

## NW 27 General Meeting - Minutes

ECER Bolzano, Thursday 06 September, SES 10.5, 12:00 to 13:15

### Agenda

#### **(1) Minutes of ECER 2017 Network 27 general meeting**

#### **(2) Composition of the Convenors team**

- Discharge and elections
- HNM proposal

#### **(3) Report on ECER 2018 facts and organization**

- Submissions and presentations
- Joint sessions
- Feedbacks from the participants

#### **(4) ECER 2019 Hamburg**

- special call and/or topics to be developed

#### **(5) On-going publications and further plans**

#### **(6) Keeping up to date with publications and projects within the network**

#### **(7) Network 27 evening meal**

- Information and registration

#### **(8) Any other business (AOB)**

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Session opened at 12:10, chaired by F. Ligozat, LC; Jonas Almqvist and Carol Taylor, Deputies

All convenors attending the meeting introduce themselves briefly: Helmut Johannes Vollmer, Brigitte Gruson, Anke Wegner, Georg Breidenstein, Brian Hudson, Jonas Almqvist, Carol Taylor, Florence Ligozat

Apologies from Bernard Schneuwly, Anatoli Rakhkochkine, Kirsti Klette, Jens Dolin, Gérard Sensevy, Ingrid Carlgren, who could not attend the Conference this year.

Number of participants to the Assembly: 28

**(1) Minutes of ECER 2017 Network meeting** (document sent via Email on Tuesday 04 September to all the NW27 participants)

- Accepted without any modifications

#### **(2) Convenors team**

- Discharges: Brian, Ingrid and Bernard have announced that they would like to be discharged from their convenor's duties (Ingrid and Bernard are now retired). The assembly thanks them all for their commitments to the network and wish them all the best for the future. Their names and information will be posted into the "former convenors" section on NW27 Website.

- New nomination: Florence and Anke propose to nominate Isabelle Mili. Isabelle is Full professor in Didactics of music and arts, at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. She is the head of the Geneva teacher training institute. As EERA council representative for the Swiss Association for Education

Research (SSRE/SGBF), she has submitted a proposal for ECER 2021 in Geneva (which has just been accepted by the EERA office, during the morning – well done!). The nomination of Isabelle Mili is put to vote and accepted unanimously by the Assembly. Welcome to Isabelle!

- Honorary Network Membership proposal: Anke and Brigitte have prepared a proposal for the nomination of Prof. Em. Meinert Meyer (University of Hamburg). HNM is a symbolic recognition of the strong involvement in fostering the aims and objectives of EERA through the networks.

Meinert has been Link Convenor of our network from 2012 to 2016, and he contributed to its establishment with Brian Hudson, in 2006. The detailed proposal (see Appendix) is read to the Assembly and put to vote. It is accepted by 27 votes and 1 abstention.

The proposal will be sent to the EERA Council who will deliberate about it during its next session in April 2019. If accepted by the Council, the HNM will be awarded to Meinert Meyer at ECER 2019 in Hamburg.

Reminder: for all the procedures regarding Convenors, LC, Deputies, HNM nomination and election, please refer to the NW27 Internal Guidance Rules (based on the EERA General regulations) that are posted on the NW Website.

<https://eera-ecer.de/networks/27-didactics-learning-and-teaching/>

### (3) Report on ECER 2018 features and organisation

#### a) Submissions: trends and evolutions

ECER 2018 Bolzano	Submissions	Red out/in = total	Rejected	Presented (after withdrawals)
Papers	70	(-3) (+9) = 76	18 (+2) = 20	47
Symposiums (3 papers)	13	13	0	14
Round tables	1	1	0	1
Workshops	0	0	0	0
Posters	3	(+1) = 4	1	3
Pecha Kucha	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Submissions</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Rejection rate on submissions</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>23%</b>	
<b>Total Papers (incl. SyP, Pst, RdT)</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Rejection Rate on total papers</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>16%</b>	

Number of withdrawals: 15

All networks average rejection rate: 10-12%

Comments by Florence:

- The number of submissions is stable (around 58-90 every year), but there is a clear increase of the number of symposiums – is this due to the good opportunities of making joint sessions in our network? The drawback of this number of symposiums is that they cannot all fit on Friday, and some of them have to be put parallel to paper sessions. Symposiums tend to be more attractive and it weakens the audience in the paper sessions.
- The rejection rate on the submissions is increasing (23%) compared to last year (18%) and previous years (around 10%). But since the number of symposiums increases, these figures do not reflect the true selectivity in NW 27, which is about 16% if we consider all papers (including papers in symposiums, posters, and round tables).
- The number of submissions we had to metareview (graded less than 6/10, and/or more than 2 units of standard deviation) has decreased. Last year, we meta-reviewed about 35 submissions, we only did 20 this year. Our reviewers get more experienced? Our submitters get a better insight of the type of proposal to be accepted?

b) Feedback from the assembly - what goes well here at ECER Bolzano / not well?

