EARLI SIG 11 Teaching and Teacher Education – Minutes Business Meeting

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1. Welcome

2. Report of SIG activities

   • Two of EARLI SIGs, SIG 4 Higher Education and SIG 11 Teaching and Teacher Education organized a Joint SIG conference with the theme ‘Future Visions for Learning and Teaching’ in June 13th-16th, 2010 at Kirkkonummi, Finland. The conference venue was Majvik Convention hotel. 111 delegates were present (from both SIGs), from 17 different countries, mostly European countries, but also including USA, Canada, Israel and Japan.

   • An invited symposium was organized for the EARLI 2011 conference. The theme of this symposium (conceptualizing and measuring teacher learning) was chosen based on the themes that were identified during the Business meeting of the Sig meeting 2010. Speakers were invited by the coordinators. For next EARLI conference the Sig member will be invited to play a more active role in this.

3. Membership issues

   • In order to receive funding from the EC for our SIG activities we have to let Sig members pay a reduced fee of maximum 80% of the full fee for the SIG conference. This is only for SIG members, not for EARLI members. Therefore, it is even more important that people are a member of the SIG. When you are already a member of EARLI but not of the SIG, you can become a SIG member by sending an email to the EARLI office (costs are 8 euros per year).

   • It is now possible to have a two-year membership of EARLI.

   • There are only a few JURE member in the SIG. SIG members are encouraged to stimulate their junior colleagues to become a SIG member.

4. JURE activities

   • All JURE activities took place during the SIG 2010 conference. JURE activities were organized together with the JURE assistant coordinator of SIG Higher Education Jenni Stubb. A workshop about publishing was arranged, a "meet the juniors"-poster session was organized in which junior researchers could present their whole research project.

   • Possible additional JURE activities could be having awards for the best junior paper at a SIG or EARLI conference, but then first the amount of JURE member should increase.

   • Maaike Endedijk will be on maternity leave from half September till half January. In the mean time, Larike Bronkhorst (Utrecht University) will replace her (l.h.bronkhorst@uu.nl).

5. Election of a new SIG coordinator
• All members were asked through an online form to give suggestions for the new SIG coordinator. This resulted in two serious candidates: Tina Seidel and Kari Smith. One other volunteer from Finland was not included in the election, since SIG coordinators have to be from different countries. Both remaining candidates were asked to send their CV and motivation to become a SIG coordinator and future plans. This information is printed out for the SIG members and handed to them during the business meeting.

• The SIG members are asked whether they want to vote during the business meeting or afterwards by email. It is decided by raising hands that the new coordinator will be chosen during the business meeting (22 votes for election during the business meeting/ 1 vote for elections by email).

• SIG members are given time to read the resumes of the candidates. After that, the election takes place on paper. Only SIG members are entitled to vote. Results: Kari Smith (15 votes), Tina Seidel (10 votes), 2 blanc votes. Therefore, Kari Smith is chosen as the new SIG coordinator.

6. Future actions
• Kari Smith invites the SIG member to come to Bergen, Norway to have the next SIG meeting. It is suggested to do this in June or August, because of the weather. Furthermore, people suggest to combine the SIG meeting with another SIG, like Higher Education of Professional Learning and Development. It turns out that also SIG 13 Moral and Democratic Education has a SIG meeting in Bergen. The SIG coordinators will take this into account.

• For next EARLI conference again a Invited symposium will be organized, ideas for this will be gathered during SIG 2012 meeting.

7. Miscellaneous
• On behalf of the SIG members, we thank Fritz Staub for his work as a coordinator in the period 2009-2011