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Dear members,

As we embark on 2024, on behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to extend my gratitude and wishes for a prosperous new year to each member of our ESERA family.

Thank you for your dedication to research in science education and your commitment to our academic community. We wish that this new year brings all the best to all our members: love, brilliance, good health, care, humanity, and solidarity.

Let's dedicate ourselves so that 2024 is a year in which challenges are turned into opportunities and in which we all feel appreciated and fulfilled for who we are and what we do for the field of science education and our local communities.

With optimism and hope,



Gonzalo Guerrero, a doctoral student at the Institute of Education in London, is elected as a Board member

My name is Gonzalo Guerrero, and I am from Latin America, Chile. I worked as a physics and science educator for ten years before embarking on my PhD at the IOE, UCL's Faculty of Education and Society. Currently, I am in my final year, working on a collaborative research project centred on critical environmental and scientific literacies and outdoor science education.

Since 2019, I have actively participated as an ESERA member in the last three conferences, in the SIG groups, and in the ESERA summer school in Poznan, Poland. These international events have provided me with the opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world, expanding my Latin American networks into Europe.

I also served as a postgraduate teaching assistant (PGTA) at the Centre for Doctoral Education at UCL for two years. In this role, I supported international PhD students in their early formative stages, helping them to reflect on the unique nature of doctoral studies. From my experience as a mentor and as a PGTA, I am enthusiastic to continue supporting all ESERA international members, particularly doctoral students from non-European countries, given their increased participation in recent conferences.



Interested in finding out more about Gonzalo? Read his responses to a set of questions: [here](#)

ESERA Summer School 2024 – call for applications

The next ESERA Summer School will take place in Tartu Estonia from August 19th to August 24th, 2024, hosted by the Institute of Ecology and Earth Science Centre for Science Education at the University of Tartu.

PhD students working in the field of science education research are invited to submit their applications for the Summer School by January 31, 2024. A maximum of 49 PhD students will be selected, based on a review of their synopses, and considering a diversity of countries and fields of interest in science education. In addition to the possibility of presenting and discussing participants' research in small supportive groups, the Summer School offers several possibilities to meet and discuss research with mentors outside one's mentor group (world café format) and workshops, provided by experienced science education researchers at different career stages.

The Academics, who are ESERA members and would like to participate in the Summer School as mentors for a group of PhD students are also invited to submit their applications by January 31, 2024. A maximum of 14 mentors will be selected, based on their envisioned role during the Summer School.

You can find more information at the website: <https://sisu.ut.ee/esera2024>



[ESERA Conference 2023 – call for eProceedings](#)

The organizing committee of ESERA Conference 2023 invites all authors who presented symposia, oral presentations, posters, or workshops at the ESERA 2023 Conference to submit their papers for inclusion in the ESERA 2023 eProceedings.

The deadline for submissions is on January 31, 2024.

An electronic proceedings will be published of papers presented at the ESERA 2023. The eProceedings will contain electronic publications of revised and extended papers presented at the ESERA 2023 Conference. The eProceedings will be published in the [ESERA Conference Proceedings series](#). This will be the ninth publication in this series, entitled “Connecting Science Education with Cultural Heritage”, which was also the theme of ESERA 2023.

All communications presented at the ESERA 2023 Conference are welcome. After the conference, all authors are asked to produce updated versions of their papers and take into account the discussion after the presentation and the suggestions received from other participants at the conference.

For each oral presentation, poster presentation, or workshop, authors can submit one

paper. For panels or symposia, submit one paper for each/any one of the presentations of the symposium (i.e. each presenter can submit their papers individually).

Rules for submitting a paper for eProceedings:

- Submissions should be submitted in Word format.
- Submissions should be a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 10 pages (tables, figures references etc. all included).
- Submissions must use [the ESERA 2023 eProceedings template](#).
- Submissions will be made through the same interface (Oxford Abstract platform) you used for the conference application. Please go to your existing dashboard and add only "Proceeding" to your previous submission.

Process for submission and review:

- The submission system will be open until January 31, 2024.
- The submission will be reviewed by the Strand Chairs to ensure adherence to the acceptance criteria and formatting.
- Strand Chairs will decide on ACCEPTANCE or REJECTION, there won't be a chance for revision.

Acceptance criteria:

- Submission MUST adhere to the one presented at the ESERA 2023 conference;
- Submission MUST adhere to the template provided;
- Submission is sufficiently clear and logical;
- Language is at an acceptable level.

There will be NO opportunity for resubmission, therefore, please follow the template provided. Final decisions will be made by the Editors and the authors will be informed of the decision via e-mail on the Oxford Abstract platform.

