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Dear members of EADP, dear colleagues, and friends

It is a great honor and pleasure to serve the developmental psychology community in Europe and beyond as the president of EADP. Along with my highly committed colleagues on the Council, we aim to contribute to the advancement of research and practice in developmental psychology through our various activities, foremost the bi-annual conference, which will take place in Utrecht in the fall of 2017, and to be as responsive as possible to your needs and ideas.

EADP is a great success story, but we are sure that we can make it even better by reaching out to practitioners and policy makers alike, by building an even stronger community, especially for researchers in the early stages of their careers, and by taking even more advantage of our unique situation in which people are coming together from so many countries and cultural backgrounds.

Dear all, please use the opportunities offered by EADP and our website, and please feel free to contact me and the other EC members directly to share new ideas, start initiatives and build stronger networks. There is much left to do to create the impact needed to change the world for the better.

As the President, one of my aims is to build bridges with the other societies, such as the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (ISSBD), the European Association for Research on Adolescence (EARA), the Society for Research on Child Development (SRCD), and the Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA). In line with this initiative last summer we had the first ISSBD-EADP joint symposium at the ISSBD conference in Vilnius. The symposium focused on peers, where ISSBD and EADP were present as institutional peers. It was a great success. At the next EADP Conference in Utrecht we will have the second EADP/ISSBD joint symposium. This time we focus on developmental tasks during the life-span development and related policy implications. We have presentations focusing on adolescence, young adulthood, middle age and old age. We are happy to have Willem Koops to present the joint history of ISSBD and EADP.

Next summer we are planning to have the first joint EADP/SRA/EARA summer school 2017 for young scholars just before the Utrecht conference, to be held in Utrecht, The Netherlands from August 26th to August 29th. In 2017, EADP, EARA and SRA will jointly organize a Summer School focusing on research on adolescence. The Summer School will bring together established researchers, recognized for their expertise and teaching abilities with doctoral students from around the globe for intensive days of research training. The training includes exposure to innovative and creative research, and workshops focusing on professional skills. The summer school will be organized by Susan Brantje. I am very excited on this.
In addition, we will also organize the first joint ISSBD/EADP regional summer workshop from July 2-6, 2017, taking place in the Island of Syros in Greece. The theme of the summer school is Positive Youth Development in Times of Social Change. The workshop will be organized by Professors Frosso Motti, University of Athens, Greece, Ingrid Schoon, University College London, UK, and me. More information can be found at http://www.psych.uoa.gr/fileadmin/psych.uoa.gr/uploads/events/issbd-eadp-summerschool-2017-Syros.pdf.

Second, my plan is to build bridges with the European Federation of Psychological Associations (EFPA) and to build bridges between EADP and policy — the refugee crisis being one key topic, global recession another, and the role of young people as drivers of change a third. Third, I also want to get our wonderful alumni on board. At the ECDP 2017 conference I organize a presidential symposium in which four of the Presidents of the EADP, Christiane Spiel, Frosso Motti-Stefanidi, Ersilia Mersini and I build bridges between educational and developmental psychology and present related policy recommendations. And finally, last but not least, the young generation is our future! I aim to build new ways to achieve these goals, for example, by organizing methodological workshops and webinars as one model for capacity building.

I am really looking forward to getting the chance to meet and discuss with you.

Let’s work together.

Katariina Salmela-Aro
President EADP
**EADP Initiatives:**

**New membership system,**

Charo Rueda, Secretary

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**Check it out!**

The EADP has implemented a new membership management system that is now fully operative from the EADP website.

The new system provides:

- Registered access to your membership account
- Easy management of your profile
- Easy and secure payment of membership fees
- Different fee payment methods: credit card / pay pal / wire transfer

To access the system, go to: https://www.eadp.info/membership/online-membership-form/
Reports and News regarding EADP Activities:

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2. Website,
   by Peter F. Titzmann, Webmaster

Our website continues to be the most efficient communication tool of our association. We have a steadily growing number of visitors and page views. On average, more than 30 individuals access our website per day with hundreds of page views. One of our achievements in the last year was the integration of the new membership system into our site (see report above).

In case you extended an existing membership or applied for becoming a member, you already realized that the online tool allows an easy access to your personal member account and improves the payment of membership fees considerably. We are proud that we can offer this new service to our members.

In addition, the new system allows a better direct communication with our members as we have much better emailing facilities. Partly, this is due to connection between email-system and membership-system. One of the many advantages is that no delays exist anymore, if you become a member, you have instant access to all the information that is circulated via the distribution list. We are convinced that this is a big change that will increase the attractiveness of becoming a member in our association.

Check it out! [https://www.eadp.info/](https://www.eadp.info/)
Reports and News regarding EADP Activities:


Origin of submissions: Submissions came from 39 countries. Looking at the accepted papers it is clear that the most fruitfully producing country is Italy, followed by Great Britain, The Netherlands and Germany.

Turnaround times: 82.2% of authors received a decision within 60 days of submission

Availability: the journal is available to around 2,300 international libraries and over 5,600 institutes through developing region initiatives.

Top 5 downloaded articles (with number of downloads):

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<td>Vol. 9, No. 5, Sept. 2012</td>
<td>Cyberbullying: An overrated phenomenon?</td>
<td>Dan Olweus</td>
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Open ACCESS: the Dutch Universities succeeded together in negotiating open access for all Dutch academics for a number of journals, including EJDP. From now on Dutch scholars have this profit of open access without extra costs. This is a good example to be followed by universities in other countries!

New info: new info about the journal, including the new impact number is to be expected in June of this year.

