

## Minutes of the EERA Council Meeting in Bolzano 8 and 9 September 2018

### Attendees

First Name	Last 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 Center (ERAC)
Arnaud	Dubois	Association des Enseignants et Chercheurs en Sciences de l'Education (AECSE)
Barbara	Gross	LOC 2018
Branislava	Baranovic	Croatian Educational Research Association (CERA)
Christina	Gaats	LOC 2019
Daniela	Preis	EERA Office
Dragica	Pavlović Babić	Educational Research Association of Serbia (DIOS/ehemals_ERAS)
Eduardo	García-Jiménez	Asociación Interuniversitaria de Investigación Pedagógica (AIDIPE)
Edwin	Keiner	LOC 2018
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)
Gemma	Moss	British Educational Research Association (BERA)
George	Head	Emerging Researchers' Group Senior Mentor
Gonzalo	Jover	Sociedad Espanola de Pedagogia (SEP)
Hannes	Hell	LOC 2018
Helen	Phtiaka	Cyprus Pedagogical Association (CPA)
Herbert	Altrichter	EERA Treasurer
Isabelle	Mili	Swiss Society for Research in Education (SSRE)
Jana	Poláková Vašátková	Česká asociace pedagogického výzkumu (ČAPV)
Jani	Ursin	EERA Networks' Representative on Council
Joanna	Madalińska-Michalak	Polskie Towarzystwo Pedagogiczne (PTP)
Joe	O'Hara	EERA President Elect / President
Julianna	Mrazik	Hungarian Educational Research Association (HERA)
Kadir	Beycioğlu	Educational Administration Research and Development Association (EARDA)
Karmen	Trasberg	Estonian Academic Research Association (EAPS)
Liudmila	Rupšienė	Lithuanian Academic Educational Association (LERA)
Lucian Ion	Ciolan	Romanian Educational Research Association (ARCE)
Maarten	Simons	European Educational Research Journal
Marco	Rieckmann	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft (DGfE)
Maren	Minuth	LOC 2019
Maria Pacheco	Figueiredo	EERA Secretary General
Mustafa Yunus	Eryaman	Turkish Educational Research Association (EAB)
Paulina	Korsnakova	Slovenská pedagogická spoločnosť (SPAEDS)

Petra	Grell	EERA Networks' Representative on Council Elect
Petr	Novotný	Organiser EERA Summer School 2018/2019
Saneeya	Qureshi	Emerging Researchers' Group
Satu	Perälä-Littunen	Suomen kasvatustieteellinen seura
Siarhei	Zenchanka	Belarus National Association "Innovations in Education" (IE)
Sofia	Marques da Silva	Sociedade Portuguesa de Ciências da Educação (SPCE)
Stephen	McKinney	Scottish Educational Research Association (SERA)
Svitlana	Shchudlo	Ukrainian Educational Research Association (UERA)
Theo	Wubbels	EERA President
Wilfried	Admiraal	Vereniging voor Onderwijs Research (VOR)

## 1 Apologies and Welcome of New Members

Theo Wubbels welcomed the new council members Eva Hultin, Enda Donlon and Liudmila Rupšienė. He also welcomed Siarhei Zenchanka, who replaced Nikolai Gorbachev from Belarus. Husseyin Uzunboylu and Milosh Raykov sent their apologies.

## 2 Confirmation of Minutes

Council confirmed the minutes of the March 2018 meeting.

## 3 Reports & Exculpations

### 3.1 Secretary General – Report in Preparation Material

After her report, Maria Pacheco Figueiredo was exculpated by Council.

### 3.2 Treasurer 2017: oral report – Oral Report and Presentation

Herbert Altrichter reported on the financial results 2017 and on the audit report. As in previous years the official auditor had confirmed the correctness of the book keeping and two council members (Karmen Trasberg and Andreas Hadjar) had taken a deeper look into the EERA finances in a meeting during ECER. They supported the report of the treasurer.

A council member noted that WERA costs more membership fee than what EERA earns of its own membership fees. Herbert confirmed and told Council about a meeting that took place during ECER, addressing this issue, and that later during this council meeting, it would be addressed again. Another question was on the personal liability of a council member, as in their country, the council members are also liable with their private assets. In EERA Council Members are not liable (as Council is the equivalent to the Annual Member Assembly), but Exec Members are (as EERA exec is the equivalent to the "Council" in other associations) EERA has an insurance covering all losses, and exec would only be liable in case of fraud.

