

ReN Learner autonomy- Business Meeting

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Minutes of the last meeting at Madison, Wisconsin (USA) can be found on the ReN website.

Publication of papers

The following publications have emerged from the AILA 2002 and 2005 ReN Symposia.

Singapore 2002: Lamb, T. and H. Reinders, eds. (2008). *Learner and Teacher Autonomy: Concepts, Realities, and Responses*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.

Madison 2005 Papers from the symposium were published in the *Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*.

Action: Terry Lamb and Garold Murray to pursue possibilities for publishing papers from the 2008 symposium as an edited collection

Elections of ReN Conveners

Current conveners are Terry Lamb and Garold Murray. Terry Lamb's term of office is at an end since this is his second term but Garold Murray can be re-elected for a further term.

Nominations will be sought via email in mid-September. Richard Pemberton (Nottingham University-UK) will coordinate the call for nominations and the voting. The nominee statements will be posted on the website with plans for the election process to be completed by October.

Action: Richard Pemberton to coordinate election process

Membership

Lucy Cooker (PhD student - Nottingham University) has agreed to replace Sara Cotterall who was in charge of membership.

The ReN conveners wish to thank Sara formally for her work.

Anyone wishing to be added to the ReN membership list needs to send their email address to Lucy Cooker - Email: lucycooker@gmail.com.

This is a different process to joining [Auto-L]. There is often some confusion about the distinction.

Action: Lucy Cooker to contact Anita Wenden re logistics of linking [Auto-L] with ReN membership.

Reports on activities

Discussions on [Auto-L]

- Sergio Valdivia (Mexico) hosted a pre conference talk for the Independent Learning Association (ILA) Conference held in Japan (Autumn 2007)
- Stella Hurd (OU-UK) and Sergio Valdivia hosted a discussion on Autonomy and Affect between April 11th and May 9th 2008.

There are some challenges in hosting discussions on [Auto-L], particularly in terms of finding an ideal period for everyone. There is also a need to develop the [Auto-L] mission and vision statement. There needs to be more structure to the list and planned activities for [Auto-L].

Anyone not getting [Auto-L] messages should write to Anita Wenden with copy to Terry Lamb.

Archives

These should include useful discussions. David Palfreyman has started to work on an archive.

Other resources

- *The Learner Autonomy Project Inventory (LAPI)* provides a useful resource for members. Project details can be submitted online (<http://www.hayo.nl/lapi.php>) in order to invite other people to collaborate. It was suggested that the LAPI might be transferred to the ReN website.
- *A Learner Autonomy Bibliography* (<http://www.hayo.nl/autonomybibliography.php>) which was started by Phil Benson includes 1700 references in Learner Autonomy and related areas. Publications can be added or errors reported to Hayo Reinders .

Action: Next ReN conveners / Hayo Reinders

Website

Jo Mynard has revamped the website (<http://www.ailarenla.org>). A suggestion was made and supported that news can be posted on the website, replacing the need for a newsletter. When the website is updated this can be reported on [Auto-L]. There needs to be a link to the ReN website on the redeveloped AILA website.

Action: Lucy Cooker to follow-up.

Upcoming events

- ILA Hong Kong- June 2009- call for papers with a deadline of October 1st to be found on www.independentlearning.org. Also link to the ReN website. Previous conferences held in Melbourne, Auckland and Japan.
- Symposium on Learner Autonomy and Motivation- 30/31st October in Mejiçalli- Mexico , 2 day conference on SALC.
- SWAN Network- information in Conference Pack
- AILA 2011- Learner Autonomy Symposium- suggestions or ideas to conveners.

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We need more information regarding how ReNs work within AILA (e.g., ReN renewal process) in order to better serve the network and its members.

Action: Conveners to follow up with AILA executive.