

Minutes from the business meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2019

Network coordinator selection: Kathrin Otrell-Cass (Aalborg, Denmark and Graz, Austria) was re-elected, as well as Magali Hardouin (ESPE de Bretagne/UBO, France) as co-convenor. Susanne Kink Hampersberger (University of Graz) has resigned – many thanks to her contribution and support!!

Feedback from the coordinator meetings in Berlin and during ECER 2019 in Hamburg: EERA will publish in collaboration with Springer 3 edited volumes annually under the lead editorship of Denis Beach. Financial support of up to 3000€ is provided for the networks to increase their research capacities and visibility on application through EERA. The application deadline is already in October. Small grants are also offered, to celebrate 'moments'. The grants of up to 250€ are available on application with end of September and May deadlines. NW 15 members are asked to contact the coordinators to manage possible applications. It was highlighted that a lot of information was available through the EERA website – look for the top of the website and a button called 'Info for' followed by a scroll down menu.

A joint publication: The group discussed the possibility to propose a book under the EERA series based on the special call for 2019 ECER – risks in partnerships in education. Kathrin will contact Denis Beach with an outline and communicate with all presenters at NW15 for next steps. Karen Laing (Newcastle University) and Janet Wolf (University of Hradec Králové) will co-edit the book together with Kathrin Otrell-Cass.

A network meeting: During the meeting it was discussed to organise a themed network meeting and apply to EERA for financial support. The idea was to use such a meeting to work on the joint publication. The meeting will be open to all NW15 interested members to attend regardless on whether they contribute to the book project or not. The group discussed where the meeting could take place. No final decision was made at the time of the meeting, possibilities were discussed to meet in Hungary or in Graz, Austria. A later suggestion was to consider connecting the meeting with the next ECER conference. A decision will be made by electronic communication.

New format and joint sessions for the invited symposium: The group discussed the possibility to consider new or different formats for NW 15 presentations. Some ideas were presented but no decisions made. Amongst those were joint session proposals possibly with network 7 "Social Justice and Intercultural Education" (link-convenor Lisa Rosen). Other presentation formats could involve shorter presentations and more round table talks. This will be a point to discuss further via email and at the next ECER meeting in Glasgow.

Network communication: At the meeting we discussed the possibility to form a Google group to discuss topics and have a shared space to get back to. Members attending the meeting indicated who wanted to be put on such a list.

The next newsletter is planned for the end of 2019 with information on the planned NW15 meeting and updates on the special publication. Everyone is welcome to submit additional content/news to share. Please send this to the convenors until 15/12/19.

Best wishes to all,

Kathrin Otrell-Cass, Susanne Kink-Hampersberger and Magali Hardouin