Herbert Altrichter was exculpated by Council.

### 3.3 President– Report in Preparation Material

Theo Wubbels gave his final report and reflected how much EERA is based on collaboration. He thanked the EERA council and current and previous members of the Exec. After Theo's oral report, he was exculpated by Council, and Joe O'Hara thanked him for his long commitment to EERA. After standing ovations by Council Theo Wubbels left the room, and Joe O'Hara took on the role of President.

## 4 ECER 2018 Review

### 4.1 LOC review

Edwin Keiner gave a general review on ECER 2018. He was very satisfied with the conference, and thanked his colleagues for their great work, Council for getting the chance to host ECER, and EERA Office

for the good cooperation. Hannes Hell reported on the logistical organisation of ECER, and also communicated a very positive impression of the whole event. Barbara Gross gave her perspective on the academic part of the conference, and stressed the very positive experience with having had refugees as volunteers. They were very committed and happy to be part of ECER. They welcomed the idea that elements of the 2018 will be developed in the theme for 2019. They also recommended considering going to smaller towns from time to time, because people were really happy with this aspect in the end. A council member suggested that the issues was not with the small town itself, but the fact that many people did not find a hotel room in town. For this reason transport was rather difficult for these people, not allowing them to be there at 9:00 for the first session, or staying late enough for the social events. Joe O'Hara thanked LOC 2018 for an excellent conference.

#### **4.2 Networks feedback**

Jani Ursin reported on the outcome of the short survey for link convenors. First of all, he was pleased that almost all link convenors had done the survey, only two were missing. He then grouped the outcomes in three categories:

- A) Academic: mostly positive feedback, apart from the late cancellations, no shows, and that a few native speakers didn't speak slowly enough for the non-natives.
- B) Organisational: Bolzano was considered a wonderful city, however the fact that it was difficult to get there was mentioned several times. As usual, some networks were not happy with their rooms, be it because the blinds didn't work so that the presentations were hard to be seen, or because they were in the castle, which was nice in itself, but too far away from the main venue, so that they felt left out. Many link convenors found the app very helpful, but the search by networks would be an important amendment for the future.
- C) Overall impression: the atmosphere was very relaxed, both at the venue and in the city itself. The students and IT people were always ready to help and were very friendly. The social events were highly praised, as well as the idea to leave leftovers on the tables after the coffee break.

One council member said all sessions she had been to, were of high quality, with good presentations. And despite the amount of organisational work, joint sessions are worth the effort. Someone else thanked LOC and SIPED for finally enabling an ECER in Italy, after many years of trying to organise this.

#### **4.3 Office report**

EERA Office reported that at the EERA Desk no major issues came up during the conference, which always is a good sign that things were running well. Office and LOC had tried out various new services at ECER 2018 (preselling lunch vouchers, offering child care, preregistration for ERC Social and Council Invited Reception). Experiences from 2018 will be reviewed and developed and can where appropriate be taken to future events.

#### **4.4 ERG report**

Saneeya Qureshi also thanked LOC for the good communication, and for the contact with senior academics at the social and the lunch break events. This model was received so positively by the participants that it is planned to continue it next year. Each of the local academics were in discussion with five or six ERC participants, this was a very good ice breaker. Overall she received very positive comments, the presenters were well prepared, and there were stronger links between ERG and the networks, thanks to mentoring, and because many networks reserved time for Emerging Researchers at their own network meetings.

As usual, the ERC was kind of a pilot for ECER, where minor logistical issues had to be solved for the first time. One Network Workshop had to be cancelled, and the focus of the networking workshop was maybe more helpful for participants from particular backgrounds. The other two workshops were packed, as usual, and well received. Also the mentoring of reviewers was a positive experience, and will continue next year. Saneeya expressed her thanks to Council for mentoring beforehand, reviewing and mentoring sessions.

George Head added that it was a pity that there was less audience for the ERC Keynote than hoped for, because it was in parallel to ECER sessions. He suggested that it might make sense to consider re-structuring this element of the Conference.

