

# EARLI Association News, Summer 2012

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During the summer of this year many of EARLI's Special Interest Groups are organising their SIG Conferences all over Europe. You will find an overview of all SIG conference in this issue.

The month July is, in particular, an interesting month for EARLI's Junior Researchers: from 23 to 27 July, the JURE 2012 Conference takes place in Regensburg, Germany. In this issue we will give you a small insight into the conference venue at the University of Regensburg, Germany.

Furthermore, from 28 until 30 November 2012, the next EAPRIL conference will take place in Jyväskylä, Finland. In this summer issue of EARLI's Association News we will also introduce you to the conference venue at JAMK University.

Finally, we warmly invite you to the next EARLI Biennial Conference in Munich, from 27 August until 31 August 2013. The conference theme will be: 'Responsible Teaching and Sustainable Learning'.

## 1. EARLI Special Interest Groups Conferences

The summer time is perfect to meet your colleagues from the field and catch up with the latest news. Our EARLI SIG conferences give you the opportunity to enlarge your network and learn new insights on interesting topics. Below you can find an overview of the various SIG meetings taking place this summer.

SIG 1 Assessment and Evaluation

Date: 28-31 August 2012

Place: Brussels, Belgium

Website: <http://www.earli-sig1-conference.org>

SIG 2 Comprehension of Text and Graphics

Title: Staging knowledge and experience: How to take advantage of representational technologies in education and training?

Date: 29-31 August 2012

Place: Grenoble, France

Website: <http://earlisig2-2012.upmf-grenoble.fr>

SIG 3 Conceptual Change

Date: 1-4 September 2012

Place: Trier, Germany

Website: <http://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=42218&L=2>

SIG 4 Higher Education

Title: Creativity and innovation in Higher Education

Date: 14-17 August 2012

Place: Tallinn, Estonia

Website: [http://www.tlu.ee/EARLI\\_SIG\\_2012](http://www.tlu.ee/EARLI_SIG_2012)

SIG 5 Learning and Development in Early Childhood

Title: Researching Development, Learning and Well-Being in Early Childhood

Date: 27-29 August 2012

Place: Utrecht, The Netherlands

Website: <http://earlisig.fss.uu.nl>

SIG 6 & 7 Instructional Design and Learning / Instruction with Computers

Title: Instructional Design for Advancing Learning in a Networked Society

Date: 11-13 September 2012

Place: Bari, Italy

Website: <http://earli-sig67.slo.nl>

SIG 8 Motivation and Emotion

Date: 28-30 August 2012

Place: Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Website: <http://www.icm2012.de>

SIG 9 Phenomenography

Date: 27-28 August 2012

Place: Jönköping, Sweden

Website: <http://hj.se/hlk/en/business-and-society/the-earli-sig-9-conference.html>

SIG 10 & 21 Social Interaction in Learning and Instruction / Learning and Teaching in Culturally Diverse Settings

Title: Patchwork: Cultural diversities

Date: 30 August - 1 September 2012

Place: Belgrade, Serbia

Website: <http://www2.unine.ch/patchworks2012>

SIG 11 Teaching and Teacher Education

Title: Teaching and Teacher Education in an Era of Accountability - What do we know and what do we need to know?

Date: 13-15 June 2012

Place: Bergen, Norway

Website: <http://sig2012.wordpress.com>

SIG 12 Writing

Date: 11-13 July 2012

Place: Porto, Portugal

Website: <http://www.fpce.up.pt/sigwriting2012>

SIG 13 Moral and Democratic Education

Dates: 18-21 June 2012

Place: Bergen, Norway

Website: <http://www.sig13.org/Bergen>

SIG 14 Learning and Professional Development

Title: Learning in transition

Date: 22-24 August 2012

Place: Antwerp, Belgium

Website: <http://www.ua.ac.be/earlisig14>

SIG 15 Special Educational Needs

Title: Theoretically-based intervention of learning disorders

Date: 29-30 August 2012

Place: Utrecht, The Netherlands  
Website: <http://earlisig.fss.uu.nl/earli-sig-15-conference>

SIG 16 Metacognition  
Date: 5-8 September 2012  
Place: Milan, Italy  
Website: <http://www.metacognition2012.it>

SIG 17 Qualitative and quantitative approaches to learning and instruction  
Title: Mixed methods for analysing educational interactions  
Date: 6-7 September 2012  
Location: Deventer, The Netherlands  
Website: <http://www.saxion.nl/earlisig17>