For more information and submitting platform, please use the following link: <https://www.esera2023.net/e proceedings/>

Contact

For queries related to the conference eProceedings, please send an email to eproceedings@esera2023.net



Update on the ESERA 2025 Conference Planning



Øksnehallen is in the centre of Copenhagen. See the map here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ij4dXnjS1pZZr2p26>

We're making progress in organizing the ESERA Conference 2025 (<https://esera2025.org/>). The event will take place in Øksnehallen and DGI-byen, centrally located in Copenhagen with accommodation in all price ranges nearby. These venues reflect our commitment to accessibility for participants and a key focus of the conference, sustainability.

We're developing ways to minimize the conference's environmental impact. Our starting point is a central location and compact venue, to reduce the need for transportation to and from the conference site. Furthermore, we are working to find ways to reduce the environmental footprint from, for example, catering, drinking cups, and printed material.

Furthermore, we currently are working on formats that will enhance the exchange of information, ensuring that every session is valuable for participants. Our plans include supporting participants in making presentations and being conference chairs. We are also discussing ideas to improve existing formats and develop one or two formats that will be new to the ESERA conference.

We look forward to sharing more updates in the coming year, and as we approach the conference dates.

Jesper Bruun (Conference Chair) & Magdalena Kersting (Co-conference Chair)

Emily MacLeod's, outgoing Board member, farewell

As my time as the first PhD Executive Board Member of ESERA comes to an end, I wanted to share my thoughts and reflections on the last two years. First, I'd like to say thank you to the ESERA community for voting to introduce this role. We all know that doing a PhD can be a tough and isolating experience, particularly during a global pandemic. However the role has enabled me to work with and learn from colleagues from around the world, as well as work to support others in a way that would not otherwise have been possible.

As the first person to hold the role, the main goal I had when starting back in January 2022 was to bring together and support students and Early Career Researchers (ECRs) in science education; particularly those who are the sole science education researchers at their institution, and those from contexts that have typically been underrepresented in ESERA. Whilst our network is still developing, we now have 400 subscribed members of the ESERA ECR network (you can sign up [here!](#)) and it's been great to start and share a space through writing clubs and meet-ups where ECRs can get to know each other between conferences and summer schools. It was also a highlight to support so many ECRs to attend last year's conference in person through a record number of ESERA scholarships.

In this role, I've been incredibly proud to represent and bring the diverse experiences of students and ECRs in science education to ESERA's Board Meetings and decision-making. I've worked with some incredible Board Members and have learned a lot from their leadership. I'd like to end by saying congratulations to Gonzalo Guerrero, the newly elected PhD Executive Board Member of ESERA, whom I know will do a fantastic job at developing this role further.

Thank you, ESERA!

Emily MacLeod



GIREP Conference Invitation

We would like to share the invitation to conference by Marisa Michelini, president of GIREP: World Conference on Physics Education (WCPE) will be held in Aug 26 – 30, 2024 in Krakow, Poland. The next GIREP conference will be held in Leiden, the Netherlands, June 30 to July 4, 2025.

More information: <https://www.girep.org/conferences/>

Call for Editor of Science & Education

The International History, Philosophy, and Science Teaching Group (IHPST) invites applications for the position of Editor of the journal Science & Education, to begin on January 1st, 2025. More information is available on the following link:

<https://ihpst.clubexpress.com/>

More announcements and job openings

Answers by Gonzalo Guerrero

1. Write 3 words that describe you as a person.

Sociable, open-minded and professional procrastinator

2. What is the ideal vacation for you?

My ideal vacation would involve visiting my family and friends in Chile, exploring a scenic lake, and hiking in the south of my country.

3. Where did you complete your PhD, and what do you love the most about it?

I am currently in my last year at the Institute of Education at University College London. My supervisors are Prof. Michael Reiss and Prof. Mark Hardman. I am in the final process of writing my thesis (yes, that moment of life, sighs). What I love most about this experience in London is the opportunity to connect with people from different cultural backgrounds. My international friends and colleagues have been the best part of this PhD journey.

4. What is your favourite book?

I don't have only one favourite book, but I can say I love Latin American literature in general for novels. Perhaps *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez is a must-read classic. Academically speaking I love the work of Eduardo Gudynas, Uruguayan biologist and author specialising in environmental issues. My favourite book is *Rights of Nature: Biocentric Ethics and environmental policies*.

5. What was your first experience with ESERA?

My first experience with ESERA was in 2019 in Bologna, Italy. I was presenting part of a research project conducted with my students from Chile. The project focused on interdisciplinarity and collaborative research in science education.

6. What do you like most about ESERA?

I love the friendly environment of ESERA and the opportunity to reconnect with people I met in previous conferences or summer schools. ESERA provides a welcoming

international community to discuss our dreams and issues in science education, climate, and even politics.

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