

SIG Video Annual General Meeting

26 August 2025, at ESERA conference, Copenhagen, Denmark

Meeting hosted by Alba Cortés Morales

1. Welcome and introductions

The meeting was opened with a welcome to the members of the SIG, and they introduced themselves briefly, outlining their backgrounds and interests in video-based research and visual research in science education.

2. Reporting Activities of the SIG

- In 2024, we conducted a hybrid symposium at Graz, Austria, on the 20th of September. The symposium “The role of visuality in science education” sought to create a space to discuss the ongoing collaboration and dialogue among video-based research, visuality, and methodological innovation.
- Discussions over the central role of ethics in video-based research, the challenges of developing shared ethical guidelines across countries and institutional frameworks, and the importance of data privacy, informed consent, and transparency when working with video data were held in the AGM at the symposium.
- In 2025, before the ESERA conference, we held a workshop that was organized with SIG1, featuring innovative ways of using video in early childhood education contexts, by using 360-degree videos.

3. Election of new coordinators

Jaume Ametller shared with the members that due to ongoing personal and professional circumstances, he was unable to fully carry out the role of coordinator and had to step down. Alba Cortés stated that she could continue in her role, but due to ESERA guidelines, the SIG requires another coordinator who would be in charge of the SIG.

Despite the urgency to elect a new coordinator who follows the guidelines (Alba does not work in a European University), none of the meeting attendees could take on the role. It was decided that Alba Cortés would communicate with the members who comply with the regulations to determine if anyone was interested in coordinating. If not, she would write to the board to see what could be done.

The understanding is that if there is no other choice, the SIG would have to end.

4. Future leadership and organization.

An open discussion followed on possible ideas for coordination, challenges related to eligibility criteria, workload, and institutional requirements, and concerns that current regulations may limit innovation and exclude motivated early-career researchers.

Several members expressed a willingness to support the SIG’s work informally, even if they were not eligible for the formal coordinator role. Suggestions were made to:

- Approach potential candidates directly rather than relying solely on email calls.
- Consider distributed or team-based leadership models, where responsibilities are shared.
- Raise concerns about coordinator eligibility criteria with the ESERA board.

After the discussion, the group reflected on challenges related to participation and visibility, noting fluctuating attendance at meetings and limited awareness of SIG activities among ESERA members.

Ideas discussed included:

- Improving communication and outreach to SIG members.
- Developing a short introductory video or presentation explaining the purpose and value of the SIG.
- Exploring low-maintenance visibility strategies (e.g., a single descriptive video rather than frequent social media updates).
- Reviving or rethinking newsletters, workshops, and joint publications as ways to strengthen community ties.

It was noted that while many researchers use video for data collection, fewer engage with methodological or theoretical questions around video, which defines the SIG's core focus.

Consequently, the members discussed possibilities for future SIG activities, including:

- Holding online meetings instead of in-person meetings between annual conferences to improve accessibility.
- Scheduling meetings approximately every six months, with a clear topic and presenter(s) to structure the discussion.
- Exploring virtual or hybrid formats that align with the SIG's focus on video and visuality.
- Using symposia as a key activity for collaboration, networking, and increasing the visibility of SIG work.

5. 2027 network meeting

Kathrin and David proposed that the next network meeting be held online and, with the board's approval, focus on the changes we understand the SIG requires to attract more members. In this sense, it was later proposed by David that the following changes be made to the SIG:

1. Renaming and Opening the SIG 2.

We want to include a broader field of research topics and researchers into our network, that is, why we want to change our name into: Option 1 / Option 2 (like: Visuality in Science Education Research (ViSER)).

2. Work out the main Research Topics of the SIG.

We want to clarify what we understand as the main research Topics of our SIG. Therefore, we will build three Major Groups in the Meetings (breakout rooms) to spell out the different facets of our SIG. It is planned to give an Overview of the field, and we aim to make a book project (could be an argument to get more people involved) on the breadth of the topic.

The major groups we want to begin to spell out are:

- *Working with Videos as a research instrument (maybe we could consider a collaboration with the eyetracking SIG)*
- *Working with Videos as a tool for teaching and learning (for example, the VidNuT-Project)*
- *Working with Visual Content in Teaching and Learning (cartoons for Learning could fit in here)*

3. Revive the connections in our Network with half-annual meetings to connect and foster new international projects.

We want to strengthen our Network to help our members to get in touch and find international project partners for similar Research Projects.

4. Science Communication

We want to build up channels for Science communication with interactions in social media / newsletters... to broaden the visibility of the research of members of our SIG. (for example, through retweeting or sth. like that)

6. Any other business

It was suggested by Kathrin that the timing of SIG meetings in relation to symposia and conference schedules should be looked after.

Eman states that there should be a clarification of SIG registration processes for new members, as well as easy-to-find information for early-career researchers who may not be aware of our existence.