

1st Business Meeting of the WERA Task Force Global Research in Extended Education

Bern, 8 September 2023

Moderation

- Prof. Dr. Marianne Schüpbach
- Assoc Prof. Dr. Jennifer Cartmel
- Prof. Dr. Patrica Schuler

Minutes

- Dr. Haiqin Ning

Participants

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Agenda

1. Welcome Address

- Marianne Schüpbach delivered the welcome address to all attendees, including both members and non-members of the TASK FORCE.
- Those interested in becoming a member can register online via the following website: <https://ssl2.cms.fu-berlin.de/ewi-psy/en/v/wera-irn-extended-education/members/PM-become-a-member/index.html>
- Membership in the Task Force is free of charge.

2. Developments in the Last Months

- Marianne Schüpbach shared the latest developments of the TASK FORCE *Global Research in Extended Education*:
 - After six years as an International Research Network (IRN) of the World Education Research Association (WERA), the WERA Executive Committee invited us to elevate our status and become a WERA TASK FORCE. This move represents a progressive model for IRNs.
 - According to WERA, the subsequent steps following the Task Force designation include the “Association-in-Formation” and the formation of a “worldwide Education Research Group (Association)”, ultimately leading to the creation of a WERA Association.
- The focus of the TASK FORCE is formulated as:
 - “Global research in the described area of extended education, an inclusive space in which all interested researchers in the field of extended education with similar strategies and objectives can participate.”
- The Strategies and objectives of the TASK FORCE include:

- Forming an Executive Committee, elected for a designated period, to democratize the processes.
- Maintaining a research-oriented approach within the global network and affiliation with the global research association, WERA
- Focusing on theoretical, methodological, and empirical orientations and perspectives.
- Bringing together different research perspectives, to synthesize the state of research worldwide in this new field of extended education.
- Providing a platform for global networking among researchers, sharing information, and leading to collaboration in research projects.
- Organizing (Bi-)annual conferences by TASK FORCE members.
- Encouraging joint publications and collaborative research projects among the members.
- Providing specific support for young scientists in this field.

3. Mingling with the Members

- Moderated by Jenny Cartmel
- All participating members were encouraged to engage in conversations with others they hadn't met before, discussing the following topics: writer's block, dinner invitation, favorite research methodology, and becoming pen-pals.

4. Members of the TASK FORCE

- Marianne Schüpbach introduced the current members of the TASK FORCE: 305 members from 38 countries in total.

5. The Executive Committee Election 2023 and Presentations of the Members

- Patricia Schuler announced the results of the Executive Committee election 2023:

Nr of members	305
Nr of votings	53
Yes	53
No	0
Abstain	0

- The following members have been elected to the Executive Committee. They introduced themselves briefly:
 - Haiqin Ning
 - Helene Elvstrand
 - Kirsten Kerr
 - Marianne Schüpbach
 - Bünyamin Bavli
 - Sang Hoon Bae
 - David Thore Gravesen
 - Jennifer Cartmel
 - Michelle Jutzi

6. Last and Next Activities

- Marianne Schüpbach shared pictures from the TASK FORCE's last activity: The Invited Symposium at the WERA held at EARLI 2023 in Thessaloniki, Greece, on August 22, 2023.
- Jenny Cartmel announced upcoming activities:
 - An Invitational Symposium at the WERA Focal Meeting in Singapore, scheduled for November 2023, organized by Haiqin Ning and Marianne Schüpbach.
 - A webinar on Thursday, November 2, 2023, organized by Jennifer Cartmel and Dr. Bruce Hurst.
 - Registration goes via:



- Everyone in the TASK FORCE is encouraged to propose additional webinars on topics such as research projects, publications, or new developments in the field.

7. The Next TASK FORCE Conference 2024

- Jenny Cartmel announced the upcoming TASK FORCE Conference 2024, which will take place from September 11th to 14th in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Further information can be found here: <https://www.noshsa.org.au/weraconference2024>

8. Expression of Interest for the Conference 2025

- Patricia Schuler announced that we are currently seeking a host for the 2025 conference. Interested members can express their interest by emailing extended-education@fu-berlin.de by October 31, 2023.

9. Other Topics

- Kolbrún Pálsdóttir, speaking on behalf of the GLOBAL EXTENDED LEARNING AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION: Thanks for the invitation to this business meeting of the TASK FORCE. The ASSOCIATION has a different focus, aiming to bring together practitioners and policy-makers with researchers in extended education. The ASSOCIATION's founders would like to work hand-in-hand with the TASK FORCE.
- Jenny Cartmel confirmed the TASK FORCE's interest in further collaboration with the ASSOCIATION. The Executive Committee will serve as the initial point of contact for this collaboration, and all members will be informed as needed.

10. Many Thanks go to the Supporters

- Marianne Schüpbach expressed her heartfelt thanks, especially to the following supporters for their invaluable support in establishing the TASK FORCE:

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Prof. Dr. Jennifer Cartmel
Prof. Dr. Patricia Schuler

Steering Committee

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Prof. Dr.	Thore	Gravesen
Dr.	Michelle	Jutzi
Dr.	Kirstin	Kerr
Prof. Dr.	Knut	Løndal
Dr.	Haiqin	Ning

11. Next Business Meeting of the TASK FORCE

- will take place at the conference 2024 in Brisbane, Australia.