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From the President

Dear EARA members,

During this year, our attempts focused on strengthening international collaborations with other associations and societies, and preparations for the EARA Conference, to be held in Ghent, Belgium.

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During the last conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) that was held in Minneapolis, in April, I was invited by the SRA president, professor Lisa Crockett, to chair and organize an invited paper symposium with the title: "Familial and Neurobiological Underpinnings of Adolescent Identity: A Developmental Perspective". EARA members Goda Kaniušonytė and Andrik Becht presented their work and participated in the discussion as well. In this occasion, I had the chance to spread information about the EARA activities, highlighting similarities between EARA and SRA activities. SRA is a premier professional organization dedicated to understanding adolescence through research and its dissemination. Established in 1984 as an international, multidisciplinary, nonprofit professional association, SRA currently represents more than 25 countries throughout the world. Approximately 2,000 people from a wide variety of disciplines and countries attended the meeting in Minneapolis. Thus, the information about the EARA activities

reached a large group of international researchers.

Our main priority consists in strengthening the EARA as the leading association in Europe focused on research on adolescence. The EARA is looking into ways to increase the number of its members, since the membership fees are the primary financial source of EARA. Thanks to the membership fees, we could finance and contribute to the EARA-SRA-SRCD joint summer school in 2018. The Summer School is a training ground for young scholars interested in adolescent development. The Summer School will bring together established researchers, recognized for their expertise and teaching abilities with doctoral students from around the globe, for several intensive days of research training. The training includes exposure to innovative and creative research, as well as workshops focusing on professional skills. The summer schools have given students enthusiasm to search for scientific guidance outside of the borders of their countries and the walls of their universities. The Summer School will be held in Belgium, September 9-12 (just before the EARA2018 conference). The site for the school is Drongen Abbey, close to the beautiful city of Ghent. The summer school will be directed by Susan Branje and Katarina Salmela-Aro. The Senior Scholars participating this year are (in alphabetical order): Andrew Fuligni, Frosso Motti-Stefanidi, Eva Pomerantz, John Schulenberg, Sabine Walper, and Loes Keijsers as school methodologist.

Preparations for the EARA Conference “Nurturing adolescent growth” in Ghent are underway. The organizing committee of the upcoming EARA conference in Ghent, Belgium (12-15 September, 2018) is working hard to prepare this meeting. Contributions can be presented in a variety of formats (e.g., Posters, Individual Paper, Symposia, Discussion Sessions, and Views by Two), thus each participant will be able to find the format that suits their interests the best. For

more information, visit <https://www.eara2018.eu/index.php?s=>.

To be able to support such activities in future, EARA really needs you and your contribution. I would like to remind you to renew your memberships and check your contact info and please encourage your colleagues who are interested in research on adolescence to be part of the EARA.

As our work proceeds, we will report to the members about plans, activities and outcomes.

Do not hesitate to contact us with queries or suggestions – we are at your service. And, last but not least, I hope to see as many as possible of you in Ghent in 2018.

Yours sincerely
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XVI EARA conference in Ghent

***Submitted by Wim Beyers**
Ghent University (Belgium)*



Dear Members,

Our 16th Biennial Meeting, EARA 2018, is coming closer! While you are preparing registration, travels and accommodation, we as organizers are building the conference program. That promises to be very interesting, innovative and challenging. On Wednesday September 12th 2018 we start with preconference workshop on a variety of important issues students want to learn about. In the evening of that day, we open the conference with speeches, music and a first keynote talk. Thursday September 13th is the first full conference day, with symposia, posters, keynotes all focusing on core themes in adolescent development and research. Friday September 14th we continue with the practitioners day, a full day of applied research. On that day, practitioners working with adolescents will join us. In the evening we have the EARA Award Session and General Assembly, followed by the conference dinner, a marvelous food truck festival and party in the city center of Ghent! Saturday September 14th we continue with a full day of symposia, posters, keynotes and discussions on new directions in adolescent development and research.

As mentioned before, the overall theme of the conference is Nurturing Adolescent Growth. We start from a positive view on adolescence and recognize that adolescence is a not only a period of risk but also an ‘age of opportunity’ (Steinberg, 2014). We encouraged authors to submit papers that highlight positive youth development. Of course the program contains contributions on any topic relevant to adolescent development (including risk for psychopathology), but the major part of presentations will deal with features of adaptive development (e.g., prosocial behavior, adequate emotion regulation,

personality maturity, social competence, identity strength, resilience) and contextual support for such positive development (e.g., high-quality parenting, supportive teacher-adolescent relationships, secure peer and romantic relationships).

Want to know more? Check out www.eara2018.eu!

Best regards,

Wim Beyers, on behalf of the EARA 2018 program committee

***From the Student
and Early Career
Network (SECNet):
Students and Early Career
Network (SECNet) Activities at
the EARA conference***

***Submitted by Jolien van der Graaff,
Utrecht University (The Netherlands)***

Dear EARA members,

As SECNet, the young section of EARA, including all doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers, and young assistant professors who are EARA-member we are looking forward to the **EARA conference in Ghent!** During the conference we organize several activities particularly for students and young researchers.

