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This electronic newsletter is a service to the members of ESERA provided by the ESERA Executive. Earlier issues of this newsletter can be found on the ESERA Website. The deadline for messages to be included in the next issue of this newsletter is September 15, 2009.

ESERA Executive Elections 2009

According to the timetable for the ESERA Executive Elections 2009, the nomination procedure closed on July 31, 2009. There are two candidates for one position on the ESERA Executive board: Marisa Michelini and Mehmet Fatih Tasar. An election will be held at the ESERA Conference in Istanbul. All members are invited to participate in the election. Members who are not able to attend the conference in Istanbul, have the possibility to send their votes via postal mail. Closing date for receiving votes will be August 25, 2009.

For more info on both candidates and/or the postal voting form go to the top of the News Section of the ESERA website

New PhDs

The following abstracts of recently completed PhDs have been added to the ESERA website. Congratulations to:

- Laura Colucci-Gray – [An inquiry into role-play as a tool to deal with complex socio-environmental issues and conflict](#)
- Thomas J.J. McCloughlin – [The application of repertory grid analysis in eliciting conceptual frameworks and classificatory knowledge of biological natural kinds concepts](#)
- Eva Nyberg – [On the continuity of life. Teaching and learning about the life cycles of plants and animals – a case study in grade 5.](#)
- Claire Haworth – [A behavioural genetic investigation of the development of school science performance](#)

Get direct access to these abstracts by clicking on the title

ESERA Travel Awards

In 2008 and 2009 ESERA has given a € 500 travel award to nine PhD students and young researchers. The reports of their visits are posted on the ESERA Website.

For the reports go to the PhD Studies Section of the ESERA Website (margin right)

ICPE Books

The ICPE has recently webpublished a second volume addressing the theme "Connecting Research in Physics Education with Teacher Education" edited by Matilde Vicentini and Elena Sassi.

For more info go to the News Section of the ESERA Website

Alpine Rendez-Vous 2009 – Call for workshop contributions

Theme: Leveraging time: Persistent simulations and long lasting learning scenarios. Venue: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Dates: December 2-3, 2009. Interested researchers should submit a one-page abstract to the organiser by August 26, 2009. A maximum of six participants will be selected by the review committee. Acceptance will be notified on September 4, 2009.

The Rendez-Vous is a series of independent but collocated workshops broaching Technology-Enhanced Learning.

For more info go to the News Section of the ESERA Website