stable for several years in order to grant stable criteria.

4.4   Chairing Keynotes [Decision]

Wed, 11:00 - 12:00   D. Lenzen: LOC, Ingrid Gogolin
Wed, 11:00 - 12:00   H. Lotz-Sistka: LOC, Angelika Paseka
Wed, 11:00 - 12:00   D. Van Damme: EERA Council, Paulina Korsnakova
Thurs, 11:00 - 12:00   K Block: LOC, Drorit Lengyel
Thurs, 11:00 - 12:00   A. Wals: EERA Council, Stephen McKinney
Thurs, 11:00 - 12:00   A. Scheunpflug: EERA Council, Marco Rieckmann

4.5   Associations' Meet and Greet:

DGfE as this year's host, SERA as next year's host, EAB, CAPV, OEFEB tbc, LuxERA tbc.

4.6   Committee Poster Award [Decision]

Jury 2018 was: Joanna Madalińska-Michalak, Svitlana Shchudlo, Jana Poláchová Vašťatková, Kadir Beycioglu and Wilfried Admiraal.
Volunteers 2019: Kadir and Joanna will join again, additionally Eduardo Garcia Jimenez and Dragica Pavlovic Babic.

5. Future ECERS

5.1   ECER 2020, Glasgow

5.1.1 Theme [Decision]

"Educational Research (Re)connecting Communities" confirmed by Council.

5.1.2 Keynote Speakers [Decision]

The keynote speakers as shortlisted by the working group were confirmed by Council.

5.1.3 Leaflet

George Head reported on the idea not to have a classic leaflet but to go for a virtual leaflet. Council was not completely in favour of this, as the regular participants are used to finding something on the next ECER in their conference bag. A compromise could be to have

something longer lasting than a leaflet, e.g. a book mark on ECER 2020, with a QR code on it, leading to a video and info on the conference.

5.1.4 General Report LOC

Stephen McKinney shared with Council the current developments for ECER 2020.

5.2 ECER 2021, Geneva

5.2.1 First Ideas for Theme [Information]

Isabelle Mili showed a first draft of a possible theme to Council.

One question from Council was what the difference between education and teaching is. The answer was that this is exactly what the theme tries to look at, as these concepts are used and understood in different ways throughout Europe. The theme was seen as somehow provocative, which is good for attracting people. Council suggested taking the very different theoretical backgrounds across Europe into account when (re)writing the text. And also that the networks have very different foci, and that not all of them deal with formal education.

5.2.2 Set up Scientific Committee [Decision]

The scientific committee for ECER 2021 will be Joe, Maria, Petra, one EERJ representative, Isabelle Milli for LOC 2021, Saneeya, Anna Aleksanyan and Kadir Beycioglu.

5.3 Bids as of 2022:

5.3.1 Cyprus

Joe report on the challenges the EERA practice of having national/regional associations co-operate when hosting an ECER in their country poses for a potential ECER in Cyprus.
While bids for hosting an ECER come from Universities, they usually need to be backed by national associations. In the case of Cyprus the two associations had had some meetings, but did until now not finish their discussions. Joe therefore encouraged the two associations to support a common ECER (ECER 2023 or later) with a joint LOC but at one conference-venue, possibly on the basis of the already submitted proposal from the University of Nikosia.
He hoped that this can be finalised before the next council meeting and suggested that Council might need to decide if the basic principle of having national/regional associations cooperate (if there are more than one in a country/region) needs to be reconsidered.

5.3.2 Armenia

Joe and Angelika reported on the visit to Armenia and informed Council that they found that the university premises meet all criteria for hosting an ECER. There are plenty session rooms in one central building; the city also offers enough hotel capacities. The colleagues at the university and the university administration are supportive to the event.
Council confirmed that ECER 2022 may take place in Yerevan, Armenia, if an appropriate contract is reached. EERA executive board will go on negotiating the contract.

