



Activity Report 2022

As for the previous year, also in 2022, ASLERD did not expand, and as for the previous years, the Association registered the loss of some memberships partially compensated by the registration of a few new ones.

As in the past, ASLERD has successfully organized its yearly International Conference, the seventh one. For the first time, since the outbreak of the pandemic, it has been held in a hybrid format in Bucharest. Online participation has been assured thanks to the local infrastructure of the UPB and, as for the last two years, to the Zoom facility of Aveiro University. All sessions of the conference have been recorded and the publication on the YouTube channel of the Association is still underway (due to unpredictable circumstances). A student scientific video contest has been launched and a second prize awarded due to the limited number of submissions.

Overall, the conference has been successfully managed and the good level of organizational coordination among the ASLERD members has been confirmed.

As for the previous editions, we had limited participation of ASLERD members (only 17 papers have been submitted, a number of submissions in line with the previous year).

The 2022 SLERD edition has been marked by

- the keynotes given by Philippe Dessus, Kaśka Porayska-Pomsta, and Yves Punie that allowed to cross-fertilize the ASLERD environment;
- the publication of the conference proceeding with Springer
- the organization of very timely open debates on “Competence based learning as an essential foundation for European citizenship, wellbeing and democracy” and “AI and education: ethical challenges and opportunities”
- the second edition of the *student scientific video contest* in substitution of the *student design contest* that needed a physical place for the final exhibitions of the prototypes.

As for the previous year, the issuance of blockchain-anchored e-certificates to the participants has been realized (based on the technology offered at a special price by blocko.com)

Despite the effort devoted to the organization of interesting events and the cross-fertilization, it is confirmed, once more, that the Association has difficulties in attracting and aggregating on a lasting basis potential stakeholders.

It is important to stress, once more, the need for a stronger commitment of ASLERD members at the local (regional/national) level to increase awareness about the ASLERD vision and actions. Possible actions should be identified during the next general assembly (SLERD 2023).

To increase the attraction of the Association we have:

- keep updated the social pages the Association (Linkedin and Facebook); although they are not capable to attract yet substantial contributions from the members of the association they have attracted up to now respectively 288 (only 4 more with respect to the previous year) members on Linkedin and 126 (only 15 more with respect to the previous year) followers on Facebook;



In addition, ASLERD has become a member of IAALDE (<https://alliance4ss.com/>) and profitable exchanges and collaboration with other association has started. In particular, we have promoted: a) an open debate to be held online during SLERD 2023 on “the future of Learning ecosystems 20 years from now”; b) the writing of a joint declaration. Francesca Pozzi is following the organization of these initiatives.

As the new publisher of Interaction Design and Architecture(s) - IxD&A - journal, ASLERD has promoted the migration of the web server of the journal on a virtual server made available by the UPB, thanks to Mihai Dascalu. The migration and restyling of the web server will be probably completed in March 2023. A new domain for the journal has been acquired by the association: www.ixdea.org

It is worth stressing that IxD&A has improved consistently its international ranking (SRJ 2021 = 0.353; Q1: Architecture/Design; Q2: Social Science, Media Technology; Q3: Human-Computer Interaction, Education) and its LinkedIn page has, up to now, 912 members.

IxD&A has also organized video presentations of the published papers (“Meet the authors” events) and the video have been distributed through a dedicated Youtube channel.

As a publisher, ASLERD renewed its membership to Cross-ref, a non-profit organization that allows the members to deposit the DOI assigned to their publications (as already reported last year, the membership implies the payment of a yearly fee and a small fee for each deposited DOI).

As usual, a special issue of the IxD&A journal has been devoted to SLERD 2021, issue n. 52, and a new one - issue N.55 - devoted to SLERD 2022, is going to be published soon.

Also this year ASLERD has not taken part in the submission of any European project.

On the occasion of the migration of IxD&A website also the migration of the ASLERD website and that dedicated to the SLERD conferences on the same virtual machine has been programmed. A new domain for the conference website has been acquired by the association: www.slerd.org.

Regional activities

The Italian branch of ASLERD has continued its training consulting activity and produced some income in favor of the Association (also this year the only income in excess of the membership fees). In particular, also for 2022, it has contributed to developing high-quality online alternate schemes characterized by a blockchain-anchored e-certification.