First, we will have a **Conversation with the Editors** meeting, during which editors from journals in the field of adolescent research will provide you with tips and tricks regarding successful publication in their journal. There will also be ample

opportunity to ask your questions during this meeting.

Second, if you are presenting a poster at the conference and you are a member of EARA, you can join the competition to win the **SECNet Poster Award**. We will inform you soon about how to register for joining this competition.

Third, at Thursday September 13th, we will have our famous and popular **SECNet dinner** somewhere in the nice city of Ghent. All students and young researchers joining the conference are welcome to join this dinner. It is a great opportunity to get in contact with fellow young scientists doing research on adolescence. Practicalities about the dinner (e.g., location, costs, registration) will follow by e-mail.

Finally, we want to draw your attention to the interesting pre-conference workshops that are given on Wednesday, September 12th. For instance, consider joining the workshop “Getting your message across” about creating powerful (poster) presentations, the workshop “Academic Writing”, or one of several workshops on cutting edge statistical techniques. All workshops are taught by experts on the topics. See

https://www.eara2018.eu/index.php?s=&pg=program_preconference for more information. Don't hesitate to register for one of these workshops!

We are looking forward to meeting all of you in Ghent and we will keep all of you posted about our activities. If you have any questions or suggestions for us, please contact us at eara.secnet@gmail.com.

The SECNet committee

Welcome to the new EARA members!

***Submitted by Elisabetta Crocetti,
University of Bologna (Italy)***

Dear EARA members,
We would like to warmly welcome all the colleagues that joined our association this year!

Please remember that members receive the following benefits:

- Reduced fees for the Association's Biennial Meetings
- Possibility to apply for EARA awards
- Possibility to apply for EARA special issues published in Journal of Adolescence after each conference
- Possibility to apply for EARA summer schools
- Free Newsletter twice a year
- Up-to-date information on congresses, research and grant opportunities via the website
- Free electronic Membership Directory
- 20% discount on the volumes in the Studies in Adolescent Development (SIAD) book series (published by Psychology Press).

Also, we would like to remind to all members who have not done it yet, to check the status of their membership and renew it in case it has expired.

We look forward seeing you at the EARA conference in Ghent!

Elisabetta Crocetti (EARA secretary)
Saskia Kunnen (EARA membership secretary)
Metin Ozdemir (EARA treasurer)

Presentation of two books

Submitted by Radosveta Dimitrova,
(National Representative for Bulgaria,
University of Stockholm)

Changing Values and Identities in the Post-Communist World

Editors: Lebedeva, Nadezhda, Dimitrova, Radosveta, Berry, John (Eds.)

<https://www.springer.com/la/book/9783319726151>

This book offers a comparative analysis of value and identity changes in several post-Soviet countries. In light of the tremendous economic, social and political changes in former communist states, the authors compare the values, attitudes and identities of different generations and cultural groups. Based on extensive empirical data, using quantitative and qualitative methods to study complex social identities, this book examines how intergenerational value and identity changes are linked to socio-economic and political development. Topics include the rise of nationalist sentiments, identity formation of ethnic and religious groups and minorities, youth identity formation and intergenerational value conflicts.

Well-Being of Youth and Emerging Adults across Cultures. Novel Approaches and Findings from Europe, Asia, Africa and America

Editor: Dimitrova, Radosveta (Ed.)

<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319683621>

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-3-319-68363-8>

The current volume presents new empirical data on well-being of youth and emerging adults from a global international perspective. Its outstanding features are the focus on vast geographical regions (e.g., Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America), and on strengths and resources for optimal well-being. The international and multidisciplinary contributions address the complexities of young people's life in a variety of cultural settings to explore how key developmental processes such as identity, religiosity and optimism, social networks, and social interaction in families and society at large promote optimal and successful adaptation. The volume draws on core theoretical models of human development to highlight the applicability of these frameworks to culturally diverse youth and emerging adults as well as universalities and cultural specifics in optimal outcomes. With its innovative and cutting-edge approaches to cultural, theoretical and methodological issues, the book offers up-to-date evidence and insights for researchers, practitioners and policy makers in the fields of cross-cultural psychology, developmental science, human development, sociology, and social work.

Announcement of Summer School on Modern Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology

The Summer School on Modern Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology is held in the Brandolini Colomban Castle located in Cison di Valmarino, in the northeast of Italy.

The School offers introductory and advanced courses in biostatistics and epidemiology, and their application in clinical and ethology research and public health.

Students choose between attending for one week or two. It is also possible to attend only the Sunday Stata® courses.

The registration fee covers only the course tuition. The final deadline for registration is May 31st, 2018. Fees depend on: the number of course weeks and whether the applicant is currently a student at an accredited university or not.

Standard lodging expenses in a double room are 105-120€ per person, per day, including all meals.

More information can be found on the website www.biostat.epi.org.

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