#### **4.5 Results from Short Questionnaire**

When the results were prepared for the Council Meeting, 500 participants had already answered. The averages on the three questions were: 3.8 for the quality (out of 5), 4.2 for the organisation and 4.4 for recommendation. These results did not change after the close of the survey (970 people had answered).

## **5 Upcoming ECERs**

### **5.1 2019 – Hamburg**

Christina Gaats, the event manager from University of Hamburg responsible for ECER, reported on the status quo of the preparations, e.g. on the social events, sponsorship efforts and so on. The ERC social will probably be hosted on a party boat, the ECER welcome on Tuesday at the university court with a tent as rain option.

### **5.2 2020 – Glasgow theme**

It was commented that the theme was similar to Hamburg, but with a darker tone to it. Some specific suggestions were made including the placement of the (Re) could be put in brackets, to open the topic. The focus could be more on why it is important to work together, including hope rather than warning of doom.

Shortening the first and extend the second paragraph would stress the connection and need for partnership.

The difference to Hamburg's theme should be clearer by changing the emphasis. The local situation, with Brexit and the possibly resulting independence could be more taken into account. One council member asked for Spain to be taken out of the text. LOC confirmed. IT was confirmed that the Scientific Committee would meet during the Council meeting to develop the theme further.

### **5.3 2021 – Geneva**

In a meeting during ECER 2018, the final open question for ECER 2021 in Geneva was resolved and the contract is now ready to be signed. Geneva will see a different conference structure with the Emerging Researchers Conference on Friday and Saturday, the Council Meeting on Sunday and ECER taking place from Monday to Thursday, followed by a second Council Meeting on Friday."

### **5.4 Bids for 2022**

#### **5.4.1 2022: Cyprus – University of Nicosia**

Helen Phtiaka presented the bid from University of Nicosia for ECER 2022. University of Nicosia offers a very well equipped and modern University Campus, which could host all ECER activities. The campus is well connected to the city centre with busses (15 minutes); additional shuttle buses could be considered for the peak times. Nicosia has a broad range of accommodation and splendid tourist facilities; the university would team up with an experienced international conference management company. Council welcomed the bid from University of Nicosia, and reminded of the need to involve the two Cyprus associations in further developments.

#### **5.4.2 2022: Iceland – proposal**

Joe O'Hara explained that Iceland had handed in a bid, including a first budget and possible dates. The dates were however too early in August, so Exec will feed back to Iceland both on dates and questions on the budget and see if a later year and a later time in August would also be possible.

#### 5.4.3 2022: Armenia – Yerevan State University

Anna Alexanian presented the bid of Yerevan State University for ECER 2022, indicating to have plenty of conference rooms and a team who had already organised several conferences. She stated that YSU was specifically bidding for ECER 2022 as the conference would then mark the end of the anniversary celebrations of the university/faculty. Organizing ECER at Yerevan State University would enable the participation of researchers from Eastern European Partnership countries, which are usually unable to attend the conferences, due to travel costs: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine, as well as Russia. She pointed out that hosting ECER in the east of Europe would be a very specific contribution to the development, building of international ties and establishment of cooperation of educational researchers from post-Soviet countries.

Joe thanked both Helen and Anna for their presentations and explained that Exec will keep on working with both proposals. For both applications, Cyprus and Armenia, visa issues should be taken into consideration, as Turkish researchers from universities may have special constraints regarding visa for these two countries. The bids will be re-discussed in March.

## 6 ERG Related

### 6.1 ERG Report

Saneeya reported on the Emerging Researchers Conferences and activities. She thanked all supporters and indicated that support will again be needed for 2019.

George Head stated he was pleased with the standard of Best Paper applications, but several did not resubmit their paper for the second round of reviewing due to lack of time because of new jobs etc. He also praised Saneeya for how she has managed to make the co-convenors a real team, they work well together and contribute a lot.

Joe thanked both for their efforts and stressed that the successful ERC showed their great work.

### 6.2 Nomination committee new link convenor ERG

Saneeya's term as link convenor of ERG is coming to an end. The selection process of a new link convenor will start in January with a letter to emerging researchers, inviting them to apply. The committee consists of Satu (as shadowing Senior Mentor) and networks representative on council Jani Ursin. Should the committee feel a representative of the Emerging Researchers Convenors Group may also be invited.

