

Minutes from NW 11 meeting

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Chairs: Heidi Flavian and Ineta Luka

Topics:

- Overview of the NW 11 activities during the last 5 years (2016-2021) reported by Heidi Flavian.

- ✓ Heidi Flavian informs about the five EERA ECER conferences in which Heidi acted as NW convenor: 2016 Dublin; 2017 Copenhagen; 2018 Bolzano; 2019 Hamburg; 2020 (cancelled as of COVID19); 2021 Geneva. She thanked all NW members and participants for interesting and significant contributions, reviewers for reviewing and session chairs for chairing the sessions.
- ✓ In 2018, during ECER2018 conference in Bolzano, a session with editors was organized and the collaboration with Emerald Publishing was started.
- ✓ The NW has established collaboration with Emerald Publishing group and in 2018 issued a Special Issue of the journal "Quality Assurance in Education": *Assessment and quality assurance in schools*, Volume 26, Issue 4. The issue contains 10 papers published by the NW members in the given issue: <https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/0968-4883/vol/26/iss/4>

The Journal "Quality Assurance in Education" publishes original empirical or theoretical articles on Quality Assurance issues, including dimensions and indicators of Quality and Quality Improvement, as applicable to education at all levels, including pre-primary, primary, secondary, higher and professional education. The Journal is indexed on Scopus and in 2020 its CiteScore was 2.5.

After publishing the special issue, Heidi Flavian became one of the editors of the Journal "Quality Assurance in Education" and several NW members became the Journal reviewers thus contributing to enhancing the overall quality assurance in education internationally.

- ✓ In 2019-2020 the NW worked on a joint book on Quality Assurance theme based on the research themes developed in ECER 2018 in Bolzano and the articles presented in ECER 2019

in Hamburg. The book Flavian, H. (Ed.). *From Pedagogy to Quality Assurance in Education: An International Perspective*, Emerald Publishing Limited, ISBN: 978-1-83867-107-5, e-ISBN: 978-1-83867-106-8 - ten chapters arranged in three parts published by the NW members [indexed on British Library Cataloguing DB]. DOI: 10.1108/9781838671068. Heidi shall contact the Emerald Publishing and sort out the problem of indexing the Book on Scopus.

- Reviewing and preparations for the ECER 2021 chaired by Heidi Flavian.

- ✓ Many thanks to all the reviewers for their hard and professional work. In addition, many thanks to all the participants. It was highlighted that the submissions received by the NW had good quality and the rejection rate was low. An issue of increasing the reviewers' team was also raised.

- Heidi Flavian thanks to all NW members, especially convenors for their input in NW work. This is the last NW meeting chaired by Heidi Flavian and as decided in ECER 2019 in Hamburg, Ineta Luka will take over the convenor's duties after ECER 2021.

- Future NW milestones chaired by Ineta Luka.

- ✓ Information on future EERA ECER conferences was given: ECER 2022 in Yerevan, ECER 2023 in Glasgow. It is suggested to organise 'meet the editors' session in ECER 2022 to increase the scope of publishing options.
- ✓ Discussion on future publications: NW webpage, blog, etc.
It was discussed and agreed that it will be time consuming to manage a special NW webpage or FB page, instead we should focus on using the existing possibilities offered by EERA such as writing blogs on EERA webpage. Also, it was discussed that the NW shall be promoted according to the target audience – teachers, PhD students, scholars, etc. We shall use all the means available to promote the NW and increase the number of NW members.
- ✓ A new special issue journal was discussed and gained a positive decision. This will be elaborated in further communication. Some of the NW members has to be the guest editor of the special issue and it could be published in collaboration of Emerald Publishing again.
- ✓ An issue of NW communication in the period between conferences was discussed and Heidi Flavian highlighted some technical issues she encountered in this. It was decided to contact EERA Office and solve the issues.

- ✓ ECER 2022 conference format was discussed, and it was decided to suggest EERA holding it in a hybrid format since not everyone might still be able to participate face-to-face because of the Covid-19 pandemic situation and/or political situation among the countries.
- ✓ Recruitment of new reviewers. It was decided to attract more reviewers based on our international collaboration in other projects and organisations.
- ✓ Honorary procedure. Ineta Luka suggested to apply EERA for approving honorary convenor's status to Heidi Flavian and it was unanimously supported by the meeting participants. The documents shall be prepared and submitted to EERA Council.
- ✓ Communication with the NW members. It was decided to spread the presentation and the minutes to all NW members via the system and check if they get the presentation and the minutes file.