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VETNET Assembly Meeting

Present

Martin Mulder, Andrea Laczik, Katarina Svjros, Wiebke Petersen, Lazaro Moreno, Anja Hinnichs, Len Cairns, Lewis Hughes, Alison Fuller, Karen Evans, Ludger Deitmer, Michael Gessler, Pekka Kamaranienen, Lars Heinemann, Verda Ogul, Natasha Kersh, Reels Li'uk, Krista Loogma, Meidi Sirk, Lorenz Lassnigg, Wil van Esch, Agnes Dietken, Jphannes Lang, Nicole Kimmedmann, Loek Nieuwenhuis, Jeroen Onstenh, Aimee Hoeve, Marja – Leena Stenstrom, Gerarld Heidegger, Christof Negele, Barbara Estalde, Ursel Hauschdt, Vibe Aarkrog, Waldemar Baauer, Mathias Vonken, Marg Malloch

Apologies

Fernando Marheuda, Graham Atwell, and Magdolna Benke.

Welcome

Michael Gessler welcomed everyone to the VETNET Assembly.

Reports

Horizon 2020 is a new agenda for European research; Michael reported on the positive achievement to have vocational education and workplace learning as part of the paper. EERA is making the paper available electronically.

The 2013 Programme

Michael Gessler reported on the development of the 2013 programme, for ECER and VETNET.

VETNET: with 102 proposals received with an 80% acceptance rate. There were some withdrawals. The programme consisted of 80 papers and 30 sessions representing much work. Michael, ably assisted by Ludger and Pekka, is to be congratulated on putting the programme together. People are encouraged to upload their papers on to the VETNET site.

The Journal

Funding has been gained from EERA to support VETNET'S development of an on - line open access, peer reviewed journal. It is to be inclusive of quantitative and

qualitative research. The focus is now to get the Journal underway with an infrastructure, framework and process to enable the achievement of high quality. There is the opportunity to have a special editor for a specific edition.

There was discussion of general aspects related to the establishment of the journal. This included:

- the number of issues per year
- develop a list of special issues
- the VET areas identified in Martin's research can provide headlines for the focus of special issues
- put the list of issues to members to have input
- there can be both thematic and open issues alternatively
- and an open list to structure the issue
- it can be both paper based and web based
- develop a schedule for the editorial board

There is the question of open access and high quality – Michael reported that from his investigations, an open access on line journal can be rated.

Minutes

Tabling of notes from the VETNET Assembly at Cadiz, 2012 (as attached) by Marg Malloch.

This report was approved unanimously.

VETNET in 2014

Michael Gessler proposed that the Link Convenors are Margaret Malloch, Karen Evans and Michael Gessler which was approved. Margaret and Karen will do the program for 2014, with support from Michael.

Ludger Dietmer is Past Chair and International Fellow and Pekka Kamaranienen

It was proposed that the Board members would be able to make a contribution to VETNET in an area of specialisation, a special interest. This active participation is positive for the further development of VETNET.

The Incoming Board

The board members nominated and elected are:

Member	Country	Role
Margaret Malloch	Australia	Link Convenor

Karen Evans	England	Link Convenor
Michael Gessler	Germany	Link Convenor
M'Hamed Dif	France	Connections with other associations in the field
Christian Naegele	Switzerland	Connections with other associations in the field
Marja Lena Stenstom	Finland	External network Link
Lazaro Moreno Charlotte Chadderton	Sweden England	Emerging Researchers
Lorenz Larrssenik		Interdisciplinary Linkage
Martin Mulder	Netherlands	Linkage between vocational education and higher education
Natasha Kersch	England	Linkage with the former Russia
Ludger Dietmer	Germany	WERA, International research networks
Additional roles in support		
Sabine Manning	Germany	Proceedings, newsletter
Graham Atwell	England/Germany	Technology and on line support and journal
Michael Gessler	Germany	Journal Editor
Pekka Kamarainen	Finland/Germany	Network Support and Development

The Nominations for the Board were approved unanimously by the Assembly.

The 2014 Programme:

There are suggestions for workshops and summer schools.

Vote of Special Thanks

An overwhelmingly supported vote of thanks was passed to Sabine Manning for her continued excellence in her support of the Network.