



Network 31: Minutes from the network meeting

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1. Welcome and a brief introduction into the networks' history

Joana Duarte (as the link convenor of NW 31) presented the history of the network, which started with one inaugural symposium in 2013 and run successfully in 2014 (Porto), 2015 (Budapest), 2016 (Dublin) as well as in 2017 (Copenhagen). Since the year 2014, network 31 has been constantly growing but is still a “young” EERA network. Joana Duarte also introduced the convenors of the network and welcomes new participants.

2. Overview of the previous year of Network 31

Joana Duarte provided an overview of the network activities prior the ECER 2018, which involved a submission of a special call, collaborations on joint sessions as well as working on proposal for a network workshop. She presented the statistics on current submissions (a total of 63 papers: 53 accepted papers, 0 posters, 1 research workshop as well as 9 symposia). Apart of this, NW 31 conducted 3 joint sessions (with NW 27 and NW10). She thanked all chairs of the ECER 2018, the program committee, all symposium & joint session organizers, all paper and poster presenters, and encouraged everyone to participate in the ECER 2019.

Joana introduced the reviewer process (double-blind reviewing and dealing with ‘difficult’ cases, a long review template as well as conftool system were briefly discussed):

- The fields of expertise, which NW reviewers put on a list at the previous ECER, were considered as being very helpful for assigning the papers to reviewers
- NW reviewers were asked to enter (or update) the field(s) of their expertise once again and to suggest the maximal number of reviews which they were willing to take on for the ECER 2019.

3. Election of the new Link convenor

After 5 years of successfully coordinating the NW31, Joana Duarte decided to step down from her position as the link convenor of the NW31. Two candidates were nominated by the convenors of the NW31 to take over the position of the link convenor: Ana Sofia Pinho (University of Lisbon) and Irina Usanova (University of Hamburg). The nominees had an opportunity to announce the key points of the agenda they would run in case of being elected as the link convenor of NW31. Ana Sofia Pinho stressed such points as the dissemination of the network among researchers of different disciplines as well as promoting more submissions as the key points of her agenda. Irina Usanova appealed to attract younger researchers to the network activities and promoted more collaboration with the other EERA NWs. The vote was set up electronically. Those present at the meeting could select their preferred candidate via the link provided on their own devices. Irina Usanova was elected.

4. Disseminating the network

Joana Duarte informed the NW participants on the EERA funding and encouraged them to expand the activities between the ECERs. She reported on the successfully organized workshop for the ECER2018, the preparation of which included the cooperation between different countries at the time prior to the ECER.

Joana Duarte also appealed to expand and disseminate the network by increasing the number of reviewers, chairs and convenors; by carrying out other activities in between the ECER conferences (schools, workshops, publications, projects); by increasing the number of submissions for the ECER2019 (especially the number of symposia and joint sessions). She also reported on the planned network publications (i.e network volume in Bloomsbury Publ. with Piet Van Avermaet as the editor)

NW participants were invited to conduct group discussions on the following aspects:

- **In between activities:** participants suggested to set up a facebook page of the NW31 as a platform for managing the collaboration between the researchers on finding the partners for workshops (including applications for funding possibilities) and symposia. Participants discussed the possibility of organizing a symposium after the papers get accepted.
- **Expanding network:** possibilities of making the network more visible such as introducing the network at the other conferences (e.g. ISB-International Symposium on Bilingualism), by setting up social media accounts (e.g. network twitter account), by promoting the network among colleagues. Stronger cooperation with EERA networks (e.g. joint publications, joint call for papers).
- **Increasing the number of papers, posters, symposia and joint sessions:** participants suggested to organize thematic subgroups within the network according to the fields of expertise and to collaborate on symposia and workshops ideas within those thematic subgroups. Participants were encouraged to contact the NW convenors in case if they need assistance in finding the partners for symposia.

- **Difficulties caused by the withdrawal of the papers were mentioned:** due to the time conflicts and withdrawal of the papers, it was not always possible to organize all the papers into thematically corresponding sessions. The NW convenors agreed to continue working on this aspect for the upcoming ECER. The problem of paper withdrawal within a symposium, which may lead, consequently, to the withdrawal of the complete symposium was also discussed. The participants suggested to look for the alternatives in such cases (e.g. placing the papers of the withdrawn symposium into another sessions).

5. Picture of the NW meeting