- We should have the opportunity to co-author the submission of a symposium in the Conftool system => this idea will be reported at the next LC meeting
- Certain Chinese PhD students had their paper rejected due to a lack of European perspective. Should this criterion be transformed in the reviewing form? Four years ago a reflection was initiated among the LCs about the reviewing criteria, but as far as we know, it was hard to find a consensus for some clear cut changes. In our network, reviewers get some guidance about it, in particular the “European perspective” criteria should be assessed in a broad view, including a more “international and cross-cultural significance”. We also would like to warn submitters that their results should be interesting for a European audience: broaden the research question, include European literature, discuss the significance of the results in terms of larger didactic / educational issues (not just facts obtained from a survey). If the results seem too confined to a single national context, then it makes difficult to think about the relevance and use in another country or continent => read the arguments of NW27 on the website!
- Reminder: A few years ago, the Council has also improved the submission template, including a “result and discussion” section. This is a criterion for the assessment.
- Participants are invited to answer the e-survey by the EERA Office that is sent on the last day of the conference.

c) Joint sessions: This year we managed to organise 11 JS (3 paper sessions, 3 single symposiums and 3 double symposiums)

- NW3 – Curriculum (1 symposium)
- NW 13 – Philosophy of education (1 symposium)
- NW 16 – ICT (1 paper session and 1 double symposium)
- NW 31 - Language education (1 paper session)
- NW 33 – Gender and education (1 paper session + 2 double symposiums)

- There is an obvious “follow up” effect of the Special Call on Gender (by C. Taylor, C. Amade-Escot & F. Ligozat): 1 paper session, 1 single session and 2 double symposiums shared with NW33. This a very good dynamic that we seek to develop through new special calls.

#### **(4) Next topics for ECER 2019 in Hamburg**

ECER 2019 will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.

Ideas of special calls may be discussed and submitted by 15<sup>th</sup>. October 2018. At least one convenor should take part in setting a proposal. Proposals should reflect the heuristic power of didactic research traditions, in addressing broader educational issues.

Suggestions by the Assembly:

- Isabelle Mili: Corporeality and embodiment related to the specificity of knowledge in teaching and Learning
- Anette Olin, Benoit Lenzen and Jonas Almqvist: teacher education development and collaboration between teacher and researchers.

Proponents are invited to get in touch with Florence / LC to arrange a schedule.

#### **(5) Ongoing publications and further plans**

EERJ special issue: *Conceptual Frameworks in Didactics – Learning and teaching: trends, evolutions and comparative challenges* - Intro + 11 papers (EERJ Webpage) edited by Florence Ligozat and Jonas Almqvist, published in January 2018. This issue may serve as a reference for prospective participants in the network (cf. previous discussion about some rejected papers from China)

New online open access journal *Research in Subject –matter Teaching and Learning (RISTAL)*

Members of the editorial team: Helmut Johannes Vollmer, Bernard Schneuwly

<http://www.ristal.org/>

First volume issued online in April 2018

On-going edition of the book on Gender in Teaching and Learning

*"Gender in Learning and Teaching: Feminist Dialogues Across International Boundaries"* (Routledge) by Carol Taylor, Andrea Abbas and Chantal Amade-Escot

Book proposal to the new EERA Book series

*"Didactics in a Changing World. European Perspectives on Learning, Teaching and the Curriculum"*.

Editors: Florence Ligozat, Jonas Almqvist, Anatoli Rakhkochkine, Kirsti Klette

Open call for abstracts in February 2018, about 20 abstracts received, 15 abstracts selected.

The proposal was submitted to editors in July by the EERA editorial panel (leader: Dennis Beach); positive reviewing feedback by Francis & Taylor, the full review is pending.

The publication is expected in 2020 (with 2 other volumes proposed by other networks). A special event will be organised at ECER Glasgow about them.

#### **(5) Keeping up to date with publications and projects within the NW**

- Mailing list of the network (Jonas Almqvist)

Get registered if you would like to get some specific information during the year by sending an Email to: [nw27-subscribe@lists.eera-ecer.de](mailto:nw27-subscribe@lists.eera-ecer.de)

- Social networks: a NW27 Project is on research gate (you can find it through Florence, Jonas, Carol and some other convenors profiles connected to it)

**(6) Network 27 evening meal**

Meeting at Fink restaurant at 19:30

- Information and registration on the list going through the Assembly.

**(7) Any other business (AOB)**

None

Geneva, 10 Sept. 2018.  
Benoît Lenzen & Florence Ligozat