

25 August 2016, Megaron G (Room 1), 13.00-13.45

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Report on 2015-2016 prepared by Teresa MacKinnon
3. Supporting the work of other SIGs through Webinars
4. Supporting and Collaborating with HEIs post Brexit
5. Open Floor
 - a. Suggestions for activities for 2016-2017
 - b. Any other business
6. UniCollaboration – New organization in telecollaboration
7. Reminder of SIG's channels of communication

List of participants: see page 3

Apologies: Teresa MacKinnon (T.MacKinnon@warwick.ac.uk)

Minutes

1. Apologies from Teresa MacKinnon as she was unable to attend this year. Shannon Sauro and Antje Neuhoff have kindly chaired this year's meeting and opened the meeting with introductions and welcome.
2. Report on 2015-2016 is shared. Information is shared on the webinars held during the year.
3. SIG events:
 - Teresa reported she would be happy to continue to support SIG collaboration for a further year through webinars and that last year's timetable worked well. She suggested perhaps connecting with the VW SIG.
 - To support the work of other SIGs, more accessible and regional events can be organized. Joint SIGs can appeal to a wider audience. One example of this was the Teacher ED and CMC partnership in Bologna. Perhaps Teacher Ed would be a good SIG to partner with in this.
 - We can collate figures for the number of people who attend SIG meetings and show interest.
 - Webinar series are helpful and should continue. EuroCALL can perhaps organize/announce a series of webinars for SIGs. For example, we could have 2/3 CMC, 2/3 Teacher Education, etc. SIGs each year.

ACTION:

- Contact other SIGs what they think about a more organised regular SIG webinar series.
- Contact Mirjam to find out who is in which SIG to determine membership overlap and how big the SIGs are to see who we might partner with best.

4. Supporting and Collaborating with HEIs post Brexit

- Shannon read Teresa's comments on this and opened up discussion on worries/suggestions for UK collaborators in EU projects.
- Teresa's comment: I think there is much to be gained from a deeper understanding of open practice post Brexit, my other sig (ALT Open Education SIG) has helpful info on Creative Commons for example.
- Shannon mentioned concerns about European grant partnerships/bids that may be in jeopardy due to uncertainty about whether UK universities would still be included in future arrangements. Whether this was in fact going to be a problem, it was still a part of the discourse.
- This concern was reinforced by some who had experienced pressure to not include UK partners just in case.
- Questions were raised as to why this was an issue being raised in the SIG and not by the organization at large.

ACTION

- It was agreed upon that Eurocall should have an official position to reinforce or continue to support collaboration with UK researchers, that looking to cases such as Norway and Turkey could serve as examples, and that the CMC SIG could forward suggestions or a draft to the organization.
- This discussion and any draft will continue on the SIG online channels of communication.

5. Open Floor

- a. Suggestions for activities for 2016-2017
- It would be nice to see CMC SIG take a different focus other than telecollaboration. What about a webinar or event that focuses on CMC research that is not telecollaboration.
- b. Any other business
- Supporting collaboration among colleagues to develop joint courses.
 - Supporting materials development

ACTION

- We can consider having a section on the new EuroCALL CMC SIG page or on other social media to support sharing of expertise, materials and collaboration.

6. UniCollaboration – New organization in telecollaboration

- Sarah Guth reported that the Unicollaboration organization was launched at the Second Conference on Telecollaboration in Higher Education at Trinity College, Dublin in April 2016. One of the reasons it was established outside EUROCALL is that it focuses on the development and integration of telecollaborative research and practice ACROSS ALL disciplines and subject areas in higher education (not only languages). There are 4 working groups: Training, Research, Publications and Conferences. More information can be found on the website: <http://www.unicollaboration.org/>
- Concerns were raised as to whether this will cause fragmentation in the number of people who can attend the events with limited funding that is available.

ACTION

- There was not too much worry, but we could pass this on to EuroCALL for consideration.

7. Information on our communication channels was shared.

- JISMAIL: Our main communication channel is the jiscmail listserv <https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/> You may find an archive of messages and reports on previous meetings here. Anyone can post to this list by sending an email to cmcsig@jiscmail.ac.uk All participants were invited to create an account on jiscmail website and subscribe to "CMCSIG" (says Eurocall in description).
- SIG website: With the new EuroCALL website, our SIG website will be updated. The current page is: <http://www.eurocall-languages.org/sigs/cmc>
- CMC SIG community on Google + <https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/106014943329233376414>

However, it has been brought to our attention that Google + will be discontinued.

- The joint EuroCALL and CALICO CMC Ning (managed by Randall Sandler: <http://virtualworldssig.ning.com/group/cmc-sig>) does not seem to be very active.
- For your social media posts (Twitter, Instagram etc.), please use #cmcsig hashtag so that we can gather them in one place.
- A Facebook page is suggested as an alternative to these communities. It could function better.

ACTION

- All members should subscribe to CMCSIG on Jiscmail.
- We will look into what is happening with Google + and consider setting up a Facebook CMC SIG page.

8. Nothing else was raised by the participants and the meeting was adjourned at 13.45.

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