SIG 18 Educational Effectiveness  
Title: From Theory to Theory. Empirical Analyses in Relation to Theoretical Models of Educational Effectiveness.  
Date: 29-31 August 2012  
Place: Zurich, Switzerland  
Website: <http://www.earli.uzh.ch>

SIG 19 Religious and Spiritual Education  
Title: What is Religious and Spiritual Education good for?  
Date: 23-25 August 2012  
Place: Nijmegen, The Netherlands  
Website: <http://www.ru.nl/theology/research/what-religious>

Sig 20 Computer Supported Inquiry Learning  
Date: 22-24 August 2012  
Place: Bochum, Germany  
Website: <http://www.pp.rub.de/earlisig20>

SIG 22 Neuroscience and Education  
Date: 24-26 May 2012  
Place: London, United Kingdom  
Website: <http://www.earli22neuroeducation.com>

## **2. JURE 2012 Conference: University of Regensburg in Germany**

The JURE 2012 Conference will take place at the University of Regensburg in Germany. Regensburg is a small city located in the scenic Danube valley and nearby the Bavarian Forest. It has a rich history that goes back to Roman settlements. Its political, economical, and religious importance is expressed by the large number of historical buildings which characterise the inner-city of Regensburg. Modern Regensburg is home to around 140.000 people and offers a number of highlights and places to discover. In the historical inner-city, for example, you can find small, contorted, and narrow alleys with hundreds of small shops which invite you to an extensive shopping tour. After that you can relax: sitting on one of several squares drinking coffee and enjoying Regensburg's medieval atmosphere. You can experience why habitants refer to Regensburg as the "most northern city of Italy".

The conference will be located at the beautiful university campus of Regensburg. The university was built in the 1960s on a hill near the city centre and teaching started in 1967 with only 661 students.

Although originally founded as a regional university, it now commands an international profile and has expanded to offer a wide range of study and research opportunities to approximately 17.000 students from different countries. With its abundant green space and water features, the campus offers the perfect place to sit down and relax after challenging and stimulating presentations.

The deadline for conference registration will be 9 July 2012. For more information, visit <http://www.earli-jure2012.org>.

### **3. EAPRIL 2012 Conference: JAMK University in Jyväskylä, Finland**

The EAPRIL 2012 Conference will take place at the JAMK University in the city of Jyväskylä. Jyväskylä is a dynamic, youthful and lively city, which on the basis of its specialisations promotes itself as the Human Technology City. The seventh largest city in Finland, Jyväskylä is home to 131 000 resident. It is famous for its achievements in science and technology, its high-quality cultural activities and beautiful natural environment. Jyväskylä is home to students in many different fields. Almost thirty per cent of the population consists of school-goers and students.

The JAMK University is an attractive, internationally oriented higher education institution with a strong role among the developers of the Jyväskylä region and Central Finland. JAMK offers first- and second-cycle degree education, open studies, continuing education, and vocational teacher education to a total of 8,000 students. Close contacts with regional enterprises and organisations are maintained. The orientation of JAMK's education and the contents of the various curricula are based on the needs of working life.

The EAPRIL Conference will be held in the area of Lutakko campus in Dynamo and in Jyväskylä Paviljonki, an international congress and trade fair centre located next to the campus area. Dynamo, built in 2003, and Jyväskylä Paviljonki provide the participants with modern, functional facilities to enjoy the conference.

The deadline for submissions of proposals will be 15 September 2012. For more information, visit <http://www.eapril.org/EAPRIL2012>.

### **4. EARLI 2013 Conference Theme: Responsible Teaching and Sustainable Learning**

Hereby we would like to invite you to join us at our next EARLI Conference. The 15th EARLI conference will take place in Munich, Germany from 27 until 31 August 2013.

The theme of the conference will be 'Responsible Teaching and Sustainable Learning'. We believe that in today's hectic and globalised world, the focus lies more and more often on finding quick solutions for just the most proximate problems. As educational researchers, it is our challenge to break this pattern of thinking and acting on short notice. When doing our research, we should pursue an image of learning which aims at the learners ability to develop their character, being open minded and develop own ideas. Therefore, we also need to inform teachers about how to create learning environments which promote that learners take responsibility for their own learning and thus make sustainable learning likely.

Deadline for submissions of proposals will be 29 October 2012. For more information, visit <http://www.earli2013.org>.