

# NETWORK MEETING ECER 2018, BOLZANO

NW14 Communities, Families and Schooling in Educational Research

September 6th, 2018, 12pm - 1pm. Bolzano (Italy)

## MINUTES

### Agenda

1. Report on ECER 2018
  - 1.1. ECER 2018 – Evaluation
2. EERA Network developments
3. Publications
4. ECER 2019, Hamburg
5. AOB

The meeting was moderated by Rocío García-Carrión, as the current link convenor for NW14, and had an attendance of about 20 people, including co-convenors and other presenters and participants interested in NW14.

Rocío presented a summary of the preparation and development for ECER 2018, with regards to the number of proposals received, acceptance/rejection rates for both phases of reviewing, the different formats of submissions received, and the number of reviewers involved. A summary of the final numbers of papers, symposiums and posters sessions was provided and commented (Received: 85; Redirected: 15; Accepted: 90; Symposiums: 1; Posters: 4).

For this ECER 2018, NW14 organised 4 joint sessions with other networks (NW9, NW24, NW30) and received 1 symposium. We commented about this and thought it would be interesting to encourage the submission of more symposiums for next ECER.

Information regarding the overall ECER 2018 was provided, included the change in the title of the Pecha Kucha format to 'Ignite Talk'.

Participants discussed the evaluation of ECER 2018. Overall, everybody agreed about being a high-quality conference. The quality of the papers was also highlighted, and in particular for NW14 the quality of the paper sessions also increased. Particularly, having 3 papers in a session was well received. There were high standards of visual and oral presentations.

Regarding the location and the venue. Participants commented that we had already discussed the location of the conference was not thought through, because of the problem with finding accommodation before ECER. Once in Bolzano, participants liked the place and the environment, however, the question about not considering how the programme needed to be adapted to the size of the location, and commuting distances, as many people could not attend the social events, nor arrive in time for early sessions. Overall the place was lovely, very good facilities, etc. Some concerns regarding the distance between buildings were raised.

Regarding the sessions, we discussed some overlap between the same topic sessions in different NWs. Particularly, there was a big rural symposium in another NW happening in parallel to a session on the same topic in NW14. This inevitably limits the size of audience and potential for

networking. A proposal that could help to solve this kind of situations would be to identify these sessions during the programme planning, using the key words, for example, for the Office to alert relevant LCs and eventually to propose two joint sessions, or programme the sessions in sequence, and ask Convenors or Chairs or use the digital programme to inform participants in the networks concerned. Perhaps channels of inter-network/LC communication could be improved. This could be further discussed with the LC and with the Office.

The meeting also included some information regarding EERA publications. Information regarding the Research Methods book, Book series and Review journal was provided.

Some reflections about NW developments were discussed, such as new financial support to networks, for example, possibilities to meet in-between the ECERs. This possibility was seen as non-practical nor sustainable as an annual commitment due to costs and lack of time between ECERs. The EARLI model of biannual main conferences with SIG conferences in the intervening years was mentioned.

NW14 received an interest from an Australian colleague to organize a symposium or Special Call for ECER 2019 about Family involvement in educational research – innovative inquiry and methodologies. This proposal was welcome in the meeting.

Rocío informed the co-convenors that next year, 2019, will be her last year as link convenor, and invited if someone is interested in becoming LC, please could contact her.

For the ECER 2019, there were some reminders and information discussed in the meeting. **Proposals for special calls, for ECER 2019**, should be sent to the office by **October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018** by the link convenor.

The networks were also informed the EERA Council has agreed to financially sponsor activities initiated by Networks. The next deadline to apply for Network funding is **November 1<sup>st</sup>**.