

Network 13 minutes

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1. How did we experience the conference in general?
 - On the plus side: we are grateful to the organizers that they swiftly took action after we complained about the unbearable conditions of the room assigned for our sessions. The general feeling is that the conference is well organized. The volunteers are very helpful. Many people find the app useful
 - On the minus side: other people crave for the times that there still was a program book. Even though the website allows one to print out a pdf version of the program, the names of the presenters are lacking. It looks like the organizer has communicated about certain issues (transportation, food, etc.) in a way that was unnecessarily cautious. People, for instance, paid for taxi drives that were way too expensive, the campus is very well reachable by public transportation, etc.
2. How did we experience the NW 13 sessions?
 - New members expressed their concerns about the submission format, which is not fit for philosophy papers (cf methodology section). **We will put a document on the website addressing this issue and explain how to best fill the form out.**
 - Some sessions felt too packed. This can't be helped as we have to concur with ECER rules. Nevertheless, delegates could also make use of other formats, such as workshops, symposia and long papers – unique for our network
 - One suggestion: organize a slow reading session. This could be done as a workshop.
3. One strategy we decided on is to invite people to submit more long papers. **Every year we will advertise a call for long papers** and circulate this through our network 13 mailing list (**to be created by Ian**) well ahead of the official submission date. The theme of the call can be related to the general conference theme. The idea is that we contact an editor of a journal, typically related to the place where ECER takes place, so as to stress the European dimension of our network. We select the best papers and offer them to the journal, **to be published as a special issue sponsored by our network.**
4. Another new initiative is the **organization of a yearly season school**. There are ECER funds available for doing this. The first of these shall be organized in Ireland in the first half of 2025.
5. There is the idea **to have our NW dinner on the first evening of the conference** as from next year (after the reception). This aligns with the goal to get to know each other (a socializing function for newcomers so to speak). It is clear that

newcomers are not well informed about things that others take for granted (eg the confusion between gala dinner and NW dinner).

6. If ECER keeps using Conftool as a way to upload presentation texts and slides beforehand, the idea is that we could actually make these **available for all participants**, so that they have more support for staying attentive during some of the more difficult presentations.
7. We also discussed the reviewing process and the criteria. We want to uphold the highest quality standards and hence it is no surprise we have a quite high rejection rate (42 percent). It doesn't seem a good idea to use different criteria for PhD candidates and more senior researchers. This would jeopardize the anonymity we want to stick to.
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