

NERA Board Report for the working year of 2014

1. General remarks.

The board has been working on the NERA/NFPP's main tasks: The annual congress, the journal and the networks within the overall aim of developing educational research in the Nordic countries. The Board wants to express its cordial appreciation to the cashier and the auditors for an excellent job for the good of NERA/NFPP.

2. The Board as elected at the general Assembly in Lillehammer 2014

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3. Members and administration

At the end of 2014 there was in total 682 individual members (including 148 new members, 95 doctoral students) and 12 organizations (university departments). In 2013: 655 members, 2012: 598 members, 2011: 481 members, in 2010: 555 members, in 2009: 623 members and in 2008: 749 members.

4. The Congress in Lillehammer

The congress in Lillehammer had 640 people attending from 18 countries. It contained 143 symposia and paper sessions in addition to 15 posters, also for the first time "The Board Panel". 21 Network meetings were arranged. The congress was located to Radisson Blu Lillehammer Hotel and Lillehammer University College 5th to 7th of Mars 2014. The theme was: Education for Sustainable Development.

5. The work of the Board according to the Board plan for 2014

The board thinks that the quality of our congress, the journal and other activities connected to NERA is important in order to recruit members. Therefore we have launched a vision for the board called NERA 2.0, which include creating platforms for interaction between networks, as for example "the board panel", which were held first time in Lillehammer 2014; develop the webpage making it easier for network communication within and between networks, updating information etc; continue to develop the quality of the journal NSE, including checking what other publishing houses than UF can offer; followed up member registration, which were discussed particularly in August 2014 meeting prepared by one of the board members; sharpen up procedures for how the board work; creating working groups for particular issues who report during board meetings; creating a checklist for what to take into consideration when arranging NERA congresses including principals for the relation between local organising committee and the board; creating forms for application of support to networks, information sheet for how money from NERA can be used and how to report back. Those things the board feels will strengthen NERA's as a professional organisation. Thee board is also contiguously trying to find ways of keeping down costs for participation in the congress, which always is an issue discussed with local organising committees. NERA's visibility at EERA council

has been good and the board are continuously both following and take active part in discussions at EERA council meetings. Also this year the NERA slot at AERA (American Educational Research Association) is filled by network 6 the educational leadership network.

6. Next congresses

Next congress will be held at University of Helsinki 9-11/3, 2016. The theme will be *Social Justice, Equality and Solidarity in Education* and keynote speakers will be: Prof. **Bob Lingard**, University of Queensland, Australia; Prof. **Deborah Youdell**, University of Birmingham, UK, and; Prof. **Gunilla Holm**, University of Helsinki, Finland