## 7 EERA Publications

### 7.1 EERJ Editors report

#### 7.1.1 Report on financial evaluation

On behalf of the evaluation committee (Karmen Trasberg, Andreas Hadjar, Herbert Altrichter) Herbert Altrichter reported on the financial evaluation of EERJ which was due to happen in the third year of the new contract and structures with SAGE. According to the general regulations of EERA 7.1.7 the task of the group is "to evaluate whether the annual amount of € 9.000,- [now: € 9500,-] and the related funding procedure correspond to the journal's needs". A preliminary version of the report by the evaluation committee was discussed with the EERJ-editors (Eric Mangez, Maarten Simons) during ECER 2018. The final report was presented to Council and includes the following "Evaluation and recommendations":

"The evaluation committee concludes that the financial report provided by the EERJ editors is appropriate and sufficiently comprehensive. The categories used in the report are adequate. The overall amount spent is in line with what is provided in the EERA general regulation. The spending is appropriate for the management and the further advancement of the journal and in line with the general mission of EERJ and EERA.

The evaluation committee recommends the following decisions to EERA council:

- (1) The EERJ financial report for 2017 is accepted. The council thanks the editors for the work put into the development of EERJ.
- (2) In general, the financing procedures with regard to EERJ as laid down in the general regulations are to be continued. EERJ editors will have an annual amount of € 9500,-- at their disposal for running and promoting the Journal. They will give a financial report by February 1st of the following year.
- (3) For special EERJ projects (e.g. promotion of the journal, special editorial projects) additional funding can be applied for; the procedures for the network funding will be used for such projects.
- (4) The regulations with respect to EERJ spending are clarified:
  - (4.1) Up to 10% of the EERJ budget may be spent for books which will be used to support the editors in their editorial tasks.
  - (4.2) In recognition of their work for advancing EERJ these books become the property of the editors.
- (5) Some possibilities to make accounting easier for all parties involved have been discussed, e.g. un-receipted per diem subsistence or overheads for office costs (printing), however, have to be further investigated."

The report and its recommendations were accepted by Council.

#### 7.1.2 Report by EERJ Editors

Eric Mangez and Maarten Simons gave a presentation on the development of EERJ, general EERJ activities (reviewing best papers/publishing workshop at ERC/moot) and an outlook on future plans. For the moot they suggested to extend the session to 1.5 hours [stretching into lunch time]) as they would wish for more time to discuss in small groups before opening the floor to a plenary discussion. Joe O'Hara thanked Eric and Maarten for their work and commitment to further develop the journal. Saneeya pointed out that the EERJ Workshop at ERC was again very well received, with a very positive evaluation, especially for its clear and easily comprehensible language. As the editorial mandate for Eric and Maarten comes to an end, the procedure for appointing new editors would need to start. Eric and Maarten indicated their availability and willingness to stay on post and asked for advice on how to proceed in that case. It was decided that Exec would consult the regulations and feedback to EERJ.

#### 7.2 Research methods book

Sofia Marques da Silva reported that 12 out of 14 chapters are ready by now. Deadline for submission is 1 December. The group organised an EERA session during ECER, which was well received and helpful for the process. The book is to be published in 2019, with a launch event during ECER.

#### 7.3 Book series

There was a meeting with a potential publisher during the conference and there are still open questions regarding finances and royalties. Exec and the group of editors are still in negotiations with the publishing house. Meanwhile the 2nd round of reviews for 3 book proposals has been completed with positive results. When the contract is signed, a new call for proposals will be sent out. The current plan is to have 3 books published in 2020.

#### 7.4 Review journal

Some members of the initial editorial group have withdrawn from the process for personal reasons and new editors need to be invited. Exec will build on the initial list of suggestions from Council and NW link Convenors and will, again, consider gender/region balance next to experience. A recent EU statement on the need for open access publishing interfered with the ongoing negotiations with the publisher as their initially intended hybrid model may no longer be feasible.