5.4 Bids as of 2023

Joe encouraged Council members to consider organising an ECER, as it is a great opportunity for educational research in the country.

6. Publications

6.1 EERJ

6.1.1 Editors Report [Information]

Eric Mangez reported on the latest developments regarding the journal, and showed the numbers of submitted articles, rejection rates, downloads etc. As new editors will soon be elected, he suggested considering a re-organisation of the workload. He thinks that having one head editor and several additional ones amongst whom the work can be spread would be favourable.

Joe thanked him and Maarten Simons for their commitment and the hard work they have been doing over the past years, and he stressed that EERJ is supposed to stay in the centre of EERA's publication strategy.

6.1.2 Nomination Committee EERJ Editors

From the EERJ board Linda Rönnberg and Edwin Keiner will be in the committee, as well as Karmen Trasberg and Petra Grell from Council. The committee will confirm a head of the nomination committee in an online meeting.

6.1.3 Financial Report [Decision]

As some smaller questions could not be cleared before the Council Meeting, the financial report will only be given in Hamburg council.

6.2 Methods Books

Sofia Marques da Silva was glad to inform Council that the editors are well on schedule, and that the book will be launched in September, during the ECER Opening Ceremony. She would however welcome if even more attention could be given to it, e.g. more networks could do something similar to network 19, which will organise a session during ECER around one chapter of the book. The national associations were invited to also organise some sort of national launch of the book, as this would also increase the visibility of EERA in their country.

Lucian Ciolan said that he was glad to have been part of this first book with an EERA Logo on it. The book will also be introduced during ERC, within an input given by Marit Hoveid, and this is especially interesting, as the feedback from emerging researchers is very important.
The flyer on the book should go to all national associations, and WERA will also promote it.

6.3 Book Series

A contract was signed meanwhile with Springer Nature. The book series "Transdisciplinary perspectives in educational research" will publish a minimum of 3 books per year.
The series aims at offering networks the possibility to publish their research.
Joe thanked Jani Ursin for his work with the series at its initial stages.

6.4 Review Journal (Information)

Joe O'Hara informed Council that no publisher could be found for this journal. Several were interested, but they were expecting a level of investment from EERA that exec was not willing to accept. Therefore the suggestion is to pause the project for the time being, and to look into it again later, with different options of publication.

7. Emerging Researchers' Group

7.1 ERC Report [Information]

Saneeya Qureshi reported on the ERG activities since September, e.g. the decision to change the ERC schedule in a way that the keynote is no longer the last session on Tuesday, but that the workshops be placed in parallel with EERA sessions instead. With this change, they hope to attract a larger audience for the keynote.

The survey addressed to former best paper applicants was answered by 40 out of 200 persons invited, of these 40, 19 had been recommended for publishing, and 14 were actually published. The survey brought up some ideas on how to make the feedback process more fruitful to submitters, e.g. by finding reviewers closer to the field of the submitted article. ERC will try to develop ideas on how to include the networks' proficiency in the process.

The bursary process is well on its way, with the results going out end of March.

At this year's ERC, there will be two lunch break events, as the last one was a great success.

Saneeya ended her report with the request to Council to mentor ERC sessions. One council member asked for the possibility to mentor sessions in their own field, which in the past had not always been the case.

7.2 Appointment of ERG Link Convenor [Information]

The applicants will be shortlisted by the nomination committee, they will be interviewed according to that list and in Hamburg, a list of candidates with a preferred one will be presented to Council.

8. External Relationships

8.1 WERA [Information]

Joe will represent EERA in the April WERA council meeting in Toronto. WERA finances and member dues are still an open question. The WERA focal meeting 2019 takes place in Tokyo and some EERA colleagues organised an EERA symposium there.

Again, WERA will organise a symposium as one of the EERA Sessions at ECER 2019.

Yunus shortly reported on the new WERA book series and will ensure information on it goes out to Council.

