

EERA Network 16 'ICT in Education and Training' Network meeting at ECER 2021; September 8, 2021

There are 10 participants in this online network meeting. The meeting is chaired by Ed Smeets, link convenor of the network.

1 Presentation by link convenor

The link convenor presents some information about the number of participants in the conference, the number of contributions to this network and the acceptance rate. A total of 46 proposals were submitted to our network, including 40 paper proposals, 1 video presentation and 5 posters. There were no symposium proposals. This year's total acceptance rate was 83%. The number of proposals submitted is considerably less than at the last in-person conference, 2019 in Hamburg, when 73 proposals were submitted to our network. Because of the complexity of having an online conference, it was not possible to have joint sessions with other networks this year.

The link convenor thanks the reviewers and the chairpersons for their assistance. He also points at the time schedule for the 2022 conference and mentions the locations of ECER conferences in the years to come, including Yerevan in 2022 and Glasgow in 2023.

2 Participants' views on the conference

Several participants in the network meeting point out that this online conference is well organised. The general opinion is that having an online conference is better than nothing, but it is much better to have a real conference. Being online leads to limitations in the area of social activities, but it is easier to get an overview of the programme. The link convenor points at the fact that a quite large number of participants in the sessions do not switch on their cameras and do not engage in discussion. This is unfortunate.

3 Changes in the team of convenors

Johan van Braak, who has been a co-convenor in the network for many years, steps down as a co-convenor. Due to an increase in his duties he can no longer devote sufficient time to the activities related to the conference. The network is very grateful to Johan for his contribution to the network's activities.

Meanwhile, one network member had expressed interest in becoming a co-convenor. The remaining two co-convenors and the link convenor agreed that adding two co-convenors would be a good idea. In order to check the interest for this position, the link convenor sent an e-mail to the colleagues who had been involved in reviewing proposals for this year's conference. As a result of this, two additional colleagues expressed their interest. During the network meeting it was agreed not to have an election, but to welcome these three colleagues as network co-convenors:

- Dr. Cornelia Connolly, Lecturer at the School of Education, National University of Ireland, Galway;
- Prof. dr. Stefanie Hillen, Professor at the Department of Education, University of Agder, Norway;
- Dr. Ruth Wood, Associate Professor at the Department of Education, Kingston University London.

4 Any other business

Network co-convenor Philippe Gabriel suggests that a list of reviewers' names be included on the website, as a gesture of appreciation. The participants support this proposal. The link convenor indicates that he will ask the reviewers whether they object to having their names on the website.

In addition, the link convenor points at the Network 16 mailing list and the possibility of joining the list. For more information, see <https://eera-ecer.de/networks/16-ict-in-education-and-training/>

The link convenor thanks the participants in the network meeting.