## 8 External relationships

### 8.1 WERA

Exec reported on a EERA/WERA meeting during ECER, in order to address EERA's concerns on the financial burden of WERA membership fees and the future funding model of WERA. WERA sees EERA as one of the major influences and also financial sources of WERA (see current WERA executive). In order to find new models for funding a WERA committee was set up with Joe as EERA representative. WERA sees itself particularly impacting on the southern hemisphere and argued that also EERA would extend their global reach with WERA membership. As new associations in WERA mostly come from the Global South and are not paying high membership fees, other member associations' fees are needed to compensate that.

Solutions with respect to this issue will not be easy and will not come soon since it is not clear what a different finance model could include. Umbrella associations (such as WERA or EERA) cannot draw on individual memberships (which provide a steady flow of income in big and wealthy countries), but have to rely on institutional membership (which results in small number of members, not all of which are wealthy) and conference fees (which have to be invested into the quality of the conference to a large part, and are also available to associations with individual members).

However, other sources of income will not easy to be found. Other than originally agreed when WERA was founded in Vienna, WERA started to solicit for individual membership and to organize a conference this year in South Africa.

Currently 7 EERA members are also members of WERA.

Yunus Eryaman, Turkish Educational Research Association (EAB) as well as WERA President elect, participated in the meeting during ECER and confirmed that WERA will look into how the communication between WERA, EERA and other member associations can be improved. The double role he and Joanna Madalinska-Michalak will have for the next six years will surely help develop new communication channels. WERA will be celebrating its tenth anniversary next year, and they intend to do this during ECER in Hamburg.

WERA's plans for the future are a book series (EERA Council members were invited to join in), webinars for emerging researchers, also available for EERA emerging researchers, and an online mentorship programme. Once the plans are more concrete, EERA's ERG will also be informed / involved.

A concern of council members was that perceived dominance from Europe and the Western/Northern Hemisphere, and how a voice can be given to those from the Global South. Yunus replied that WERA execs are aware of that. It will be considered to revise the election procedure, e.g. have one vice president from each continent, or similar ideas.

It was agreed that EERA will continue to explore its relationship with WERA and will engage in further discussions in the coming year.

### 8.2 EASSH

The EERA representative was not re-elected into the EASSH exec, but EASSH is facilitating a meeting in Brussels with the Commission, to which Joe is invited. For this it is suggested that EERA needs a paper documenting how education research contributes to/ relates to the 5 areas quoted in H2020. Council was invited to contribute to the paper and a suggestion was made the Theo Wubbels might be in a position to help draft it. Joe agreed to contact Theo in relation to this.

### 8.3 ISE

Joe will meet the ISE board on Sept. 10 in Brussels, a report will follow.

## 9 EERA Summer Schools

### 9.1 Report Brno

Petr Novotný reported on this year's EERA Summer School. There were 63 participants, mostly from EERA member countries, but also from the US and China. Despite the good atmosphere and mostly positive feedback, some parts can be improved next year. Groups may have been too heterogeneous in 2018 for really addressing each participant's need. That means that for 2019, more effort should be put in grouping the people according to their field of research, and whether they have only started or are about to finalise their thesis.

Petr thanked Doretta in EERA office for the wonderful cooperation, for developing supportive procedures, and reminding them when things came in late.

A formal written report is part as part of the budget agreement will be handed in with the financial documentation

### 9.2 Future bids - University of Jyväskylä

Satu Perälä-Littunen introduced the bid for the EERA Summer School 2020/2021. The Faculty of Education and Psychology of the University of Jyväskylä (Finland) and the Finnish Institute for Educational Research (FIER) plus the Finnish Educational Research Association would cooperate in organising the EERA summer school in Jyväskylä 2020 and 2021. Satu also hopes to ensure some co-funding from FERA, which would be decided in a meeting in November. The scope of the summer school is beyond the basics in educational research methodology and the respective themes for 2020 and 2021 are "Research ethics in educational research" and "Impact and social responsibility in educational research". The summer school aims at supporting the students in their endeavour in producing methodologically high quality research and arousing sensitivity to ethical issues as well as sound understanding of the impact of research and awareness of social responsibility. These aims are to be met with the help of high quality student-centred constructivist pedagogy as well as inspiring lectures by high quality key note speakers.

