



## Activity Report 2017

In 2017 ASLERD has step further forward its consolidation.

ASLERD has successfully organized its second International Conference in Aveiro and, colocated, the first International Student Contest on “People Centered Smart Learning Ecosystems”.

Both have been very successful.

The conference has been marked by

- the participation as keynote of Marco Marsella Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology of the European Commission and that as invited speakers of Damian Schofield (Director of Human Computer Interaction (Full Professor) at the State University of New York (SUNY).
- a number of submissions that increased considerably with respect to the first edition and by the publication of the conference proceeding with Springer. A special issue of IxD&A journal, n. 35, on selected extended contribution has been organized and is now about to be distributed.

The International student contest has been characterized by the submission of a a reasonable number of ideas and prototypes. Selected groups have been fully satisfied by the Contest formula. The winner selected by an international committee has been Raffaele Di Fuccio (University of Naples Federico II).

SLERD 2017, in parallel, has also hosted a local student competition reserved to the students attending Aveiro University that has been also very successful.

The exhibition of the student prototypes can be certainly considered a highlight of the event.

The organization of third yearly conference, SLERD 2018, and the second edition of the International ASLERD Student Contest has been started by the colleagues from the University of Aalborg. Proceedings will be still published by Springer and a special issue of IxD&A journal will be organized.

Unfortunately

- we have not been able to elaborate an action plan as follow up of the Timisoara Declaration.
- due to lack of dedicated human resources ASLERD activity on the social networks is still quite weak.

A goal for 2018 will be that to reinforce the communication toward Europe also to attract further members.

Thanks to Matthias Rehm and the Aalborg University ASLERD has been capable to take part in its first European project, an ETN one. The report was quite positive but not enough to be selected for funding. The decision of the partners has been to resubmit the proposal to next round.



The quantitative and qualitative growth of joint researches is one of the principal goals for next future, together with the preparation of further joint scientific proposals, among them ERASMUS+ ones that during 2017 were not concretized.

At the end of 2017 ASLERD the number of both individual and institutional memberships remained more or less constant (a couple of units more for both typologies) and, basically all renewed the membership also for 2018.

However the increase of what we can define “consolidated memberships” is still low. The increase of consolidated members continues to be a goal also for 2018 and for the years to come.

Due to the numbers of colleagues that register to SLERD conference but do not renew the membership it has been created a new category of membership: temporary membership that can be promoted to full membership only upon request of renewal.

### *Regional activities*

The Italian branch of ASLERD has been again successful in supporting participation of some schools in local calls that allow them to collect around 100 K€

The body of research to support schools in participatory monitoring and evaluation processes has been developed further on occasion of the second “improvement project” for the school network Skillab. Also few additional schools, not belonging to such network, asked to test and possibly adopted such evaluation approach.

The questionnaires to support participatory evaluation have been translated also in Portuguese and Brazilian and will be soon distributed in the Aveiro district and other districts.

An additional body of research has been developed to support the school in the development of high quality alternance scheme and competence certification.

A small contract has been vested by ASLERD and more are expected to be vested in the future.

The alternance scheme proposed by ASLERD and based on the simulation of innovation processes has been largely appreciated and has been selected as best practice by Unindustria (the association of the entrepreneurs of the Lazio region). Following it ASLRD took part in a road show organized by Unindustria to present the experience in the main cities of the region.

In addition ASLERD has been involved also as main partner of EMEM 2017 on occasion of which it has organized one panel dedicated to:

The Italian Alternance scheme: problems and potentialities