

## ECER 2024: Nicosia, Cyprus

### Network 18: Research in Sport Pedagogy – Network Meeting

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

<b>AGENDA:</b>	
1. Welcome from Link Convenor	<p>OH welcomed attendees to the Network Meeting and thanked them for contributions to the conference thus far, outlining how positive sessions have been. Members of the convenor team present (RS &amp; CvD) were reintroduced.</p> <p>A list of attendees was generated, and this included: <i>Oliver Hooper, Rachel Sandford, Corina van Doodewaard, Niki Tsangaridou, Mikaela Pieroua, Andra Fernate &amp; Hongyun Li.</i></p> <p>Apologies were also received from: Anna Bryant &amp; Ingo Wagner (and colleagues).</p>
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Network Meeting at ECER 2023 (Glasgow, UK)	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by those who had been in attendance with no changes required.</p>
3. Overview of ECER 2024 and Summary of NW18 Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 22 submissions, 1 rejection (with supportive feedback provided to authors)</li><li>- 8 papers withdrawn (4 ahead of conference, 4 during)</li><li>- All individual papers</li><li>- Programmed around themes (and feedback on these was welcomed)</li></ul> <p>OH expressed that the number of submissions was lower than hoped this year but noted that a major international conference in the field (AIESEP 2023) was this year hosted in Europe and attracted many delegates. With reduced funding available for conference travel, it was agreed that this was likely to have attracted delegates who might typically frequent ECER. It was also highlighted by some that travel to the host</p>

	<p>country (Cyprus) was not necessarily straightforward (nor affordable) for some, particularly given the time of year. OH noted that whilst the number of submissions was lower than we had hoped - and we were affected by quite a few late withdrawals - sessions were well attended with some excellent discussions had taken place thus far. Indeed, those sessions where there were only two (rather than three) papers benefited from having more time for discussions which was fruitful for all in attendance. The theming of programme sessions received positive feedback, with members suggesting this had also supported interesting discussions around focused topic areas.</p>
<p>4. EERA Updates</p>	<p>OH provided general EERA updates to attendees including noting that the next ECER will be hosted in Belgrade, Serbia in 2025. Members were encouraged to take note of the conference dates and to encourage colleagues and doctoral students to attend. Some members noted that this clashed with BERA Conference 2025 and OH advised that EERA were aware of this but that the clash was unfortunately unavoidable this year (though would be avoided in future years). OH also outlined publication opportunities with and through EERA, namely the <i>European Educational Research Journal</i> and EERA blogs.</p>
<p>5. ECER 2024 Feedback</p>	<p>OH sought feedback from attendees on their experiences at ECER 2024 thus far – both strengths and areas for improvement. These are summarised below:</p> <p><b><u>Strengths:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilities are great, and the campus-based nature of the host University is positive.</li> <li>- Aircon has been great and much needed (if campus is held in a hot country like this again, this was perceived to be a must).</li> <li>- Similarly, provision of water fountains/water has been well received (again, this was suggested as something that must be carried forward to future conferences).</li> <li>- Conference bags were nice to receive, and members want to keep these.</li> <li>- Conference programming was praised, and members liked the thematic organisation of this. They also thought that sessions – whilst sometimes low on the number of papers – had been thought-provoking and provided a space for critical discussion.</li> <li>- Scheduling of sessions in the same room was also valued by members as it felt as if NW18 had a ‘dedicated room’ (and it made finding sessions easier, as they were always in the same place).</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas for Improvement:</u></b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conference buses have been problematic and some members have found it difficult to get to/from the conference (with limited/no taxis/public buses available).</li> <li>- Whova app was perceived to generally be good but members felt that there were so many sessions it could be difficult to see things. It was also frustrating that filters do not stay on. Members also felt that the app started working too late (i.e., they were expected to book buses without knowing what the schedule was and so when they would want to be in) and that there were too many unnecessary emails sent from this.</li> <li>- Having to upload presentations in advance was perceived to be troublesome and there were concerns over these being publicly available/transfer of copyright. Members would prefer to have the option to use memory sticks. Relatedly, not having clickers to use during presentations was a challenge, especially where presenters had many animations on slides and weren't made aware in advance that there wouldn't be/they couldn't use clickers.</li> <li>- A keynote was cancelled and no reason was given to attendees about this... it was felt like this should have been announced and justified. Relatedly, the number of withdrawn papers was frustrating for members.</li> </ul>
6. Future Network Activities	<p>OH provided space within the meeting for attendees to discuss future activities of Network and the following were proposed and agreed as worth pursuing for the year ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Submitting an Application for a Network Project:</b> This will focus on 'Physical Education Curriculum Learning across European Borders' and will seek to facilitate cross-border dialogue among researchers and Initial Teacher Education (ITE) practitioners in physical education from across Europe to support critical thinking and to begin to re-imagine physical education for a more socially-just future.</li> <li>- <b>Launching a Special Call for ECER 2025:</b> This will centre on 'Visions for the Future of Physical Education and Sport Pedagogy'.</li> <li>- <b>Requesting to Change the Name of the Network:</b> Network 18 will submit a request to change its name from 'Research in Sport Pedagogy' to 'Physical Education and Sport Pedagogy' in order to more explicitly emphasise its core focus.</li> </ul>

	<p>- <b>Submitting a Nomination for a New Honorary Member:</b> It was agreed that Network 18 should nominate one of its former Link Convenors – Dr Fiona Chambers – for honorary membership given her substantive contributions not only to Network 18 but also the field more broadly over a sustained period of time.</p> <p>These proposed activities were unanimously supported by all members in attendance at the meeting.</p>
7. AOB	No AOB raised.

Dr Oliver Hooper

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