The venue is a modern, well equipped building some 20 minutes' walk from the city centre. Housing is planned in a Summer Hotel, i.e. a students' residence available for tourists during the Summer break (walking distance to the venue). Air travel is possible to Jyväskylä airport, or via Tampere, which is one and a half hours by train, or Helsinki, with 3 hours train ride.

Council welcomed the proposal in principle, but some financial questions still need to be addressed. It was suggested to include the ERG in the organising committee. For information Herbert Altrichter pointed out that the EERA summer school is thought of being "equally" funded by EERA and the hosting partner. EERA funds a summer school with the max of 15.000 Euro annual, additionally provides office work by a member of office attached to the full process of preparing and running a summer school (with a member of office being present at the summer school), and also invests in other services (e.g. conftool). Since recently some applicants seem to find it difficult to provide their share in the equal funding arrangements (instead charges for services, e.g. staff, rooms, are offered), it may be necessary to reconsider EERA regulations for summer school funding.

Exec will prepare an overview of previous budgets/ reports and suggest new regulations. The Jyväskylä bid was approved; some amendments of the financial plan are expected, as the organisers are negotiating additional sponsorship.

## 10 Networks

### 10.1 Oral report

Jani Ursin reported that during the network seminar the title "Capacity building workshops" was discussed, with the resulting suggestion that they be re-named in future to "EERA Workshops". Other items discussed during the network seminar, website and how EERA could further support the networks.

## 10.2 Endorse funding applications

Both applications introduced by Exec are endorsed by Council. NW 02 had handed in a proposal to test e-posters & hybrid presentations during ECER; NW 22 had applied for a series of events linked to ECER and other conferences addressing "(Post) Academic Careers: PhD graduates and Employability in- and outside Academia"

## 10.3 Report from Network Seminar: Results of NW Self Awareness Exercise (see also Minutes of Network Seminar)

A major agenda item on this years' Network Seminar was a "Self Awareness Exercise" which triggered interesting debates and some actions.

- A suggestion was to have information on EERA in all ECER communication. Office is asked to develop a footer for ECER emails explaining in brief what EERA is and stands for.

- Again, meetings in between ECERs were discussed, and whether/under which conditions networks should get support from EERA for these meetings. In order to further discuss this, a working group of LCs has been set up. The Working Group consists of Michael Göhlich, Sofia Marques da Silva, Christine Teelken, Florence Ligozat and Rocia Garcia Carrion.

Council felt that there may be a need for occasional internal/administrative meetings in order to develop a network, e.g. if there are certain milestones or larger changes to be addressed. It was however also noted that until now Network funding is only granted if the activity is open for participants outside the core group of the network however it was acknowledged that this type of development was focused on internal capacity building and that it may be necessary to conceptualise it in a different way.

## 10.4 Templates on reporting

Jani reported that the templates and timelines for network reporting have been shortened and streamlined for 2019 and that networks had reacted positively towards this.

## 10.5 Psychoanalysis & Education: report on nesting within NW Philosophy & Education

During ECER, a meeting with the link convenors on NW 13 (leaving and new), the main representatives from the psychoanalysis "strand" and exec took place. Re-addressing how the psychoanalysis and education strand could nest within NW 13, Philosophy of Education, was necessary as the first year of the experiment was seemingly difficult for both sides. The conclusion was that the nesting would continue for another year, and that NW 13 would have a special call developed by both parties, and that a common symposium would be part of the NW 13 programme next year. A first document outlining the procedures for nesting was prepared by Exec and should serve as support of the process for next year.

# 11 Prospective Members

## 11.1 Bulgaria – candidate member application

Branislava was in charge of looking into Bulgaria's application for candidate membership, and she reported that she was impressed by the faculty's long tradition in teaching and in the field of Education in general. They are 130 years old, and have several important programmes, a very good publishing record, the topics and areas of which are close to EERA's. They already have a very detailed plan for founding an association, so that she is fully supportive of their application. Unfortunately, none of the people from the Bulgarian Association could attend ECER.

They were accepted as candidate members, but the association's acronym should not be BERA.

## 11.2 Georgia

No news since last approach.

## 11.3 Azerbaijan

No news since last approach.

#### 11.4 Latvia

Latvian colleagues have participated in the Prospective Members Session during ECER.