8.2 EASSH [Information]

While EASSH was not successful in installing education/educational research as one of the missions in Horizon Europe, EASSH was asked to write a policy paper for the commission and EERA is invited to advise on this.

8.3 ISE [Information]

Joe was invited as a board member for ISE and will take on this role.

9. EERA Activities

9.1 Summer School

9.1.1 Report Brno [Information]

Isabelle Mili, Satu Perälä-Littunen and Erich Svecnik would be available to help out with tutoring.

9.1.2 Update Jyväskylä [Information]

Satu introduced the topic for the Summer School 2020 and Council approved of it, as it is applicable to everyone. They will try to find an expert on data protection for one of the courses, as this is an increasingly relevant issue.

9.1.3 New Call [Information]

A new call for "Hosting a Summer School" is out and people are invited to put forward their applications.

9.2 Writing Workshops [Information]

Jani reported on the developments: 3 workshops are already planned for 2019, a cooperation agreement has been set up; the possible support EERA office can give has been agreed upon. So administration and content are well taken care of. Stephen, as one of the workshop tutors, let Council know that they are ready for the first workshop, taking place on Friday after the Council Meeting, the only issue they need to address beforehand is to minimise the agenda. After this first one, they will evaluate their experiences and will develop accordingly. There will also be an evaluation for the participants.

10. Networks

10.1 Network Honorary Members [Decision]

We have received nominations for
Meinert Meyer (NW 27),
Helene Ärlesting (NW26),
Birgit Pepin (NW 24)
Bob Jeffrey (NW 19).
J. Goodmann (NW 17)
Ton Mooj (NW16)

Council approved of these new honorary members.

10.2 Overview Projects [Decision]

Jani gave an overview on which projects were funded recently. The only question from Council was whether there would be an evaluation, and Maria confirmed that the process has already started with the development of a new reporting template. But as that was developed only recently one would need to wait until more projects have been using it.

10.3 Network Reports [Information]

The General Report was postponed to September; networks were asked to report later this year.
Jani updated Council that the psychoanalysis & education group embedded in NW 13, Philosophy of Education, had a special call for this year's ECER, and there are 12 submissions relating to this special call, amongst them 3 Symposia. This can be taken as a good sign.

10.4 New Template [Information]

The office is quite happy with the new way of collecting the network reports, as they come in quicker and are easier to deal with.

10.5 Report Working Group: Support for Networks [Discussion]

Jani described the ideas developed by the working group:
- The networks should be invited more actively to use GoTo Meetings for in between the "physical" meetings.
- They could also meet on the Monday before ECER, and people from low GDP countries could be supported by EERA for that.
- A new line of funding for core group meetings could be established.
- EERA could support special sessions at ECERs.

10.6 Change of Names: NW 01 & NW 08

Jani Ursin explained that name changes for Networks need to follow a procedure including discussions in Council and NW seminar/meeting. He informed council that the network seminar will discuss changes of names for NW 01 and NW 08 in April and that council will discuss/decide in September 2019.

11. Members

11.1 Luxembourg [Decision]

Wilfried Amiraal (absent in the meeting) had checked the application for full membership of LuxERA and sent his report beforehand. He suggested acceptance and Council followed his advice.

11.2 Georgia & Latvia [Information]

Karmen Trasberg had looked at the application as a candidate member from Latvia, and she can recommend accepting them. The application connects four universities; plans to establish an association within two years, many of the colleagues have already been involved in ECERs as participants, reviewers and even link convenors. The only thing she found missing was a detailed plan on what the proposers intend to do within the two years until the planned foundation of the association. Latvia was accepted as candidate members.

Joe reported that Georgian colleagues had indicated they needed some support in setting up an association. Exec will try to arrange a meeting with them at ECER 2019 for that.

