

## **Annual Report 2008/9**

### **ESERA Executive elected members**

President: Justin Dillon, UK (2007-11)  
Secretary: Manuela Welzel-Breuer, Germany (2007-11)  
Treasurer: Koos Kortland, The Netherlands (2007-11)  
Member: Costas Constantinou, Cyprus (2007-11)  
Member: Jens Dolin, Denmark (2007-11)  
Member: Margareta Ekborg, Sweden (2007-11)  
Member: Rosa Maria Sperandeo-Mineo (2005-9)

### **Co-opted members:**

\*Robin Millar, UK (ESERA Summer School 2008 Organiser)  
\*\*Fatih Tasar, Turkey (ESERA Conference 2009 Organiser)  
\*\*\*Marisa Michelini, Italy (ESERA Summer School 2010 Organiser)

\*Until August 30, 2008; \*\*Until September 2009; \*\*\*Until August 2010

Members of the Executive have communicated via e-mail for during the year. A meeting of the Executive was held on August 29-30, 2008 in York, UK after the Summer School. Topics discussed included the locations of the next ESERA conferences and summer schools; how to influence policy-makers; publication and membership recruitment.

### **Membership**

As of July, 2009 there were 983 members of ESERA (see Appendix 1 for actual membership numbers by country). This compares with 707 in 2008, 596 in 2007, 449 in 2006, 429 in 2005, and 406 in 2004. A complete membership list is available on the ESERA website (without e-mail addresses).

The incentives for joining ESERA include participation in a science research community, reduced conference fees as well as a reduced subscription to the *International Journal of Science Education*. Membership is free to doctoral students and to retired members.

### **Finances**

The balance as of July 1, 2009 is €65,685 (See Appendix 2 for details). In addition to membership fees, income has been generated from non-member conference surcharges at the ESERA Conference 2007 and the sale of publications from the ESERA Conference 2003.

Expenses included two Executive meetings, maintenance of the ESERA web site, financial support for the ESERA Conference 2007 and the ESERA Summer School 2008, and travel awards for nine PhD students/new researchers in 2008 and 2009.

The present financial position and average annual income of ESERA is such that it has allowed us to offer a budget of up to €8,500 to the organisers of the ESERA Conference 2009 and a budget of up to €5,000 to the organisers of the ESERA Summer School 2010, to be used for the financial support of low-paid ESERA members.

### **ESERA Conference 2009**

The 2009 ESERA Conference will be held in Istanbul, Turkey from August 31 until September 4. The conference has been organised by Fatih Tasar (Gazi University), Gultekin Cakmakci (Hacettepe University) and Esra Akgul (Yeditepe University). The Executive wishes to thank the organising committee for all their hard work so far.

### **ESERA Summer School 2008**

The ninth ESERA Summer School for PhD students was held at the National Science Learning Centre, York, UK from August 24-29. The organising committee was Robin Millar (York), Jim Ryder (Leeds) and Per Morten Kind (Durham). 48 students and 14 coaches took part. The ESERA Summer School continues to show the dedication and commitment of science educators throughout Europe as they choose to work with doctoral students other than their own for one week during the summer. The Executive wishes to thank the organising committee for all their hard work. The next Summer School will be held in Udine, Italy in 2010.

### **ESERA Website**

The official ESERA website is housed at the University of Oslo where Wenche Erlen (University of Oslo) serves as webmaster. The website may be accessed at either of two easily remembered URLs: [www.esera.org](http://www.esera.org) or [www.esera.net](http://www.esera.net), both of which ESERA has purchased.

The ESERA Executive Board welcomes comments, criticism and new ideas about our website. We consider the site to be a very important means of communication between our members and therefore should be actively used by members.

Abstracts of completed doctoral dissertations are published throughout the year.

### **ESERA E-news**

ESERA e-news is edited by Koos Kortland and Justin Dillon. The electronic newsletter was sent out to members 6 issues per year. All issues are simultaneously published on the ESERA website.



Appendix I

**ESERA Membership statistics**

July 1, 2009

<b>Registered members</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
	429	449	596	707	983

<b>Member categories</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Regular members	299	278	349	385	488
PhD student members	130	157	226	298	464
Emeritus members		14	21	24	31

<b>Countries</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
	40	42	48	49	56

<b>Members by country</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Argentina	1	1	1	2	4
Australia	13	10	11	11	21
Austria	3	3	7	8	12
Belgium	3	3	2	2	4
Brazil	2	5	6	6	17
Bulgaria	1	1	1	2	6
Canada	5	5	5	6	14
Chile					1
Colombia					2
Croatia					2
Cyprus	5	4	9	9	7
Czech Republic	2	2	5	5	4
Denmark	15	11	11	11	20
Estonia		5	6	8	8
Finland	13	14	15	18	16
France	25	19	27	33	34
Georgia					5
Germany	44	53	74	100	120
Greece	27	29	30	38	43
Hong Kong					2
Hungary	1	2	2	2	2
Iceland			1	1	1
India			1		1
Iran					3
Ireland	12	12	11	11	16
Israel	11	13	13	16	25
Italy	13	12	13	17	16
Japan		1	1	1	5
Latvia	1	1	1	2	2

Lebanon	1	2	2	2	4
Macedonia	1				
Malaysia				1	2
Malta	3	4	4	4	3
Mexico	2	3	6	6	8
Mozambique	1				
Netherlands	33	33	33	42	59
New Zealand	2	2	2	2	2
Norway	19	18	21	21	28
Pakistan		1	1	1	1
Phillipines	1	1	1	1	
Poland	6	6	8	8	8
Portugal	6	7	8	11	20
Romania		1	1	1	2
Saudi Arabia					1
Singapore			1		2
Slovakia	1	1	3	3	3
Slovenia	1	2	3	4	4
South Africa	2	2	1	2	2
South Korea			5	6	10
Spain	26	22	24	25	27
Sweden	40	44	78	80	79
Switzerland	3	4	4	8	10
Taiwan	4	3	17	16	24
Thailand					1
Tunesia			1	1	2
Turkey	12	21	41	61	129
UK	53	51	52	61	86
Ukraine			1	1	
United Arab Emirates				1	1
USA	15	15	25	29	52

## Appendix 2

### ESERA Financial report 2007-2009

July 1, 2009

#### Figures

Balance on July 1, 2007 (€)	Revenues	Expenses	48,602
Membership fees	22,367		
Non-member conference surcharges <sup>1</sup>	13,500		
Sponsoring	0		
Interest	2,049		
Publications <sup>2</sup>	438		
ESERA Executive <sup>3</sup>		5,871	
Administration		0	
Website		2,363	
Sponsoring <sup>4</sup>		11,829	
Money transfer costs		1,208	
Total	38,354	21,271	
Balance on July 1, 2009 (€)			65,685

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Revenues from ESERA Conference 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Revenues from Springer royalties, ESERA Conference book 2003.

<sup>3</sup> Costs of two *in vivo* ESERA Executive meetings.

<sup>4</sup> Financial support for ESERA Conference 2007 (€ 5,000), ESERA Summer School 2008 (€ 2,329) and PhD/YR Travel Awards 2008/2009 (€ 4,500).