



EAPRIL2018

1st Conference Newsletter

European Association for Practitioner Research on Improving Learning

Dear Conference delegates,

The EAPRIL board is pleased to welcome all of you at EAPRIL2018, which is organised in collaboration with the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science of the University of Maribor. We invite you to experience a diversity of learning perspectives via the central conference theme “Education & Learning sans frontières” (*Learning and education without borders*). Knowledge, learning and education cannot but benefit from the interlacing of cultural areas, expertise domains, various educational levels and methodological approaches.

With this conference newsletter we would like to inform you about our upcoming conference. Read on to find more information about our **conference programme**, the **school visits**, the **corporate learning day**, our **ERASMUS+ supporting activities**, the **staff exchange programme**, our **conference dinner**, the **exhibitions** planned, our **Best Research & Practice Project Award** Nominees, and finally, some **travelling tips**.

EAPRIL 2018 Conference programme

The final 2018 programme can be consulted via [our website](#). Also via your [user dashboard](#) you can find your personal schedule (i.e. all active contributions, including chairing assignments). Changes are no longer possible at this moment in time! We will contact all presenters and chairs in the next coming weeks with instructions and guidelines that may help them to prepare their presentation. Cannot wait to start preparing your presentation? All guidelines can already be found on our [website](#).

School Visits – What are you waiting for?

Educational researchers and/or practitioners cannot visit another country while not being intrigued by how the educational system of that country is organised. EAPRIL is happy to offer its delegates the opportunity to visit **1 Slovenian School on Monday Morning (8.30 – 11.30)**.



Pre-registration is needed in order to participate. If you did not yet buy a ticket and would like to participate in one of the visits, check in to your [EAPRIL dashboard](#), where you will see the option to 'order extra items' for EAPRIL2018.

A ticket costs **€40** and includes a guided tour, a drink and travelling by bus if needed. Please note that the city centre of Piran is inaccessible for motorised vehicles. Therefore, all visits to schools in Piran are walking. The 20-minutes walk to the schools is, however, organised via the ocean promenade, giving you a spectacular view on the Slovenian coastline.

For more information about the schools, please visit [our school visit page](#). Participation is limited to max. 25 participants per school, so first come first serve.

Corporate Learning Day

On Tuesday November 13 a special day is organised for all participants with expertise and interest in Organisational Learning & Development. In addition to the launch of the new Cloud 14 (Learning in Organisations), 3 Spotlight Sessions are organised. Each session will focus on a trending L&D question via a hands-on approach. To ensure quality outcomes in each lab, the enthusiasm and input of participants is crucial.

1. Investigation into how small breakthroughs can scale up to widespread innovation
Suzanne Verdonschot (Kessels & Smit, The Learning Company) (13h-14h, Adria 2)
2. Contributions of the Establishment of a new Faculty of Medicine for Policy Practices.
Aleksandra Kovac (CHEPS Center for Higher Education Policy Studies) (15h40 – 16h40, Adria 2)
3. Exploring the learning potential of evaluation research. An interactive session on impact research
Suzanne Verdonschot (Kessels & Smit, The Learning Company) (16h50 – 18h20, Adria 2)

All participants of EAPRIL2018 are warmly welcomed in these Corporate Learning Day Spotlight Sessions.

ERASMUS + supporting activities

In cooperation with EAEC EAPRIL is happy to offer its conference participants some extra guidance in ERASMUS+ actions via 2 extra activities. Both sessions are organised by Prof. dr. Gregory Makrides.

1. On Sunday November 11 (10h - 17h15) - the day before the start of the EAPRIL2018 Conference - a **hands-on Erasmus+ Training Seminar** will be organised for all participants that wish to learn more about Erasmus + Project Proposals and Funding. From how to structure your proposal to how to set-up your budget, all important matters will be discussed. More info can be found [here](#).

For whom? For those who are interested in or planning to apply for Erasmus + project funding, and have questions regarding the application or administration procedure. No experience with Erasmus + funding is required.

