

Minutes of the EERA Council Meeting March 2022

25 March 2022, Berlin

Attendees

Name	Association	Attending
Ana Kozina	The Slovenian Educational Research Association (SLODRE)	in person
Andreas Hadjar	EERA Treasurer	in person
Anna Aleksanyan	Educational Research Armenian Society (ERAS)	in person
Arcady Margolis	Educational Research Association (RERA)	online
Branislava Baranovic	Croatian Educational Research Association (CERA)	in person
Celine Healy	Educational Studies Association of Ireland (ESAI)	online
Daniela Preis	EERA Office	in person
Dita Nimante	University of Latvia (Candidate Member)	online
Doris Edelmann	Swiss Society for Research in Education (SSRE)	online
Dragica Pavlović Babic	Educational Research Association of Serbia (DIOS)	in person
Eduardo García-Jiménez	Asociación Interuniversitaria de Investigación Pedagógica (AIDIPE)	online
Elisabetta Biffi	Società Italiana di Pedagogia (SIPED)	online
Eric Mangez	Association des chercheurs belges francophones en éducation (ABCéduc)	online
Erich Svecnik	Österreichische Gesellschaft f. Forschung und Entwicklung i. Bildungswesen (OEFEB)	online
Eva Hultin	Nordic Educational Research Association (NERA)	online
Gonzalo Jover	Sociedad Española de Pedagogía (SEP)	online
Helen Phtiaka	Cyprus Pedagogical Association (CPA)	online
Huseyin Uzunboyly	Cyprus Educational Sciences Association (KEB-DER)	in person
Ineke M.Pit-ten Cate	Luxembourg Educational Research Association (LuxERA)	online
Iouri Zagoumenov	Belarus National Association "Innovations in Education" (IE)	online
Jana Poláková Vašátková	Česká asociace pedagogického výzkumu (ČAPV)	in person
Jenny Berger	EERA Office	in person
Joanna Madalińska-Michalak	Polskie Towarzystwo Pedagogiczne (PTP)	online
Joe O'Hara	EERA President	in person
Kairat Kurakbayev	Kazakhstan Educational Research Association (KERA)	online
Karmen Trasberg	Estonian Academic Research Association (EAPS)	in person
Liudmila Rupšienė	Lithuanian Academic Educational Association (LERA)	in person
Lucian Ion Ciolan	Romanian Educational Research Association (ARCE)	in person
Marco Rieckmann	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft (DGfE)	online
Maria Pacheco Figueiredo	EERA Secretary General	in person
Mhairi Beaton	British Educational Research Association (BERA)	in person
Milosh M. Raykov	Malta Educational Research Association (MERA)	online
Monika Pogátsnik	Hungarian Educational Research Association (HERA)	online
Nihat Gurel Kahveci	Turkish Educational Research Association (EAB)	online
Oksana Zabolotna	Ukrainian Educational Research Association (UERA)	online
Paolo Landri	European Educational Research Journal	online

Paulina Korsnakova	Slovak Educational Research Society (SERS)	online
Petra Grell	EERA Networks' Representative on Council	in person
Saneeya Qureshi	Emerging Researchers' Group	in person
Satu Perälä-Littunen	Finnish Educational Research Association (FERA)	in person
Sébastien Akira Alix	Association des Enseignants et Chercheurs en Sciences de l'Education (AECSE)	online
Sofia Marques da Silva	Sociedade Portuguesa de Ciências da Educação (SPCE)	online
Stephen McKinney	Scottish Educational Research Association (SERA)	online
Yasar Kondakci	Educational Administration Research and Development Association (EARDA)	online

1. Apologies and Welcome of New Members

Joe O'Hara informed Council that Wilfried Admiraal, Angelika Wegscheider, Sotiria Grek and Yonka Parvanova sent their apologies. He also welcomed the two new Council members, Céline Healy of ESAI and Monika Pogátsnik of HERA.

2. Confirmation of Minutes [Decision]

Minutes were confirmed by Council.

2.1 Changes to the Agenda: Analysing the situation in Ukraine

Oksana Zabolotna gave a very touching presentation on the current situation in her country, on her association's members in the different parts of the country, and on the fact that they continue doing research, e.g. with surveys on the current situation at universities etc. The member associations from Lithuania and Estonia explained their request that the Russian and Belarusian association should be excluded if they do not clearly express their opposition to the war. The Russian member association had in response to this request sent a letter stating readiness to make joint efforts, as it has always been, to organize assistance to those who are now in difficulty and suffering because of the current situation. The letter also expressed the wish to maintain research ties.. Joe O'Hara introduced some ideas how EERA could support Ukrainian researchers. Other council members mentioned several initiatives/networks to help people/students/professors from Ukraine in different European countries.

