EuroCALL 2015 CMC SIG Meeting Minutes
28 August 2015, Room 3G, 12.30-1.15pm

Agenda
1. Welcome and introductions
2. Report on 2014-15:
   a) exchanging professional networks for connection
   b) channels of communication
   c) show and tell event
3. Our online spaces - jiscmail cmc sig listserve; ning; G+ community (open)
4. Future plans
5. Open floor (CMC research challenges from R'OD, connecting with other groups, open vs institutional, Calico connections)
6. AOB

Participants
Teresa McKinnon (chair); Muge Satar (secretary); Antje Neuhoff (former secretary)
Marina Mozzon-McPherson; Marina Orsini Jones; Leena Kuure; Sandra Morales; Marco Raindl; Paul Alexander; Mojtaba Mohammadi; Ana Beaven; Tita Beaven; Melinda Dooly; Shannon Sauro; Robert O'Dowd; Eliza Di Bella; Alessia Putino; Breffini O'Rourke; Nicolas Guichon; Cecilia Goria; Éamann Ó hÉigeartaigh; Casper van der Heijden; Lijing Shi; Mirjam Hauck

Minutes

1. Introductions and welcome from EuroCALL CMC SIG chair Teresa MacKinnon, former secretary Antje Neuhoff and secretary Müge SATAR.
2. Report on 2014-2015
   a) Information was provided on EuroCALL 2014 CMC SIG meeting.
   b) On 5th March 2015, 2pm GMT, an online CMC and Virtual Worlds SIGs Show and Tell event was organised on Blackboard Collaborate where each person had a 5 minutes slot to talk about their recent research areas. A recording of this event can be accessed here: https://warwick.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/CMC+sig+meeting+5th+March+2015/1_3q7npngu
   c) A second Virtual Worlds + CMC virtual event was initiated, which did not happen due to insufficient number of people who could present/participate.
   (**Action**: news on the relaunch of EuroCALL website will be shared when available.)
3. Information on our communication channels was shared.
   * We have a CMC SIG area on the EuroCALL website, where our minutes and a report on the 2014-2015 activities can be found: http://www.eurocall-languages.org/sigs/cmc
   * Our main communication channel is the jiscmail listserve https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/ for group messages/postings one to many. All participants were invited to create an account on jiscmail website and subscribe to "CMCSIG" (says Eurocall in description). You can post to this list by email using cmcsig@jiscmail.ac.uk
   * An email list of participants is kept by the chair and the secretary for one to one messages.
   * Sharing in the open: There is an open CMC SIG community on Google +
       https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/106014943329233376414

Please join if you are happy to use it to network with others and share, pointing us to your research outputs, interests etc. When you post you are asked to categorise your post from a drop down set of choices. We have guessed these so please let us know if we need others. Group members can then filter posts by categories to see, for example, all research and publications posts.

- A google doc was started last year for those who would like to connect on social media accounts that you may use for your professional activities:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gB85VdFOahIMaKbcqhAHSSGcP_qWnPGEbZTYCt_957A/edit?usp=sharing

Feel free to add your information if you wish to do so. Social sharing (Twitter, Instagram etc.) relevant to the group can be aggregated if members use the #cmcsig hashtag.

- There is a Ning for both EuroCALL and CALICO CMC managed by Randall Sandler. This can be joined here: http://virtualworldssig.ning.com/group/cmc-sig
- It may seem that we have too many channels of communication. Please be informed that our main communication channel is the jiscmail listserv https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/ , where an archive of messages and reports on previous meetings can be found.

(**Action**: All members should subscribe to CMCSIG on Jiscmail.)

4. Future directions:
   a) Robert O'Dowd questioned whether we still need a CMC SIG given the SIG's close links to others, such as the Virtual Worlds SIG. Shannon Sauro informed all the participants that CALICO CMC SIG had also discussed the matter and decided to keep the SIG as it has a rich tradition, it is broad and it brings together a variety of themes and allows for a circulation of themes. It was agreed to keep the CMC SIG.
   b) Antje Neuoff emphasised that we would welcome any potential face-to-face CMC SIG events as well as online events.
   c) Collaboration with CALICO: Melinda Dooly and Shannon Sauro expressed CALICO CMC SIG president Randall Sandler's interest for future collaboration, such as a joint virtual event. The CMC NING could be a starting point for collaboration. Breffini O'Rourke maintained that there are transatlantic differences in the understanding of what CMC is. A joint event could help us discover how different approaches inform each other.
   d) Mirjam Hauck suggested that we could organise a series of webinars between conferences each hosted by a EuroCALL SIG in collaboration with the CALICO counterpart.

   (**Action**: TM to liaise with other Eurocall Chairs to instigate a schedule of events)
5. Open Floor
   a) Teresa MacKinnon suggested that we discuss whether our CMC discussions should be open or institutional, and think about the context of CMC and the role of open educational practices. It is expected that there are varying degrees of openness of communication according to our contexts.
   b) Breffini O'Rourke informed the participants on the upcoming conference on Telecollaboration: New Directions in Telecollaborative Research and Practice, 21-23 April 2016 at Trinity College Dublin by the INTENT project team who were all members of the CMC SIG. This will be the 2nd International Conference, the first having taken place in Léon, Spain in February 2014. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 December 2015.

   (**Action**: Further discussion and sharing should follow through our channels).
6. Nothing else was raised by the participants and the meeting was adjourned at 1.15 p.m.