### 12 New Initiatives: Academic writing workshop

The idea of the Academic writing workshop has further been developed. This was seen as a contribution EERA can make to national associations. Hungary expressed interest to host such a workshop before their conference next May, and Italy would also make it part of their Summer School next July. A third candidate is Lithuania. Stephen McKinney and George Head will be conducting the first workshops, drawing on their expertise with previous workshops given. They will address Writing for Journals, explain certain conventions, explain what "Accepted with major revision" means, and work on how to improve the level of English in participants' work. It is planned to evaluate the Workshops and to have an exec member attend.

### 13 Office Report

Angelika Wegscheider and Maria Figueiredo reported on the current situation in EERA office and future developments. Major tasks ahead are reworking the archives and finding better technical ways for cooperation within Exec, Loc and working groups (standards for shared drives, labelling files etc.) Based on a cooperation with ISCHE (International Standing Committee on the History of Education) a 4th permanent member of staff will be hired, which also means that EERA will stop working with student helpers as part of permanent staff. EERA Council asked to include a special thank you to Emma Gotti and Elias Mohammadi who supported EERA office and ECER during the last 3 years with great enthusiasm and professionalism.

### 14 GDPR – General data protection regulation

Angelika referred to the report in the Council preparation files and briefly reported on how EERA addressed the new data protection regulations via a privacy statement on the website, updated contracts with third parties and minor changes to the EERA bylaws, when it comes to listing council members and convenors online. As EERA generally only stores data of individuals who plan to attend the conferences or summer schools, the reason for collecting data is always legal. Also, EERA only asks minimum personal data and does not misuse data for other aims than the conference/summer schools.

### 15 General Regulations

Council approved of the smaller changes suggested by Maria.  
Also the new paragraph stating that Council members and link convenors will have their names and contacts made visible on the EERA website was accepted.

The new paragraphs for publications were accepted with small changes:  
7.2.2 and 7.2.3 omit one of the 'Elections' in the titles.  
7.3.1 change elected to selected, makes the process clearer.

### 16 Budget

#### 16.1 Budget Checkers 2019

Job for during ECER 2019: Stephen, Satu and Saneeya volunteered.

#### 16.2 2019 Budget

Herbert Altrichter reported on the 2018 budget development and introduced the 2019 budget, which suggests stable fees for ECER and more money for network activities. Council approved the 2019 Budget and endorsed Herbert's report.

## 17 Communication and Social Media

### 17.1 Website

The new website is online since briefly before ECER. The new look and feel was welcomed a lot, by participants, council and networks. There are still some smaller bugs, which the website company needs to work on. Also, EERA office will need some time to rework older parts of the website.

### 17.2 Animations

Maria Figueiredo briefly referred to what she had summed up in her written report. The ideas for some of the animations are meanwhile quite far developed and were welcomed by council. First drafts will be available in March.

Regarding the "how to do a good presentation" it was suggest to call it produce/prepare/present/publish/party

The initial idea for the ERG Video may be too much based on "real" persons, so there is a need to reframe this meeting the animations format, however "real persons interviews" are foreseen within the network convenors interviews'.

To cover the broad range of EERA activities an animation on "A year in the life of EERA" was suggested. Council also agreed to redo the interviews of network link convenors, which are currently dating back to 2009/2010. Exec will look for partners to do this.

## 18 EERA Strategy

Discussed in World Café, see paper in preparation documents

## 19 Member reports

3 members introducing their experiences with open access strategies and the relationship of universities and publishers – The Netherlands (See below), Germany (Power point) & UK (Oral Report)

Current state in the Netherlands

1. the association of research universities (with all 15 universities in the Netherlands) signed an Open Access deal with most of the major publishers (see <http://www.openaccess.nl/en/in-the-netherlands/publisher-deals>). This means that staff from the university can publish Open Access and that these journal are open for all. For the other journals, only university staff can enter the journal for free because of a less expensive deal.
2. this Open Access deal is quite expensive although of course less expensive than individuals paying Open Access themselves
3. although expensive, we see a development into the direction of publishing in these journal instead of journals of publishers that are not part of the deal. In the end, this will mean that for these other journals it will be more attractive to become part of the Open Access deal.
4. all research financed from the national science foundation (NWO) should be Open Access and Open Data starting from last year on.
5. the only Dutch journal on educational sciences that is included in the SSCI (Pedagogische Studien) is Open Access since 2017. This is the journal of our national association VOR, which pays for the editorship of this journal and the publication costs (not much as it is an online journal). This journal is peer reviewed and from 2017 on manuscripts in English accepted as long as they are about the Dutch language area.

