

**Minutes of the Network Meeting at ECER 2018 in Bolzano****Participating network members (27)**

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**1 Welcome**

Link Convenor Petra Grell welcomes members of Network 6, gives a brief overview over the network and the academics who were involved in the preparation of the ECER 2018. She thanks the Co-Convenors and the program committee for their work.

Link-Convenor: Petra Grell (Germany)  
Co-Convenor: Nelson Gonçalves (Portugal)  
Co-Convenor: Yngve Troye Nordkvelle (Norway)  
Co-Convenor: Estella Hebert, PhD student, (Germany)  
Co-Convenor: Yvonne Fritze (Norway)  
Co-Convenor: Geir Haugsbakk (Norway)  
Co-Convenor: Klaus Rummler (Switzerland)  
Co-Convenor: Rachel Shanks (Scotland, UK)  
NW06 Reviewer: Sandra Assmann (Germany)  
NW06 Reviewer: Theo Hug (Austria)  
NW06 Reviewer: Stefan Iske (Germany)  
NW06 Reviewer: Anja Kraus (Sweden)  
NW06 Reviewer: Mart Laanpere (Estonia)  
NW06 Reviewer: Chiara Ravagni (Italy)  
NW06 Reviewer: Sonia Sousa (Estonia)

## **2. Report of EERA Activities**

Link-Convenor Petra Grell gives a brief overview over the – in the Opening Ceremony of the Conference already mentioned – facts about ECER 2018. With over 2.900 participants this ECER is the largest conference of all ECER. She reminds everybody to take part in the survey that will be send out on Friday via mail, to give a (two minute) feedback/evaluation of the conference, so that results could be presented on the Council meeting on Saturday.

EERA will redefine the format of very short presentations during ECER. There will no longer be any “Pecha Kucha” presentation due to trademark issues. The new format will be announced soon, probably a format were a presenter can present 20 slides, each slide in 15 seconds.

Joint session will be limited for next conferences due to the fact, that they produce a lot of time restrictions for the whole planning. Each network is now allowed to organise four joint sessions (symposium or paper sessions).

The next ECER 2019 will take place in Hamburg, Germany, September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. The theme is: Education at risk. The role of educational research for the future.

EERA launched its new website. It seems to be necessary to increase knowledge about EERA and its structures. A volunteer working group of network representatives was established during last network seminar, including Michael Göhlich, Sofia Marques da Silva, Christine Teelken, Rocio Garcia Carrion.

Networks are encouraged to nominate honorary members, but the decision needs approval from network meeting. Honorary members cannot be active link-convenor or co-convenor.

EERA is preparing new publications: a research methods book, a book series, a review journal.

EERA has launched new templates for reporting: minutes of network meeting, update of the reviewers list every year, annual report for updating the website, online survey, network reflections as a preparation for council and network seminar in March/April 2019, network funding.

## **3. Election of Convenors**

In 2015 the Network agreed on a new election process: every person is elected for a term of 4 years, re-election is possible.

Link Convenor: 2017 – 2021 Petra Grell

Co-Convenors: 2015 – 2019: Nelson Gonçalves (Portugal), Yngve Troye Nordkvelle (Norway), Estella Hebert, PhD student, (Germany);

Co-Convenors: 2017 – 2021: Klaus Rummler (Switzerland), Yvonne Fritze (Norway), Geir Haugsbakk (Norway), Rachel Shanks (UK)

Due to the fact that Petra needs step down in september 2019 (she will be the new Network Representative on EERA Council), the network decided to elect a new link convenor-elect. The 4 year period of this person will begin in september 2019, so that he/she will have the opportunity to shadow Petra for one year (sept. 18 – sept 19).

One candidate was nominated: Klaus Rummler (Germany).

Klaus Rummler was elected unanimously (26:0:1) to be the next link-convenor, starting in sept. 2019 until sept 2023. He accepted the election.

#### **4. Evaluation of ECER 2018 – Network 06 perspective**

The network discussed different aspects of ECER 2018. The conference is very inspiring, as always. The venue is beautiful, but some network members experienced severe travel issues especially if they need to be at the conference in the early morning. Some ideas were brought forward to go green even more. Overall the network members are satisfied.

#### **5. Network Activities**

In 2018 members organized research meetings and conferences and invited network colleagues to participate. For example The Lillehammer Seminar “30 years of ICT in Education” took place in January 2018 in Norway and several network members from Norway, Austria, Germany, US/Kanada, and Australia attended this meeting. A special issue of the network journal Seminar.net is in preparation. A research group on “passion driven videogameplay” met in Darmstadt, network members from Denmark and Germany attended, the group will continue its work in 2019. In 2019 Austrian colleagues will organize a conference on “augmented and virtual reality”, that will take place in Innsbruck in April. Scottish colleagues are planning research on “digital – rural” and Swiss and German colleagues will continue their work on an open access publishing strategy for EERA.

#### **6 Honorary Members**

The network will decide about honorary members on the next network meeting. Every member can nominate a person simply by sending an email to Petra until September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

The network meeting ended as always by sharing food and beverages brought from participants home countries/regions to Bolzano.

Petra Grell, 30.12.2019