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What is EECERA?

The European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA) is an international organisation dedicated to the promotion and dissemination of research in Early Childhood Education throughout Europe and beyond.

EECERA welcomes and encourages membership and contributions at its conferences and to its Journal from across the world to share and participate in its European perspective. The EECERA Journal aims to provide a forum for the publication of original research in early childhood education in Europe. With this as a principal focus, it should be emphasised that EECERA's definition of education embraces care and that its approach is multidisciplinary, embracing all related fields including psychology, sociology, child health and social work. Contributions to EECERA conferences and the Journal from outside the European context are encouraged where there is a relevance to the EECERA's stated aims. 'Early Childhood' is defined as being from birth to eight years of age.

Aims of EECERA

- to provide an interdisciplinary, academic and rigorous forum on the international stage for the development and dissemination of high quality research on early childhood education and care (ECEC);
- to explore topical, theoretical and empirical research and encourage new methodologies;
- to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between researchers working in this field;
- to encourage a clear articulation of the links between research, policy and practice in ECEC;
- to give mutual support and offer peer group interaction to researchers in early childhood education;
- to raise the visibility and status of ECEC research worldwide.

These aims are achieved through

- the staging of an annual EECERA Conference for the dissemination and development of research in ECEC;
- the publication, three times a year, of a high quality, refereed EECERA Journal in English with English, French, German and Spanish abstracts. Each annual volume includes a special issue which publishes research papers arising from cross-national Conference collaborations on areas of special interest (SIGs)
- circulating an annually updated database of researchers within the EECERA network, which includes their research interests, expertise and current activity;
- appointing worldwide regional coordinators to promote EECERA and report on local research or policy initiatives to be featured in the Journal;
- a website which indexes Journal abstracts in English, French, German and Spanish by author, title and keywords, promotes conferences and links to other ECEC sites and allows for membership discussion;
- providing a retreat opportunity for members wishing to write or hold symposia meetings at a beautifully located Research Centre by the Aegean in Northern Greece.

What is a Special Interest Group (SIG)?

A SIG is a network of a group of researchers from different institutions, disciplines or countries who wish to collaborate around particular theme or issue in early childhood education and care.

SIG's are encouraged to:

- share their work at conference and through other contacts;
- develop collaborative projects and proposals for research;
- write collaborative papers for the *EECERJ*;
- put forward self-organised symposium or focus groups at the annual EECERA conference.

SIGs have a specially designated time during the Conference programme.

What are the current SIGs?

- 1 Transitions:** Convenors: Aline-Wendy Dunlop (a.w.a.dunlop@strath.ac.uk) & Hilary Fabian (h.fabian@BTInternet.com)
- 2 Integrated Leadership & Management:** Convenors: Margy Whalley (MWhalley@northamptonshire.gov.uk) & Jaoa Formosinho (formosinho.acrianca@clix.pt)
- 3 Professionalism:** Convenors: Carmen Dalli (carmen.dalli@vuw.ac.nz) & Mathias Urban (urban@paedagogik.uni-halle.de)
- 4 Young Children's Perspectives:** Convenors: Alison Clark (Alison.Clark@roehampton.ac.uk) & Deborah Harcourt (dharcour@bond.edu.au)
- 5 Learning and Participation:** Convenors: Joanne Brownlee (j.brownlee@qut.edu.au) & Berit Bae (Berit.Bae@lu.hio.no)
- 6 Mathematics:** Convenors: Maulfry Worthington (maulfry@blueyonder.co.uk) Olof Steinhorsdottir (steintho@email.unc.edu)
- 7 Birth to Three:** Convenor: Rosie Roberts (rosemaryroberts@googlemail.com)
- 8 Diversity:** Convenor: Dalvir Gill (d.gill@crec.co.uk)
- 9 Mentoring:** Convenors: Mike Gasper (m.gasper@crec.co.uk) (mgasper1@hotmail.com) & Paul Watling (paul@thewatlings.fsnet.co.uk)

What are the benefits of joining EECERA?

- Free subscription to the *European Early Childhood Education Research Journal (EECERJ)* published by Routledge, three times per year;
- Free online access to *EECERJ* (including full, historical archive) via the new EECERA website which is currently in development;
- Opportunity to join and establish Special Interest Groups on a range of topics;
- Access to support for writing and publication of scholarly articles and books;
- Research networking and collaboration opportunities;
- Access to a writing and research meeting retreat in Greece at preferential rates;
- Regular discounts on Routledge books;
- Representation on EECERA Board of Trustees;
- Opportunity to shape EECERA policy and activity through members' annual meeting;
- Opportunity to host the conference at your own institution.

How do I join a SIG?

EECERA welcomes the creation of additional SIGs.

They are created by:

- linking up with other interested researchers at conference or through contacts;
- contacting Professor Tony Bertram (drtonybertram@crec.co.uk)
- making a written proposal to the Board of Trustees;
- meeting at the designated time during conference.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

- fill in the membership application form on this leaflet and post to address provided;
- or hand it in at the EECERA conference desk.
- visit website at: www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pdf/forms/EECERAmembership08.pdf

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