

This time the newsletter includes:

1. Report of HEC2016 Conference
2. EARLI 2017 and SIG4 invited symposium call
3. Call for SIG4 Coordinators
4. Facebook and newsletter reminder

1. **HEC 2016** (The Higher Education Conference) in Amsterdam is over. With about 300 participants, 50 of whom members of our SIG, the collaborative conference was a great opportunity to meet researchers from the higher education field and discuss research projects. People enjoyed the SIG4 invited symposium on “Social aspects of learning and teaching in higher education” (broadcast live on the web) and other symposia, presentations and keynotes given by SIG4 members. For those of you who couldn't make it, please find the most important information on the conference website, www.hec2016.org.

We also held a **SIG4 Business Meeting** during the conference. The slides can be found on SIG4 webpage: http://www.earli.org/special_interest_groups/higher_education

2. The next big event* is the **EARLI 2017** Conference in Tampere, Finland, 29 August through 2 September. The theme is “Education in the crossroads of economy and politics – Role of research in the advancement of public good”. The deadline for the Call for Papers is 27 October, 2016. Please find everything about the conference at www.earli2017.org – we are looking forward to meeting you in Tampere in 2017!

For EARLI 2017, the SIG will organize a **SIG4 invited symposium on “Higher Education Teachers and Teaching”** (the theme has been decided on the basis of the results of the member survey). If you work in this field and you are interested in presenting your study in the SIG symposium, please let us know! Just send a short (about 100 words) abstract of your study until 3 October, 2016, to Liisa (liisa.postareff@helsinki.fi). The final symposium theme will be decided after receiving the abstracts. We will inform soon after October 3 if your paper can be accepted to the symposium. If not, you still have time to submit your paper as ‘normal’ submission.

*You know more interesting conferences or meetings or things you think SIG4 members should know about? Let them know, too! Post it in the SIG4 Facebook group or send the information to us so that we can put it into the next newsletter.

3. We are currently looking for successors for Liisa and for Rike as their coordinator positions will end in August 2017. **If you are interested in becoming a coordinator or a JURE coordinator**, please contact us and let us know until 28 February, 2017. The "job description" includes organizing members' meetings at EARLI conferences, spreading news and information about EARLI etc. to members and organizing the biannual SIG conference, among others. More information can be found here: http://www.earli.org/resources/sigs/SIG%20Coordinator%20Guidelines_october2015.pdf

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

4. This newsletter and the Facebook page are in need for information! Just send us everything you think other members could find interesting. We will send it with the next newsletter.

For those of you who haven't started yet and for those who have, we wish you a great start into the new academic year or semester!

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