As editor I am happy with these results and I hope that the membership realizes that these are the results of the hard work of the Associate Editors: Dagmar Strohmeier, Olga Kochukhova, Ersilia Menesini and Rens van de Schoot (and all the reviewers willing to collaborate with them!). Of course we all still will try to move up to the top further and, together with our Publisher, we will seek ways to reach that top.
A special event: we, as editors and co-editors of the journal offered a surprise special issue to Christiane Spiel, former President of EADP and former founding co-editor of the journal, at her 65th birthday(-party) in Vienna. The special issue entitled *Bildung-Psychology: Theory and practice of use inspired basic research*, dedicated to Christiane’s ideas and research on Bildung-psychology, was edited by guest editors Petra Wagner, Dagmar Strohmeier and Barbara Schober. Below are two photos illustrating the atmosphere of the intellectual party organized to honor Christiane Spiel, in particular her contributions to EADP and the flagship journal.
Reports and News regarding EADP Activities:

4. Early Researchers’ Union (ERU),
   by Loes Keijsers, ERU President; Pasquale Musso, President-Elect;
   Radosveta Dimitrova, Past-President; Francesca Lionetti, Secretary;
   Justyna Michałek, Internal Relations and Communications;
   and Maja Schachner, External Relations and Valorisation

The Early Research Union (ERU) of the European Association of Developmental Psychology (EADP) is proud to announce and communicate our recent ERU activities thanks to the support of the EADP.

The ERU/EADP members have been particularly active last year across Europe. Several conferences have been organized where ERU/EADP young scholars and ERU National Representatives have actively contributed as participants, speakers, or chair; among these are Family Safety in the Changing World (Poland), the International Relations and European Study conference, International Colloquium of Social Science and Communication (Romania), and the 24th biennial meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (Lithuania) where a ERU/EADP lunch meeting organized by Pasquale Musso, the future ERU/EADP President, took place. Also, informal events for spreading the ERU network across Europe have been organized in Albania, Bulgaria, and Italy. If the past months have been so interesting, the future suggests that we cannot get bored!

ERU/EADP President Loes Keijsers and Maja Schachner – ERU/EADP External Relations and Valorisation Officer – in collaboration with Manuel Voelkle and with the support of Humboldt University in Berlin and Tilburg University organized the Advanced Statistical Methods in Psychology Workshop in Berlin in October 2016. The event covered most exciting and novel data-analytical techniques, such as continuous time modelling, random intercept cross-lagged panel models, and multilevel structural equation modelling.
From October 10-14, at Humboldt University Berlin, 14 young scholars participated at the Advanced Statistical Methods in Psychology. Young scholars were representative of countries all over Europe (UK, Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Sweden, Croatia, France) and they learned about the best procedures for analysing longitudinal data in the Developmental Psychology field with a specific attention to the within-level of analysis, valuable to understand how developmental changes take place. Teachers were Daniel Oberski, Manuel Voelkle, Christian Gische, and Loes Keijsers. Katariina Salamela-Aro, the president of EADP, attended two days and brought with her the greetings of support from all the EADP Board. Random-Intercept Models, multilevel SEM, Continuous-Time SEM, Sensitivity analyses, and time series were presented with applications in the statistical software R and Mplus. At the final day, young researchers collaborated in writing up their own grant proposal applying the new highly relevant approaches they learned during the School for making their grant appealing, innovative and in line with the cutting-edge research in the developmental psychology field.

After each intense training day, during the evening the young scholars and their teachers enjoyed together social events! A dinner was offered by the EADP in the city centre of Berlin, and a guided tour took place during the Festival of Light, when Berlin’s world famous sights and monuments in the city center became the canvas for spectacular light and video projections in the evening. Each evening was the opportunity of sharing ideas, personal experiences and aspiration and desire for the future, while enjoying typical German foods and ethnic dishes that made forget of the cold climate and created a warm environment, humanly and scientifically inspiring for all of us.

Besides of conferences and training workshops, we maintain a lively website http://www.eadp.info/early-researchers-union with regular newsletters, and we continuously involve new people in activities and offices: Since the last newsletter and the last conference in Braga, we have a new president-elect, Pasquale Muso (University of Palermo, Italy), a new secretary, Francesca Lionetti (Queen Mary University of London, UK) and a new Internal and Communication Officer, Justyna Michałek (University of Warmia and Mazury, Olsztyn, Poland) working in team with the new ERU President, Loes Keijsers (University of Utrecht, the Netherlands), and the new External Relation and Valorisation Officer, Maja Schachner (University of Potsdam, Germany).
To conclude, the past months have been great, and the future looks promising: the Early Researcher Union is at work, which is visible from the number of members and from the attached list of current output (see below). We are almost 90 members and the good news is that around 12% more have joined us in the last two years! We would like to thank the EADP for the valuable support and all ERU members for their initiatives in spreading and supporting this great network of young developmental researchers across Europe!

With warm regards,

ERU/EADP Board

Loes Keijsers, current President
Pasquale Musso, President elect,
Radosveta Dimitrova, past President
Francesca Lionetti, Secretary
Justyna Michalek, Internal Relations & Communication Officer
Maja Schachner, External Relations & Valorization Officer

ERU meeting at Alexander Moisu University, Albania

ERU at 15th biennial meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, Lithuania

Recent publications by ERU members (2015-2016)


Dimitrova, R., & Aydìnli, A. (2016). Acculturation orientations mediate the link between religious identity and adjustment of Turkish-Bulgarian and Turkish-German adolescents. Springer Plus. doi:10.1186/s40064-016-2688-1


