

ESA RN26: Sociology of Social Policy and Social Welfare

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New board (2017-2019):

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Report on activities 2015-2017.

This report covers the period ranging from late 2015 to late 2017. Until the business meeting of the Research Network held during the ESA conference in Athens, Janne Paulsen Breimo (Nord University [Norway]) had acted as the chair of RN26, while sharing all organizational activities with Ingo Bode (University of Kassel [Germany]).

The membership of RN26 has continued to grow, amounting now to 78 members. This gave the opportunity to organize a midterm seminar, which was held in Timisoara, Romania, in October 2016, on the topic *The governance of inclusion in work and life-worlds*. Invited keynote speaker was assistant professor Marcus Knutagård, from Lund University, Sweden. Eight papers were accepted for presentation at this seminar, which was warmly and elegantly hosted by colleagues at West University of Timisoara, as part of the larger SIEO conference (Social Inclusion and Equal Opportunities). The seminar also created an opportunity to develop the call for paper for the upcoming conference in Athens.

During spring 2017, the chairs met in Norway to prepare the proceedings of the RN in Athens (evaluating and selecting abstracts, organizing the accepted abstracts into a thematically organised programme of paper sessions; recruiting and assigning Chairs to each paper session etc.). In all, around 90 abstracts were submitted to the RN26 streams in Athens. Unfortunately, 30 never registered for the conference. Of the remaining 60, 31 were accepted for presentation. In Athens, we also held our Business Meeting and elections of the chairs and board members (for the next 2 year term). Janne Paulsen Breimo was re-elected chair, while Hannu Turba was elected vice chair. Also, Giuseppe Moro and Susanna Johansson were reelected to the board. Moreover, the new board comprises the members mentioned at the outset of this report.

For 2018, RN26 will organize a midterm conference to be held in Catania, Sicily. Teresa Consoli and University of Catania will host the workshop.

Janne Paulsen Breimo, Chair of RN 26 The sociology of social policy and social welfare