12. Office

Angelika Wegscheider updated council on new tasks/procedures in EERA office.
Of those, the archiving project was especially interesting for Council, they wanted to know the goal and the challenges involved.
Angelika reported that there had been a first round of indexing the EERA archive (from the beginning until 2006), but no further indexing has happened since. The plan is to develop a system in order to make files trackable more easily, with the help of keywords in an excel sheet and a new system of naming files etc.
Stephen McKinney stressed the importance to do that, as SERA had difficulties searching their archive to find a complete history for their upcoming anniversary.
Another reason why this is becoming more and more important is that with the help of a good archive, the national associations can prove to policy makers that there is a history and profound developments behind it. And due to the regular changes of the associations' boards, it is even more important to keep files in a structured way in a central place.

Joe suggested that EERA office could share their findings with the national associations, as this may be helpful, not only for the new associations.

13. General Regulations

13.1 Changes & Updates [Decision]

Council agreed that 7.3 be removed from the General Regulations.

13.2 SOPs: Standard Operational Procedures
Scientific Committee [Information]

In order to keep the GR shorter, the SOPs were developed. In addition to the existing Hosting an ECER and Hosting a Summer School, a SOP for the ECER Scientific Committee was developed, putting together the existing working praxis. The next one will be on the Best Paper Process.

14. Communication and Social Media

14.1 Animations

The map showing future ECERs was introduced to Council.
One idea would be to include a direct link to the respective ECER website in the image. This can be done via the app thinklink.
The updated screen saver for ECER 2019 was also displayed and discussed. There was a discussion on taking photos of slides for private documentation and if that should be mentioned in addition to social media. This should at least be addressed at the Opening Ceremony. A general No to taking photos of slides would be difficult, as language gaps can be closed with photos from the slides. Instead, presenters should be encouraged to say if they don't want it.

14.2 Network Videos [Information]

As decided earlier, EERA will invest some money in order to replace the network interviews that have been on the website since 2010 and 2011. The same team was asked to produce new interviews, which will happen during the Network Seminar in April and during ECER 2019. They will do everything technical but also the interviews themselves. They don't want the interviewees to have all the questions in advance, to avoid scripted and stiff answers. Someone from Council recommended that interviewees get at least an overview of the questions and themes that will be addressed, in order to get prepared. The question arose whether Council should also be interviewed, as this would also increase visibility.

15. Elections

Elections of Secretary General [Formal Vote]
Maria Figueiredo was re-elected unanimously.

16. Finances

16.1 Budget Checkers

Saneeya, Satu and Stephen had already volunteered at the September Council Meeting to act as checkers for the 2019 EERA Budget.

16.2 Negative Interests

Herbert Altrichter reported on investigations with respect to avoiding negative interests. A possibility is investing parts of the savings in bonds with a 100% capital guarantee, i.e. after six years, EERA would be sure to receive the full money back while getting (moderate) interest in between and avoiding negative interest on money resting on standard banking accounts.
A general discussion started whether the effort was worth it for the relatively low sum of 1.600 € per annum that could be saved. It was asked what the cost might be if the money was needed before the end of the guaranteed time, and whether EERA savings could be reduced instead. Herbert explained that it was EERA's strategy, based on a council decision to have one year's expenses as savings and argued that this should not be changed. Someone from Council agreed as these savings guarantee continuity and safety of the organisation, if money is needed for office costs etc even if an ECER cannot take place.
After collecting more data (such as the annual sum needed for all expenses etc) the issue will be addressed again in September.

16.3 Fee Structure

Marco Rieckmann was asked by the board of GERA/DGfE to express their discontent regarding the new fee structure. GERA/DGfE sees the need of creating a more equitable memberships fees structure. Thus GERA is willing to increase its financial contribution to EERA. However, before GERA/DGfE paid 800 Euro, now it is 3653 Euro. This is an increase of 457 %. The share of membership fees in the total EERA budget is extremely low - less than 1.5% in 2017. So basically EERA does not depend on the memberships fees, and there is no strong need for higher membership fees. However, 3653 Euro is a significant sum for GERA/DGfE. Furthermore, Ttwo Two issues were raised: (1) GERA was not present at the Council Meeting when the new fee structure was decided. Additionally, there was a change of president in the meantime. (2) GERA/DGfE is heavily affected by the change in the fee structure which was not planned in in their annual budgets. They see it as unfair that the structure now works according to two systems, a fixed fee for three of the groups, and a fee based on member numbers only for the largest associations. He also argued that nationalities most present at ECERs bring considerable income to ECER, and Germany was on rank three in participation numbers.

