

## Minutes of Meeting of SIG SEN: August, 30 2007

Chair: Diny van der Aalsvoort, Utrecht University

### *Presentation of participants:*

Diny van der Aalsvoort presented herself and Eva Hjörne as the sitting/current SIG coordinators. She asked the other participants to present themselves as well.

### *Overview of SIG activities:*

Diny gave an overview of the papers and symposia related to SEN that were included as part of the current EARLI conference. She stressed the importance of the SIG to balance studies with regard to learning and instruction.

The audience had several remarks with regard to the review procedure for the Conference of 2007. The first one was a concern about the acceptance of papers about qualitative data. Proposals accepted in 2005 containing qualitative data had been rejected for the conference in 2007. This may suggest that qualitative data are accepted less often while research papers in special education often include qualitative data. It was decided that a letter including this concern was sent to the Executive Board of EARLI.

Diny then described the 2006 SIG SEN meeting, held in Leiden. She mentioned that although fewer than expected educators participated, the presentations and related discussion had been worthwhile.

### *Re SIG Meeting in Göteborg (May 19 and 20, 2008.):*

Eva Hjörne invited the SIG meeting participants to send proposals for presentations to be given at the upcoming interim SIG meeting to take place at the University of

Göteborg, Sweden. The meeting's subject is social interaction and marginalization. It will incorporate paper presentations together with data sessions. She mentioned that the organizing committee had not yet settled on the Invited speakers.

The audience suggested that the title did not include SEN in a way that suited the opinion of the attending members. It was therefore decided that the word 'marginalization' either should not be used in the main title or that a subtitle should be included that to clarify the reference.

Since the meeting in August a third SIG has been added to take part in the SIG meeting in May 2008. The title of the meeting has been changed to include the third SIG so that the problem with regard to the title has been solved already.

#### *Farewell to Eva*

Diny thanked Eva for her contributions while sharing the role of SIG co-coordinator. She then welcomed Dr. Adina Shamir as the incoming coordinator. Adina thereupon introduced herself and announced her agenda.