EUSPR Early Careers Forum

ACTIVITY REPORT 2015/16

Presented by Angelina Brotherhood

EUSPR Members’ Meeting, Berlin, 31st October 2016
Background – Early Careers Forum (ECF)

- Launched last year to better support early-career members of EUSPR and increase visibility of members/activities
- Technical committee of EUSPR
- All early-career members of the EUSPR can join - no additional fee
- Future directions discussed at launch event 2015
Our own logo

Early Careers Forum
Presence across media

- Mailing list (EUSPR-ECF@jiscmail.ac.uk; regular posts e.g. job offers, conferences)
- EUSPR website (http://euspr.org/early-careers-forum/)
- Twitter (#eusprECF)
- Facebook (https://fb.me/eusprECF)
- Blog (http://euspr.hypotheses.org/)
Our blog

- Blog started in January 2016
- So far 13 blog articles published
- Specialised platform (Hypotheses.org)
- Members of Early Careers Forum can contribute
- Editorial team (3 people) reviews & provides feedback on submitted articles
- Written guidance for contributors & editors
- Posts published once a month
- Submission to publication = 2-3 weeks
- Call for 2017 contributions will be issued soon
In October, >100 visits of 5 min or more
A big THANK YOU to our blog contributors & co-editors Kimberley Hill & Aniek van Herwaarden
**ECF events at this year’s conference**

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<td><strong>Sunday, 30 October 2016</strong></td>
<td>09:00-16:00</td>
<td>Pre-conference workshop: “‘Give me the money!’: how to ask for research funding” (FULLY BOOKED)</td>
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<td><strong>Monday, 31 October 2016</strong></td>
<td>12:00-13:45, Room: Lessing</td>
<td>Early Careers Forum networking lunch (pre-booking required – FULLY BOOKED)</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday, 1 November 2016</strong></td>
<td>14:15-16:00, Room: Heilige Elisabeth von Marburg Saal <em>(across the road from the main conference venue, 1st floor)</em></td>
<td>Postgraduate and Early Career parallel session 2</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, 2 November 2016</strong></td>
<td>13:00-13:30, Room: Großer Saal</td>
<td>Giving of this year’s Early Career Researcher Prize for outstanding promise based on a paper or poster presentation at the conference</td>
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International collaboration

• Continued dialogue with colleagues at the Early Career Preventionist Network (ECPN) US Society for Prevention Research

• Marie-Hélène Véronneau & Diego Garcia-Huidobro are attending this year’s conference on behalf of ECPN

• Contribution to our pre-conference workshop on funding

• Will present their activities & be available for questions at our networking lunch
Reach of our development opportunities

- **Blogging** - 13 contributors
- **Bursaries (200 EUR)** to support conference attendance - 15 awarded
- **Workshop** with early-careers focus – 17 registered
- **Conference organisation** - Dijana Jerković
- **Abstract review** - Boris Chapoton, Sanela Talič, Laurie Kelly, Enkelejda Shkurti
- **Chairing** - Aniek van Herwaarden, Sandra Morales
Keeping the Forum going

- Co-leads from 2014
  - Angelina Brotherhood
  - Kimberley Hill

- New co-leads recruited in 2015/16
  - Aniek van Herwaarden
  - Dijana Jerković

- Additional volunteering
  - Boris Chapoton
  - Sinziana Oncioiu
  - ...
  - (see also previous page)

Still relatively informal
Still small
Still “fragile”
(sustainability post-2017?)
Formalising the committee structure

- Leader of the Early Careers Forum
- Designated “Early Career Researcher” on EUSPR Board
- Blog Editor-in-Chief
- Blog Editors
- International Relations Officer
- Communications Officer
- Conference Officer

Call for applications will be issued soon

PLEASE CONSIDER APPLYING
Current status & next steps

• What have we achieved?
  ◦ Forum established as a ‘brand’
  ◦ Ideas & suggestions put into action
  ◦ Activities consolidated (focus on blog & mailing list during the year; conference activities)
  ◦ Good reach (volunteers, growing membership numbers, positive feedback)

• Challenges to address
  ◦ Need to be realistic about workloads
  ◦ Limited funding – new sponsors?
  ◦ Hand-over to new committee necessary – new volunteers?

• As always: A massive Thank-you to Stuart Smith!
Thank you