

Dear Members of our SIG 17,

First of all, we would like to warmly welcome all new members that joined our SIG during the summer months. It is great that you joined us and to see our SIG grow. Welcome to SIG 17!

With this email, we would like to share information related to the past, the present, and the future of our SIG. The past refers to the Members Meeting we had in Limassol, the present refers to the name change of our SIG, and the future refers to the next SIG conference. More information is below.

(1) The past: EARLI 2015 in Limassol

We had a vibrant business meeting during the EARLI 2015 conference and a successful symposium on innovative methodologies together with many other activities related to our SIG. Thank you to all our members for being so active in Limassol! Please find more information on the Members Meeting in the appended minutes. We also attach the minutes of the Policy Council meeting for your interest.

(2) The present: Name and scope of SIG 17

During the Members Meeting in Limassol, we continued discussing the scope and name of our SIG. This resulted in a short list of new SIG names. We decided to open the decision on the new name and include all our members to increase participation and interaction. So, please have your vote for the new name of our SIG. You have one vote. The vote is hidden, so nobody (except the SIG coordinators) can see how you voted. Cast your vote until Thursday, November, 05, 23:59 h CET. Thank you for voting on our SIG name.

Access the Doodle poll here: <http://doodle.com/poll/mu2cuy6nz8f6izby>

(3) The future: SIG Conference 2016 in Maastricht

Our SIG is proud and honored to host the SIG 17 conference 2016 together with Maastricht University and the Department of Educational Development and Research on August 17-19, 2016. The theme of the 2016 Conference of the EARLI SIG 17 is Emerging Methodologies in Educational Research. This conference theme reflects an interest in state-of-the-art and upcoming approaches to collect and analyze data on learning and teaching, while offering also the opportunity to rethink the affordances of more traditional empirical techniques and ways of how these methods can be mixed, combined, and integrated. The theme aims to inspire submissions, not limit them, so we welcome all proposals that focus on the methodological aspects of the research process. For the first time in the history of the SIG, the conference will host a series of pre-conference workshops related to the conference theme for PhD students and post-doc researchers. The workshops aim to offer hands-on

experience with selected topics for collecting and analyzing data with qualitative and quantitative approaches. More information is provided in the first call for proposals appended to this email. We are very much looking forward to receiving your submissions and welcoming you all in Maastricht in August 2016 for the SIG 17 conference.

Best wishes,
Crina, Laurence, and Andreas