



Dear EAPRIL members and conference delegates,

We are happy to inform you about our recent EAPRIL activities in the first newsletter of 2018! The past months we have been quite busy with establishing a new Executive Board, preparing for the 2018 conference, cloud activities and EAPRIL publications. We warmly recommend to follow our [EAPRIL blog](#), which provides a platform to all interested in practice-based research! Blogs and vlogs will be published on a regular base. For more frequent updates on EAPRIL activities and novelties, join us on [Twitter](#) and [Linkedin](#), as EAPRIL will focus more and more on sharing our latest news via social media.

EAPRIL Conference proceedings

EAPRIL is happy to share the publication of the [2017 Conference Proceedings!](#)

The Hämeenlinna conference turned out to be once again a place where researchers could meet, exchange ideas, projects and research via workshops, training, educational activities, interactive sessions, transformational labs, and other opportunities for cooperation and discussion. The included conference papers will take you back to Hämeenlinna and the most interesting findings shared during the conference. Have an interesting read!

EAPRIL Executive Board Portfolios

At the latest EAPRIL Conference in Hämeenlinna, Finland, a new Executive Board was established, based on the voting of the EAPRIL members during the autumn period and the confirmation by the General Assembly of EAPRIL on November 27.

We are very happy to introduce our members to the new EAPRIL Board. Please learn more about each board members' background and future plans for their portfolio's by clicking their name and viewing their short introductory video!

[Sirpa Laitinen -Väänänen](#) - Chair

[Martijn Willemse](#) - Chair-elect

[Manuel Peixoto](#) - Finances Portfolio

[Rebecca Eiahoo](#) - Conference & Clouds Portfolio

[Fazel Ansari](#) - Research & Publications Portfolio

[Tom De Schryver](#) - Corporate Learning Portfolio

[Kaarina Marjanen](#) - Communications & Networking Portfolio

EAPRIL Clouds

Since November 2012, EAPRIL has been organising interactive activities through thematic Cloud communities, which have proven to support researchers and practitioners to network and discuss research, ideas and resources within their field, with the aim to improve learning and teaching.

After 5 intensive cloud years with an increasing number of clouds, we would like to gather your thoughts, opinions and suggestions on how to improve the Clouds in the near future. We would be grateful if you could complete a short [survey](#) (5 minutes).

Several clouds have appointed new coordinators. We would like to welcome Miranda Timmermans and Helma Oolbekkink to Cloud 1, Marjan de Groot-Reuvekamp to Cloud

2 and Rebecca Eilahoo and Joy De Vries will join Marcelo Giglio in Cloud 3! Furthermore, our newest clouds (Cloud 10 on Assessment, Cloud 11 on Practice-based Research Methodology, and Cloud 12 on Educational Leadership) are currently working hard to establish themselves. Stay tuned for updates via our social media channels and our [cloud webpage](#). We wish all new coordinators the best of luck in their new roles!

Check out the [Cloud Spring seminar calendar](#) and join our clouds one of the next months for their interesting activities.

Conference submissions

Please be invited to submit your proposals for the next EAPRIL conference in Portorož, Slovenia (November 12-14, 2018), which will take place in the beautiful seaside resort Grand Bernardin Hotel. Please note that this is two weeks earlier than usual! Also submissions for our **Best Research & Practice Project Award** are warmly welcomed. Check out the [procedure](#).

Submit your proposal via www.earli-eapril.org

If you have an EAPRIL account, go directly to 'My submissions' -> 'New submission'.

If you don't have an account, create an account first (no membership or registration obligation).

Don't forget to consult the [Submission Guidelines](#) and [Review Criteria](#) before submitting your proposal. More information on our interactive presentation formats can be found [here](#).

Deadline: April 26 midnight CET!

We hope to see you soon at one of the cloud activities or in November at the EAPRIL 2018 conference!

Kind regards,

EAPRIL Office & Executive board

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