During a long discussion many Council members stated their point of view, some feeling that it might be dangerous to openly speak against the war for people living in Russia and Belarus and that the bridge of communication should not be destroyed, others saying that a clear position against war would be needed for good further cooperation. The two only people who had actually experienced war in their own country before, with their nations being enemies (Croatia and Serbia) both said how reassuring it was to stay in contact at international conferences etc, to see that not all of "them" were actual enemies. That gave them hope.

Oksana said she was grateful for the help the refugees received all across Europe, but that what is most needed currently is support for the people who decided to stay in the country.

Council decided to publish another statement against the war: all associations can have a look before it goes out. If they cannot support the statement, they will be asked to let their membership with EERA rest until the situation changes. In addition, EERA will realise the different support options introduced to Council and will also look into how researchers still in Ukraine can be supported. The statement was published on the EERA website.

3. ECER 2022

3.1 General Report: Submission numbers, EERA Workshops

The president briefly outlined the current situation regarding ECER submission numbers and possible options regarding conference mode. In the finances section (point 15), the treasurer then presented two different scenarios (high in-person participation versus low in-person participation in Yerevan) and indicating potential financial losses.

3.2 ECER Yerevan and ECER Plus

All accepted ECER submitters can decide whether they prefer to present in person in Yerevan or online during ECER Plus. The deadline for giving us their preference is 10 April. It is still planned to go for the in-person event, and once we have the numbers, we can see how many of the participants also intend to go. The acceptance email will be amended with some more details on where to find practical information, to help decide. Council will be asked to let EERA Office have details on flight options to Yerevan from their country, and restrictions from their universities, to give a broader idea of the situation for ECER participants in the different countries.

3.3 LOC Report

Anna Aleksanyan reported on the developments, e.g. on the difficulties with contracting this year, as everything is pending until the proportions of people attending in person or online are known. Regarding the question from someone in Council on the political situation Anna said that life has gone on, and that you do not feel any tensions in Yerevan.

3.4 EERA Sessions

The usual email will be sent out asking for suggestions for EERA Sessions.

3.5 Chairing and scheduling keynotes

Tracey Burns (OECD Centre for Educational Research and Innovation),
Carole Faucher (University of Edinburgh),
Maria Assunção Flores (University of Minho),
Robert Khachatryan (Brusov State University),
Bob Lingard (University of Queensland) and
Eric Mangez (University of Louvain).

Anna suggested two chairs, and suggested that they are allocated to a keynote speaker looking at their research interests. Therefore it was decided that this decision is made via email. Volunteers from Council are Dragica, Maria, Andreas and Satu.

3.6 Associations Meet and Greet:

EERA Office will send out an email after the decision process to ask which national associations would like to present themselves.

3.7 Committee Poster Award

Volunteers 2022: Jana Polachova, Liudmila Ruspiene, Eduardo Garcia Jimenez, Stephen McKinney and Elisabetta Biffi.

Process for handling Posters in 2022:

All posters are to be presented online in the App (uploaded to the online Poster exhibit). Poster authors who are participating in-person in Yerevan are invited to have their posters additionally in the in-person exhibition as well.

The poster award committee will work with those posters in the App.

4. Future ECERS

4.1 ECER 2023, Glasgow

4.1.1 Theme

The theme was approved.

4.1.2 Keynote Speakers

The list was approved by Council, however the geographical imbalance was discussed at the same time: the national associations should be more active and come forward with people of their research community who would fit with the theme. Council should focus on how to prioritise regional diversity, shifting importance from highest standing towards more regional diversity, also considering global North and South. One step could be added to the process where this diversity is looked at.

4.1.3 Leaflet

There will be an online leaflet.

4.1.4 General Report LOC

Joe informed Council that a budget was delivered shortly before the meeting. Stephen McKinney reported that since 2020, new hotels and new university buildings were built, which will make things easier. The social events are also set. The dates fixed are 21 – 25 August.

4.2 ECER 2024, Nikosia

There is a first workable budget where details are yet to be discussed.

Proposed dates: 19 - 23 August

Helen Phtiaka confirmed that there will be enough hotel rooms blocked for ECER participants, despite the many tourists that will also be on the island in August. The university is very experienced with conference organisation, so we are on the safe side here. She also assumes, that tourists will mostly be doing beach holidays and the city should be rather "empty".

4.2.1 Set up Scientific Committee

In addition to the ex officio members of the committee, Dragica, Lucian, Mhairi, Jana and Sébastien volunteered.

4.3 Bids as of 2025

4.3.1 Belgrade (2025).

The last week of August or the first week of September could be organised. The conference would take place at the University of Belgrade, at the faculty of philosophy and neighbouring buildings, all in the heart of the city centre. There are lots of hotels close by. The airport can be

reached easily from all capitals in Europe, and is 25 minutes away from the centre. Negotiations on the Budget will be taken up in autumn.