Future

The Dutch Science foundation NWO released a proclamation last week together with research funders in 10 other EU countries that from 2020 on all publications should be Open Access. In the Dutch situation, this was confirmed by all associations related to research universities, universities of applied sciences and the ministry of science and education. This means that all publicly funded research should publish Open

Access in 2020, except for some handling costs. If there is not enough chance to publish Open Access universities and NWO will start their own journals. Of course for educational sciences, VOR already has an Open Access journal 'Pedagogische Studien'.

## **20 Nomination committee SG**

Marco Riekmann, Ana Alexanian and Erich Svecnik volunteered for the nomination committee. Someone from a former nomination committee asked Council to consider nominees early enough, and to send in the nominations on time.

## **21 World Cafes and Working Groups (All to be updated)**

After brief introductions to the listed topics Council discussed in World Cafes:

- What areas of strategic development should EERA prioritise in the coming period?
- How should EERA as an association address the issue of Open Publication?
- What are the consequences of the survey for EERA and what future actions should we take in the future?

### **21.1 Strategy 2018 – 2022:**

#### **What areas of strategic development should EERA prioritise in the coming period?**

Council discussions concentrated on how to enhance networking with networks and with and amongst member associations. Good examples were joint conferences, like e.g. the conference of some of the Mediterranean countries. Also, EERA could try to be more visible at national conferences (Send flyers/ arrange EERA forums /panels)

A working group was set up to prepare a paper for the March meeting: Gonzalo Jover, Sofia Marques da Silva, Satu Perälä-Littunen, Saneeya Qureshi will work with Joe O'Hara.

### **21.2 Open Access Policies**

How should EERA as an association address the issue of Open Publication?

No clear answer could be found to the above question as the situation varies too much from country to country. It was concluded that a more consistent overview and baseline information of different countries was needed. A working group will work on this for a second discussion in March: Working group: Petra Grell, Jani Ursin, Enda Donlon, Karmen Trasberg and Wilfried Admiraal

### **21.3 Council Survey**

What are the consequences of the survey for EERA and what future actions should we take in the future?

Unfortunately not all council members had answered the questionnaire. Results were sent out before the council meeting. A summary of the results was presented and questions for discussion were listed.

Suggestions presented were:

- a) EERA could send letters to employers of council members thanking them for enabling council members to participate in the council meetings and contributing to European educational research. EERA office would need to be in touch with council members asking them who would appreciate a letter.
- b) discuss how Council members feedback to their associations in March meeting.
- c) For better preparations, the council agenda should state if an item was for debate, decision or information.
- d) If minutes are available earlier, this helps reporting back to the national association about Council meetings.

#### **21.4 EERA Heritage, Maria Figueiredo**

Maria presented a proposal for discussion about EERA's living heritage. The three projects - collecting heritage stories, preparing a searchable database plus interface for it and updating the visual history website were endorsed by Council. A more detailed proposal will be presented in March.

#### **21.5 Blogs**

ML White and Fiona Chambers are part of a working group representing the networks, and Enda and Joe will be there in the name of Council.

### **22 Next Meetings**

15/16 March 2019, Berlin (2 full days)

7/8 September 2019, Hamburg (1,5 days)

### **23 AOB**

1.) Branislava Baranovic, council member and link convenor of the Gender Network, raised an issue that was brought to her attention during ECER. They were deeply concerned by the preparation of a new law in their country, which foresees to abandon Gender studies at universities and other federal institutes. She plans to prepare a letter to the Ministry of Education which will address the concerns, and she wanted to know if this should be done via the network, or whether EERA Council could also endorse this. One council member mentioned that similar things are happening in other countries, such as Czech Republic, Brasil etc, and that it is a global tendency. Therefore it would be important if EERA could express their concerns.

Council endorsed the idea. Branislava will draft a letter which will then go out as an EERA Council letter.