Proposal for a pre-conference workshop of the Special Interest Group No 4 (Science|Environment|Health) at the ESERA 2019 Conference in Bologna

Title of the preconference: Science|Environment|Health – Towards a Science Pedagogy of Complex Living Systems

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Requested maximum number of participants: 30

Short description of relevant areas of expertise for each workshop facilitator:

**Dr. Albert Zeyer** is a physician and a physicist. He worked for many years as a mathematics and science teacher and as a medical doctor in various Swiss schools and hospitals. In 2004, he started his research career in science education as a senior researcher at the University of Zurich (CH), Institute of Education. He currently is professor of medicine at Bern University of Applied Sciences., Department of Health Professions, Bern, Switzerland. His research interests include Science|Environment|Health, Cognitive Style and Motivation to Learn Science, and Public Understanding of Science. At ESERA (European Science Education Research Association) conference, Dr. Zeyer is a strand co-chair and, together with Dr. Keselman, a co-coordinator of the Special Interest Group Science|Environment|Health. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the ESERA book series.

Recent scientific publications of Albert Zeyer include:


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Environmental Education in a Cultural Context. In R. B. Stevenson, M. Brody, J. Dillon & A.
E. J. Wals (Eds.), International Handbook of Research on Environmental Education (pp.
Dordrecht: Springer.

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literacy, interdisciplinary learning, teaching and learning approaches, Science|Environment|Health. Her research was recognized 2007 by the Research Award of
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Contribution to Research in Environmental Education. Recent Publications are:

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renewed pedagogy for science education. Dordrecht: Springer.

Dr. Alla Keselman holds a doctorate degree in Human Cognition and Learning from
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Health. Dr. Keselman conducts research into lay conceptual understanding of health, as
well as the relationship between formal science education and health reasoning in everyday
contexts. She has contributed to several foundational Science I Environment I Health
publications, including Science I Environment I Health: Towards a Renewed Pedagogy for
Science Education volume and Science I Environment I Health special issue of the
International Journal of Science Education. Dr. Keselman leads an NLM team that
specializes in developing Science I Environment I Health resources (Web sites, lesson
plans, animations and games) and conducting outreach among students and teachers. Dr. Keselman is a co-founder of the new ESERA Science | Environment | Health SIG.

Workshop abstract (for recruiting participants):

This interactive workshop is organized by the ESERA special interest group 4 Science | Environment | Health. The focus will be on texts of the newly up-coming 2nd edition of the Springer book:


The 1st edition of this book has been the programmatic flagship of the Special Interest Group. It has inspired new research and developments in this area, and has attracted both experienced and young researchers in a burgeoning research community.

In this pre-conference workshop, raw versions of chapters for the 2nd edition will be presented by the authors, and discussed by the participants. There will be two goals:

1) to interactively develop and rebalance the book content. Authors will receive ideas and suggestions from participants and will become aware of related work of other researchers of the community.
2) to foster participants’ reception, promotion and acquaintance with current SIG 4 work.

In this context, participants will also be able to determine their own research priorities, discuss teaching and teacher education strategies, identify funding sources and publication venues, propose innovative methods for studying Science | Environment | Health issues and pedagogies, and establish potential collaborations with other participants.

The target audience includes all professionals whose work touches upon environmental and health aspects of science.

Activities:

The activities of the workshop will be structured by three main parts:

Part 1. Presentation Round, and Introduction to Science | Environment | Health Projects and Activities in Europe

In this part, the workshop organizers will shortly introduce themselves, their work, and the preconference structure. Then, participants will introduce themselves to each other and shortly present their own S|E|H activities.

Topic 2. Group Discussion on first versions of book chapters

This topic contains a series of structured discussion on selected first versions of book chapters. Depending on the number of participants, these discussions may be conducted in the whole-group format or in smaller discussion circles. Each discussion round will result
in a set of notes which will serve for further development of the book chapters and for rebalancing and organizing the book as a whole.

**Topic 3. Networking among the participants**

Participants will be offered to share their thoughts about visibility of Science|Environment|Health in published research, as well as about available and potential funding opportunities, and find potential partners for further activities.

**Expected Roles of Participants**

Participants in this workshop will be active discussants and contributors, generating content and establishing the agenda for the Science|Environment|Health SIG for research and practice.

**List of Literature Relevant to the Workshop Topic and/or Format**


**Materials or Artefacts Needed**

Materials needed involve a computer, a projector, and a screen; large poster boards or large sheets of paper; markers; scotch tape.