Editorial

by Bram De Wever, Ingo Kollar (SIG Coordinators) & Yiannis Georgiou (JURE SIG Coordinator)

Dear members of the EARLI SIG 20,

We are happy to announce our fifth newsletter.

In this newsletter, we would like to inform you about the following topics:
1. SIG20 website: Online members directory
2. Call for organizing research meetings
3. SIG20/26 biennial conferences
4. Coordination of SIG20
5. Renew your membership / Become a member

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to people who are not yet member of our SIG but might be interested in inquiry learning! If you have any suggestions or if you would like to contribute to the next newsletter: just send us an e-mail to earlisig20@lists.ugent.be.

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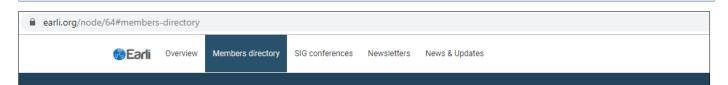# 1. SIG20 website: Online members directory

As our SIG on Inquiry Learning is gradually getting bigger, our efforts for keeping our community bonded and active are also increased. In this context, we would like to inform you that we have started developing and embedding an online members directory at our official website. Please, check it out here: https://earli.org/node/64

The aim of this directory is to provide an online space where all the SIG20 members will be presented, thus contributing to further dissemination of your work and research interests. The directory will also allow more networking opportunities and collaborations between the members of SIG 20 but also within the broader inquiry-related research community. Finally the directory will acknowledge the participation of all of the members of SIG20 and will be possibly helpful in attracting new members.

Please, kindly note that the directory is still under development! At the moment, it only includes information about some of our members.

If you are a SIG20 member and you have not submitted yet your personal details for our online members directory, please fill in the JotForm: https://form.jotform.me/82404769866471

The only thing requested is 5 mins for completing the JotForm –Many thanks in advance for your time!

2. Call for organizing research meetings

The Coordinators of SIG20 and SIG26 are jointly calling for researchers interested in organizing workshops, research seminars, or any activity that focuses on a theme relevant to SIG 20 and/or SIG 26.

All incoming calls will be ranked by the coordinators and experts from our field regarding their quality and novelty of the research. The highest ranked proposals will be granted funding up to €6000.

Important dates are:
- Deadline to submit the proposal: February 15, 2019
- Notification after a review of experts: March 1, 2019

We are looking forward to receiving your proposals. To be eligible to be funded, the submitter of the proposal must be EARLI SIG 20 or EARLI SIG 26 member in 2019.

Please check your membership status here: https://www.earli-eapril.org

Please send your proposal to: freydis.vogel@nottingham.ac.uk

You may find more details about the call at our website (News & Updates): https://earli.org/node/64#news--updates

3. SIG20/26 biennial conferences

The Joint 2018 conference of the EARLI Special Interest Groups 20 ("Inquiry Learning") and 26 ("Argumentation, Dialogue and Reasoning"), took place successfully at Jerusalem, from October 9th to October 12th, and was hosted by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The conference was organized by the local organizing committee (Christa Asterhan, Baruch Schwarz, Edith Bouton, Yifat Kolikant, Efrat Firer) in collaboration with the international organizing committee (On behalf of SIG 26: Baruch Schwarz, Armin Weinberger, & Freydis Vogel / On behalf of SIG20: Bram De Wever, Ingo Kollar, & Yiannis Georgiou).

The theme of the conference was "Argumentation and Inquiry as Venues for Civic Education". In line with the theme, many contributions opened up current research perspectives on argumentation and inquiry and specifically looked at how both can contribute to societal change and debates. The conference was well attended and brought together more than 200 researchers from both SIG20 and SIG26!

More information can be found at: https://earli.org/node/64#sig-conferences

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our next SIG20 biennial conference will be jointly organized with SIG26 and will take place on August 26-28, 2020 at Utrecht, Netherlands.

The conference will be hosted by Prof. Dr Wouter van Joolingen (Chair of the Local Organizing Committee) at the University of Utrecht in Netherlands.

4. SIG20 Coordination

During the upcoming EARLI 2019 conference in Aachen, Germany (https://earli.org/EARLI2019), Prof. Dr Bram de Wever (Ghent University, Belgium) will step down, as Senior Coordinator, after the usual term of 4 years. As part of previous elections, Prof. Dr Koen Veermans (University of Turku, Finland) was interested in assuming the position of Senior Coordinator for SIG20-Inquiry Learning and he is still willing to do so.

SUBMIT YOUR CANDIDACIES UNTIL FEBRUARY 28th, 2019

However, as we would like to give the chance to everyone to step up, we are asking if there would be any other candidates to co-coordinate SIG 20-Inquiry Learning with Prof. Dr Ingo Kollar (University of Augsburg, Germany) and Dr Yiannis Georgiou (Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus).

Please let us know before **February 28th, 2019**.

Below we provide a short bio for Prof. Dr Koen Veermans.

Koen Veermans: *My name is Koen Veermans and I am a University Research Fellow at the Department of Teacher Education, University of Turku (Finland). I have been involved in research related to inquiry learning from the start of his PhD (obtained from the University of Twente the Netherlands in 2003). After moving to Finland in 2004 I have continued research on technology enhanced inquiry learning in projects funded by the Academy of Finland and the EU. My first EARLI experience was in 2003 and I attended most of the general and SIG-20 EARLI and conferences since then. I would now like to extend this involvement with the SIG as one of the coordinators during the next period. During this period I would like to see if, besides the joint conference with SIG 26, more connections can be drawn between SIG 20 and (people from) other SIGs that could strengthen the position and the research of the SIG.*

5. Renew your membership / Become a member

Please consider to become a member or renew your membership for our SIG, so we can grow our inquiry earning community.

SIG memberships only costs 8 EUR. Should you be an EARLI member already, you also can add SIG 20 membership to your EARLI membership afterwards. Go to https://www.earli-eapril.org/ click 'My Orders' and next click 'New order'. In step 2, you can select SIG 20 membership for 2019.

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