

ELECTION OF EDEN NAP STEERING COMMITTEE 2014

Nominations invited by 28 February, 2014

Dear EDEN NAP Members,

The Network of Academics and Professionals (NAP), which has in December 2013 1173 members, is co-ordinated by a Steering Committee, elected by a ballot of its members.



The Chair of the NAP Steering Committee is 'ex officio' member of the EDEN Executive Committee.

The present Steering Committee was elected in April 2011 for a three-year period of time. The term of office of the present NAP Steering Committee will be terminated in April 2014, the Steering Committee is subject of election which shall take place by electronic voting.

All NAP members are invited to take part in the nominations and the election.

Please read the Call for Nomination and a message of the leaving NAP Chair below.

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The Network of Academics and Professionals (NAP) has been set up to support activities of interest to individual members, in line with EDEN's general aims and activities.

NAP comprises all individual members of EDEN, as well as individuals delegated by institutional members. It is co-ordinated by a Steering Committee, elected by a ballot of its members. The Chair of the NAP Steering Committee, is 'ex officio' member of the EDEN Executive Committee.

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Members of the Committee are now the following:

1. Ari-Matti Auvinen (Chair), HCI Productions Oy, Finland
2. Helga Dorner, Central European University, Hungary
3. Elsebeth Korsgaard-Sorensen, Aarhus University, Denmark
4. Anders Nome, NKS Online Studies, Norway
5. Ebba Ossiannilsson, Lund University, Sweden
6. Steve Wheeler, University of Plymouth, UK

In addition, Deborah Arnold is delegated member of the NAP Steering Committee on behalf of the EDEN Executive Committee.

As advisors, Paulo Simoes (Portuguese Air Force, Portugal) and Antonella Poce (University Roma III, Italy) served upon the invitation of the Chair the Steering Committee.

During the last three years NAP activities have developed, thanks to the committed contributions of its members, with initiatives and support from the Chair. The EDEN Network of Academics and Professionals has continued to be an important asset of the Association.

The leaving NAP Chair, Ama Auvinen is sending a message to stimulate the election process, saying among others: *"...I have had the privilege of serving as the NAP Steering Committee Chair for six years. In many sports the most valuable award you can get is based on the votes of your fellow players – I have also felt the pride of being elected directly by the colleagues. The NAP Steering Committees have been energizing communities to discuss and develop further the work of EDEN – they have also been interesting collegial networks. The NAP SC has initiated many new ideas ..."*

Considering that the term of office of the present NAP Steering Committee will be terminated in April 2014, the Steering Committee is subject of election.

According to the EDEN Constitution, the Steering Committee ***"shall have 6 elected members from the Network of Academics and Professionals and one member appointed by the Executive Committee. None of the elected members shall come from the same country"***.



The procedure

The upcoming election of members of the Steering Committee shall take place by electronic voting. The phases of the election are:

1. Nominations shall be invited from the members of the NAP (one nomination by each NAP member)
2. A list of nominees will be set up, posted and continuously updated on the NAP Members Area on the web.
3. The members of the Steering Committee will be elected from among the nominees
4. NAP Members (who have individualised access to the Members Area), can follow the progress of nominations, but also take part in the "online election campaign" at the dedicated section of the Area.
5. When the nomination period closes, members will be invited to vote for up to six candidates from the list of nominees online. The voting procedure is confidential.

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- Announcement of results: 15 April 2014
- Commencement of term of office: 20 April 2014
- Election of the Steering Committee Chair (by SC members): at the EDEN Annual Conference in Zagreb (10-14 June 2014)



As the first phase of the election procedure, **nominations are invited by 28 February, 2014** for the NAP Steering Committee.

Nominations should be sent by email to the EDEN Secretariat at membership@eden-online.org, indicating the name of the NAP member, presenting the nomination. A confirmation from the nominated individual that he/she would be willing to serve, should accompany the nomination. In addition, nominees are asked to send a short "position paper" describing how he/she intends to serve the interest of NAP members, what would be his/her main aims and what kind of activities would initiate during the coming three years period.

One nomination from each NAP member will be accepted. Nominations without confirmation of the nominees concerned will be discounted.

Following eligibility checking, the nominations will be posted on the NAP Members' Area.

The deadline for sending nominations is 28 February 2014. Nomination procedure will be closed 24.00 that day.

Nominations will be accepted from the members of the Network of Academics and Professionals. **Settled membership status (fee payment for 2013)** will be checked and serve as pre-condition of a valid nomination.

Nominees will have the possibility on the NAP Members Area to explain their ideas and planned activities. NAP members can question, comment, support the candidates on the portal.

The list of NAP members that will serve as basis for the electronic voting (as per 13 December 2013), can be accessed on [NAP Members Area](#). You can browse or search among the members by selecting the *Members* item under *My profile* menu.

We look forward to an exciting period of election which will give new momentum to the EDEN Community!

Please, do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat if you need further information or assistance.

With kind regards,

EDEN Secretariat

Message from the NAP Chair for the 2014 election



Dear EDEN colleagues,

The Network of Academics and Professionals of EDEN is amplifying the voice of the daily practitioners of eLearning in the work and decision-making of EDEN. The value of NAP is elementary based on its wide representation of academics and professionals working in this fascinating and rapidly changing area of eLearning. The work of NAP is coordinated and directed by the NAP Steering Committee, which is elected by a direct vote of the NAP members. EDEN NAP is a unique structure within European organisations, and EDEN has also acknowledged the importance of NAP by ensuring the representation of NAP SC's Chair as a member of the EDEN Executive Committee.

I have had the privilege of serving as the NAP Steering Committee Chair for six years. In many sports the most valuable award you can get is based on the votes of your fellow players – I have also felt the pride of being elected directly by the colleagues. The NAP Steering Committees have been energizing communities to discuss and develop further the work of EDEN – they have also been interesting collegial networks. The NAP SC has initiated many new ideas, which can now be seen in the work of EDEN. Just to mention a few, we have participated strongly to the development of EDEN's presence in social media, started the work with early-career academics and professionals, and realized new working forms within the EDEN conferences.

The quality of the work of EDEN NAP SC is based on the good members of the NAP SC. For good NAP SC members we need also good candidates for the election of the NAP Steering Committee. I strongly encourage all the NAP members interested in the development of EDEN to utilize the opportunity to serve as members of the NAP Steering Committee and look for nomination to the forthcoming NAP SC election. This election provides also a good opportunity to voice and present directions and ideas for the work of EDEN for the future. EDEN has always seen the importance of NAP representing the voice of the daily practitioners in its work – our obligation as NAP members is to ensure that this voice is vivid and clear.

Yours sincerely,

Ari-Matti Auvinen
NAP Steering Committee Chair

Helsinki, 11 December 2013