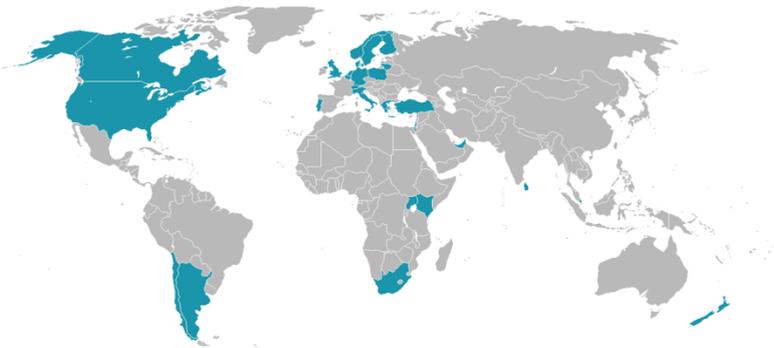


EARLI Conference on *SIG 5 Learning and Development in Early Childhood*

EARLI SIG5 2016 – July Newsletter

192 participants & 28 countries



Symposia **13**
Paper sessions (89 papers) **20**
Poster sessions (30 posters) **7**
Workshops **4**

From Wednesday June 29th to Friday July 1st, the fourth Biennial EARLI – SIG5 conference was held in the beautiful city of Porto, Portugal.

The theme of the 2016 SIG5 conference was “Bridging Multiple Perspectives in Early Childhood Education”.

There were 13 symposia, 20 paper sessions, and 7 poster presentations. These contributions covered a broad range of topics related to early childhood development and care, and definitely “bridged multiple perspectives”. Additionally, there were three inspiring keynote lectures by distinguished scholars. Professor **Catherine Snow** (Harvard Graduate School of Education) shared with the audience her work on the importance of a high quality language environment in early childhood, and the significant role of well-designed early childhood curricula and in- and pre-service professional development. Professor **Manuel Sobrinho Simões** (Institute of Molecular Pathology and Immunology at the University of Porto) shared his thought provoking insights on the position of research and development in health sciences in Portugal, and the lessons that could be learned from this. Finally, Professor **Karine Verschueren** (Leuven University) shared with the audience her work on the individual teacher-child relationship as an important developmental context for young children.

Next to the keynote lectures, there were several invited workshops. On Thursday, a panel discussion led by **Tove Mogstad Slinde** (elected Chair of the Network on ECEC in the OECD) focused on recent societal changes in Europe and how these changes should inform research. This panel elicited some fresh ideas and promoted exchanges between four well-known experts in the field of ECEC: **Michel Vandebroek** (Ghent University), **Miriam Leuchter** (University of Münster), **Athanasios Gregoriadis** (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) and **Paul Leseman** (Utrecht University).



Photography Gallery

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During the well-organized social events there was time to catch up with international colleagues, and to establish new connections and collaborations. On Wednesday night there was a guided visit to the Porto wine cellars to learn more about the wine making process and to taste some delicious red and white Porto wine. After the visit, there was a short cruise on the Douro river to enjoy the sunset and the beautiful views on the many bridges and old city of Porto. The gala dinner on Thursday night was at the Grande Hotel do Porto with its dramatic, nineteenth-century, *fin de siècle* charm. Some of the attendees sneaked out to a separate room where they could watch the quarter finals football game of the European Championship, between Portugal and Poland (go Portugal!).



Jure Awards

Best JURE Paper

Congratulations Jenni Salminen!



Paper:

“Something has stirred”: The Growth of Pedagogical Awareness of Teachers

Best JURE Poster

Congratulations Nadine Correia!



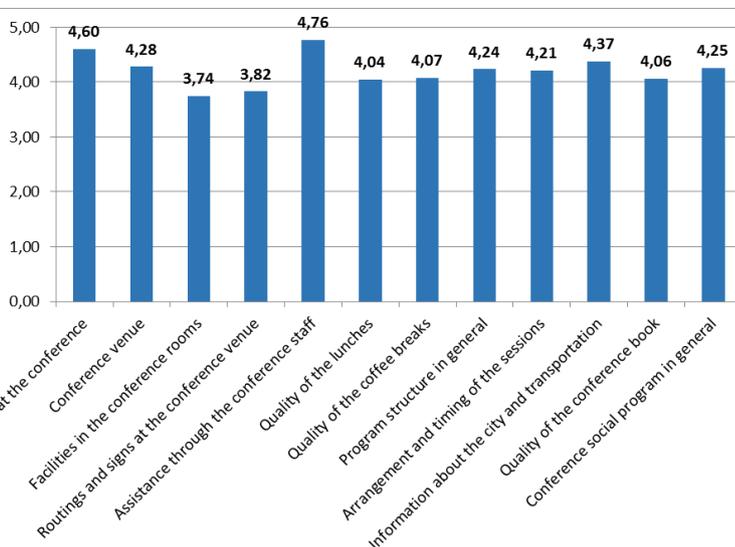
Poster:

Assessing children's ideas about participation in preschool

Participants' feedback

Level of satisfaction with different aspects of the conference

(0 = not satisfied at all; 5 = extremely satisfied)



Global evaluation of the conference experience

