

NETWORK 22 BUSINESS MEETING, 15.9.2011, room L201 at 12.30-13.30, minutes

1. Welcome

Link Convenor Jani Ursin welcomed participants to the network business meeting. Altogether 40-50 persons were present in the meeting.

2. Network convenors

Network convenors (those who were present) introduced themselves.

3. Network 22 website and email list

Jani Ursin informed that everybody who attended this year's conference and who is yet not in the email list will be added to the list. Participants were encouraged to sent information on HE events, books, etc. to the Network 22 email list eeranetwork22@lists.jyu.fi. Network's www-pages can be found at <http://www.eera.de/networks/network22/>. Old www-pages (<http://ktl.jyu.fi/ktl/eeranetwork22>) will be removed under this new address before the next conference.

4. Network funding

As an example Christine Teelken briefly described network funding she got together with Monne Wihlborg. Participants were encouraged to apply network funding. Further information on Network funding and criteria, please visit <http://www.eera-ecer.eu/networks/network-funding/>

5. Issues raised during link convenors' meeting

- a. Waxmann poster prize
Link convenor informed a new prize that will be awarded annually for the best posters.
- b. New formats of presentation
Link convenor informed of a new format of presentation namely interactive poster presentation that most likely will be introduced in the next year's conference. The idea is to have a poster session with chair and short presentations.
- c. Joint symposia with other networks
Link convenor stressed that all the initiatives towards joint symposium with another networks are highly encouraged.
- d. EERA office's limited possibilities to accommodate participants' individual requests.
As the conference has grown over the last years (this year 2400 registered participants) the EERA office has limited resources to accommodate individual requests for presentation times etc. Therefore,

NW members are encouraged to reserve the whole main conference to deliver their presentation. Symposia and RTs will be placed on the final day of the conference. However, in the discussion it was also raised a possibility of placing a symposium as an opening act of the programme. If there are enough symposia to be placed outside the last conference day, this will be an excellent idea.

6. Proposals and reviewing process

Participants were informed about the reviewing process of proposals and about a need for a larger team of reviewers in the future conferences. Link Convenor will send further information on this closer to the deadline for call for papers. Participants were also encouraged to put effort in writing a proposal as network receives about 150 proposals each year with a rejection rate of 22 percentage in 2011.

7. Other higher education events

The first Nordic Conference of Higher Education Research will take place on 9.-10.2.2012 in Espoo (Finland)

Further information: <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/hegompape/nordic-conference-9th-10th-feb-2012/>

8. ECER 2012 in Gádiz, Spain 18.-21.9.2012

Next ECER conference will be held in Gádiz, Spain. Strict deadline for submission of proposals will be 1 Feb. 2012.

9. Other issues

- *EERA symposia*: participants were informed that NW22 email list is a good way of finding participants for a symposium. Criteria for a symposium can be found: <http://www.eera.de/ecer2011/submission-registration/submission2011/formats-of-presentation/> Link Convenor will send an email to NW list to inform further about this issue.
- *Co-operation between EARLI and EERA*: as EARLI has a higher education SIG the Link Convenor will explore possibilities for cooperation. One option raised was an EARLI SIG meeting during the ECER 2012.
- *Subthemes of NW22*: Link Convenor also reminded that NW22 has 5 subthemes (Teaching, learning and assessment in higher education; Employability and transition to work of higher education graduates; Academic work and professional development; Policy, management and governance in higher education; Inclusion and diversity in higher

education settings) and an open stream. Further information,
<http://www.eera.de/networks/network22/>