4.3.2 Tampere (2026)

The campus of University of Tampere is very compact, everything is walkable, the city centre and the station etc. There are different options to get there: take the night train to Stockholm, and then the ferry and another train to Tampere, or fly to Helsinki and take a train (2 hours). Definitely in August, don't have more exact dates. Council approved of the application.

4.3.3 Kyrenia (2027)

The university just inaugurated a few new buildings, they now have a bigger cafeteria. The campus is 5 km from the city centre and can be reached by bus. Hotels rooms are from 20 to 60 €, and meals 5 – 7 €. Kyrenia airport is to open in 2024, but you can also fly to Larnaca and take a shuttle for 50 €.

5. Publications

5.1 EERJ

5.1.1 Editors' Report

Paolo Landri reported on the EERJ developments since the last meeting. Joe thanked him, his co-editor Sotiria Grek and the editorial board for their work and that EERA is lucky to be so well represented with this journal.

5.1.2 Financial Report

postponed

5.2 Book Series

Three books have been published so far, and more are in the pipeline.... At ECER in Yerevan, there will be a proper book launch for these books. There is a slowdown in offers reaching the editorial board. Joe asked Council to please advertise this opportunity to people they know in EERA networks, and in their associations.

Joe thanked Dennis Beach and the editorial board for their work.

5.3 Blog

The blog is a success, the numbers of readers constantly increasing. Please encourage your national associations to consider a blog post, it is a good opportunity to increase visibility. Joe thanked Lynn Nothegger for her work on the blog, which is fantastic.

6. Emerging Researchers' Group

6.1 ERC Report

Saneeya Qureshi stated that the quality of papers submitted to the Emerging Researchers' Conference was very good this year. She thanked Anna Aleksanyan and LOC for the many volunteers for mentoring sessions, and Council for their reviewing and mentoring new reviewers etc. She is also really grateful to her co-convenors, she is humbled by their energy. Special thanks also to Satu, her senior mentor.

As the lunch break session Getting to Know EERA was a big success in Hamburg in 2019, the ERG plan is to offer it again in 2022. Volunteers from Council: Maria, Petra, Joe, Erich. Saneeya also thanked Joe for the opportunity to collaborate with the GENE project, one of the co-convenors even chaired a session in the seminar. Joe and Satu thanked Saneeya for her invaluable work, which is so important for EERA.

7. External Relationships

Joe O'Hara reported on relations with WERA, EASSH and ISE.

8. EERA Activities

8.1 Summer School

8.1.1 Report Porto

Maria Pacheco Figueiredo gave a short overview of the preparation for this year's Summer School in Porto. There are many research centres involved, so they are not lacking volunteers for the mentoring, however some international volunteers would be welcome. If someone from Council is interested, please contact the EERA Office.

8.2 Writing Workshops

Stephen McKinney confirmed that they would be willing to continue, face to face being the preferred option, but also online would be possible. The workshops were often combined with the national conference. If national associations are interested, please get in touch with the EERA Office.

8.3 GENE Award

The online event "Showcasing Global Educational Research. Results of the EERA-GENE Global Education Award 2021" was a great success and also a capacity building for the EERA Office... Joe thanked Jenny and Anouk for their support. GENE wants to continue the collaboration, and Council had agreed to do so in a previous meeting. Joe thinks this is a very positive connection and project.

9. Networks

Petra Grell informed Council that there were discussions within the group of link convenors with regard to changing the format to in-person and online, but that they are now all willing to prepare a good conference.

9.1 Network Honorary Members

Council approved of the suggested new network honorary members.

9.2 Overview Projects

There are no new funding applications as many projects were postponed due to Covid.

10. New Members

Kosovo and Georgia expressed interest in becoming EERA members and Council endorses this.

11. Office

11.1 General Update

Maria gave a short report, as Angelika was not able to attend the meeting. Maria emphasised that she was really missed. The biggest change in the office was the new colleague Jenny who joined the team in February. Council welcomed her!

Joe, Exec and Council thanked the EERA Office for their extraordinary work in extraordinary times.

12. General Regulations

Postponed to next meeting

13. Communication and Social Media

Joe thanked Doretta Dow for her work with EERA's social media channels Facebook and Twitter. He also encouraged the Council members to let the office know if there is something interesting going on in their country, with their association, and EERA will advertise it both at Other Associations' Events on the website or in the social media. He also asked them to re-tweet EERA and ECER news.

14. Elections

Marit Honerod Hoveid was elected as the new EERA President. She will start shadowing this September, and will take over as president in September 2023.

15. Finances

Andreas Hadjar gave a report on the preliminary results of 2021, and gave an outlook on the 2022 income, considering the different scenarios for ECER with regard to the proportions of in-person and online participation. Andreas thanked the office for their help and especially Angelika for developing the scenarios. Joe thanked Andreas for his work.

16. AOB

17. Next Meetings

No in person meeting in Yerevan; find dates for meeting in autumn.