Kommentar [W1]: Amendments suggested by DGfE

In the discussion several council members stated that if the fee structure is re-discussed, then this should be for 2020, not for 2019 as the Council as governing body has taken a decision which would need to be carried out. It was also argued that - while EERA member fees may not be of huge financial interest to EERA - they would be important for the corporate spirit of the association.
While it may be seen as strange that different systems apply to very large associations, it would also need to be taken into account that all associations should be paying a fee, which also signals some kind of effort with being an EERA member
The general feeling was that fees should relate to the size of the association. While the new fee structure certainly increases the absolute amount of contributions of 'very large associations', it brings their fee in line with what other associations are contributing (and, in fact, their relative contribution under the new regulation is in no case higher than that of other associations). The new fee structure may be based on "two systems", but it is better related to the actual size of associations. A fixed sum per member for all groups would not be feasible, as banking transfer costs may be higher than membership fees for small Low GDP associations.
Herbert Altrichter concluded that it would be difficult to find a solution at the moment and said that if needed and if better proposals arise, the fee structure may be re-discussed in September. He signalled understanding for GERA/DGfE not being able to pay the full fees for

the near future, as they had not been able to plan new fees in when budgeting for 2019, and invited GERA/DGfE to come forward with proposals.

17. AOB

18. Next Meetings

7/8 September 2019, Hamburg (1,5 days)
20/21 March 2020, Berlin (2 full days)
29/30 August 2020, Glasgow (1,5 days)
12/13 March 2021 Berlin, (2 full days)

19. Working Groups

19.1 EERA Blog

Council members fed back on the draft paper for an EERA Blog and the ideas will be incorporated into the document.

19.2 Open Access Strategy

Council members fed back on the draft paper for an EERA Open Access Strategy and the ideas will be incorporated into the document.

19.3 World Café Groups on EERA Strategy:

19.3.1 Visibility

Notes:
- Representative of Council could come to national conferences to present EERA, or at least do some presentation virtually.
- Educating new researchers
- Constitute European data file, lack of database on European level, link with NWs
- Mediators, people to talk to large audience.

19.3.2 EERA and Wider World

Notes:
- All three objectives should be addressed
- Talking to external stakeholders
- ERG
- Extra section: how to communicate the robust findings

19.3.3 Relationships

Notes:
- National associations could invite representatives from networks to their conferences
- Organise sessions with invited ECRs (verstehen die Abkürzung nicht mehr…??)
- Perhaps Council is less interesting to national associations than the networks.
- One issue could be that the national associations use their native language and English could be a problem.
- Who pays?

- Strong link between SERA, BERA and ESAI, thanks to a joint early career seminar and meetings taking place twice a year. But it would also be interesting to look beyond own neighbours and see how to connect with associations further away.

19.3.4 Networks

- Scientific debate more visible in networks
- Encourage collaborations beyond joint sessions and also publications
- On website more publications on professional development
- Collect data on Facebook accounts, own websites etc of networks.

19.3.5 Quality Educational…

- International research NWs, could we have that in EERA?
- Seniors and emerging researchers from a variety of countries working on research, with pre-fixed milestones (such as a paper at ECER after one year, and article after two years etc)
- Open access cloud, ethical issues and quality
- Evidence-based policy making, how to combine with democratic thinking?

19.3.6 Publications

- Open access journal – Is it possible, is it wanted, who would pay for it?
- New book series? National perspectives? Needed?
- National reports on educational research on the website, as conferences, journals etc.