You can still register for this extra activity (**€80**) via your [EAPRIL dashboard](#) (order extra items)

2. During the conference itself, a 2,5h **Thematic Innovation Meeting** (free of charge) is organised to discuss specific project proposals (Tuesday November 13, 15h40 - 18h10, Daphnia). More info on the programme of this session can be found [here](#).

Pre-registration is needed by sending an email to taskforce@eaecnet.com (subject Session D12), by giving name, institution, country, email contact. Max. number of participants is 25.

Staff Exchange programme

The University of Maribor is happy to organise a Staff Training Week during the week of the EAPRIL Conference, their 8th edition already. The Staff Training Week is targeting staff from Institutions that work in field of Education. The following areas will be discussed: Education system in Slovenia, Mobility programmes, Internationalisation, Intercultural Communication, Social Networks... More info on the programme can be found [here](#).

This funded Staff Exchange activity falls under the ERASMUS staff mobility funding. Participating in this staff exchange activity will allow you to request to your home institution an ERASMUS+ grant. Register now via this [link](#) (€90).

!! Please note that the University of Maribor will only sign EU funding forms from participants of the Staff Training Programme (eligible for KA1 funding). Others are directed to EAPRIL for a signature !!

EAPRIL's Conference Dinner – Mixing Business with Pleasure

Come and join us at our **Conference Gala Dinner** on Tuesday evening November 13. We guarantee you a fantastic evening with all-night entertainment! The Dinner is organised in the Emerald Ballroom of the Grand Bernardin Hotel.

After having enjoyed a nice local buffet dinner, a dance group and music band will create a vibrant atmosphere that will encourage you to stretch your legs on the dance floor.

Tickets (**€65**) can be ordered via your [dashboard](#) (*order extra items*).

Various exhibitions

EAPRIL organises various exhibitions for conference participants to enjoy in-between sessions. In addition to the exhibition of our EAPRIL Clouds, Publishers (e.g. Springer, Critical Publishing, UAS Journal, EARLI journals and books, ...), and the posters, a demo market is organised on Tuesday November 13. At this demo market, local schools and research institutes will present their projects, tools and developed materials to the EAPRIL conference participants, e.g. the National School for Leadership in Education, University of Maribor, ...

EAPRIL PRESENTS... the Best Research & Practice Project Award Nominees

EAPRIL will award for the 7th time in its history the EAPRIL Best Research & Practice Project Award to the best practice-based research project in the field. Based on all applications received, the Awarding Committee shortlisted 2 projects. The 2 nominated teams are invited to present their project and research during the conference.



Firstly, the BR&PP nominees will present a short video pitch of their project during the Opening Session on Monday (13.00 – 14.00, Europa Hall A&B). Secondly, during the Award Session, organised on Tuesday (14.10 – 15.10, Europa Hall A&B), each project will be presented in-depth, after which the Awarding Committee and the Audience can ask questions. Finally, on Wednesday morning the winner will be awarded at the end of the Keynote Speech (09.40 – 10.55).

We present to you:

Flipping Finland

Erkko Sointu, Laura Hirsto, Jenni Kankaanpää, et al.

University of Eastern Finland, Finland

Knowledge utilization for sustainable and evidence-informed school development

Anje Ros, Linda Linda van den Bergh

Fontys University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands

Travelling to the Conference venue

Portorož/Piran is easily accessible via airplane and shuttle bus. From Ljubljana Airport, Go-Opti shuttle service will take you in less than 1h30 minutes to Portorož/Piran at very low cost. Please book your shuttle (either private or shared) via [this special booking link](#). The smaller nearby airports are also easy to connect to via Go-Opti (1,5 hours from Trieste Airport, and 2,5h from Venice Airport). You can opt for a private or shared DIRECT shuttle service.

Accommodation in Portorož/Piran

Not yet booked your hotel accommodation? EAPRIL has negotiated special hotel deals with the hotel group Grand Bernardin. Room rates start at 54 euro per night. Book now via the [special booking links on our website](#).

Looking forward to meeting you all in Portorož/Piran, Slovenia!

