

Minutes from the SIG 2 Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019

New coordinators were elected: Kathrin Otrell-Cass (Aalborg, Denmark and Graz, Austria) was re-elected and Hannah Sevian (University of Massachusetts Boston, USA) was newly elected. Many thanks go to Rainer Wackermann (Bochum, Germany) for his work in the past four years!!

Next biannual SIG conference: We are glad to announce that Antti Lehtinen together with his group in Jyväskylä, Finland, has offered to host the next biannual SIG 2 meeting, in late November 2020 (date to be announced soon). We agreed on having again a focus topic for the meeting, namely “managing complexity as a resource of video-based research of science teaching and learning processes” with a focus on quality assessment of science teaching and learning. The next steps will involve setting the exact date and circulating a theoretical paper in preparation for the meeting.

Welcoming new members to our SIG especially from under-represented countries: Several ideas came up for how to be more visible to potential new members. One suggestion was to announce the next biannual meeting via the main ESERA website to invite all ESERA members regardless of their actual current membership in our SIG. The SIG 2 coordinators will approach the ESERA Board to explore possible additional funded travel assistance for people from under-represented countries or researchers with very limited funding possibilities. The group may consider other ways to support members – perhaps by offering double-blind reviewing since this is required by some universities in order to fund their researchers. The group extended its warm welcome to all new members, for example colleagues from South Africa who attended the ESERA conference in Bologna 2019!

New format for the invited symposium: The group discussed the possibility to consider a new or different format for the invited symposium. Some ideas were presented but no decisions made. This will be a point to discuss further at the next SIG meeting in Jyväskylä.

Book on video analysis in the ESERA book series: Maja Brückmann (Oldenburg, Germany) explained that she and her colleagues would like to give up the editorship of the planned book. Maja sketched out the work that has been done so far. Since no new editors could be found at the business meeting, the book project is halted at this point but open to any interested member to pick up and carry forward.

Special journal issue on validity: The group decided to turn the materials presented at last year’s meeting in Gießen and the invited symposium presentations (plus other submissions made for this symposium) at ESERA in Bologna into a special journal issue. Andreas Vorholzer, who co-organized the meeting in Gießen, agreed to act as the editor (many thanks!!). The group discussed extending the invitation to contribute to such a special issue to the other SIG 2 members who did not present under the topic of validity at this year’s conference. The group felt that a special issue would greatly support the ambitions of ESERA’s SIG 2 for more visibility and grow video based research practices.

The next newsletter is planned end of 2019 with information on the biannual SIG 2 conference in Jyväskylä. It will include an invitation for SIG 2 members to send their proposals for presentation ideas. Everyone is welcome to submit additional content/news to share. Please send this to the coordinators until 15/12/19.

Best wishes to all,

Kathrin Otrell-Cass, Hannah Sevian and Rainer Wackermann