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Outreach Coordinator Report 2019-20

I am currently one of the Convenors for the BERA Special Interest Group (SIG) in Mathematics Education; the other Convenor is Dr Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai (University of Reading).

The relevant BERA events are detailed below.

BERA Practitioner Researcher in Mathematics Education (PRiME) event 2019: Sat 7 December 2019

This was an excellent event, organised primarily by Vince. There were 35 attendees, 15 research presentations and a choice of 2 workshops, one on interviewing and video-stimulated reflection, and the other on writing for practitioner journals. Dr Pete Wright started the day with a superb keynote on 'Developing practitioner-led classroom inquiry into action research'. Feedback from delegates was extremely positive, with Pete's keynote being particularly appreciated in the comments.

Vince and I would like to thank BSRLM for contributing to the funding of this event.

BERA Practitioner Researcher in Mathematics Education (PRiME) event 2020: Sat 5 December 2020

This event was planned to be held at the Mathematics Education Centre at Loughborough University, and we were able to obtain funding from Loughborough University to make this event completely free for all participants. However, due to Covid, this event has had to be postponed to next year, and we have tentatively booked **Saturday 3 December 2021**, still at Loughborough University. It was not felt that the 2020 event would work well online, as the face-to-face interactions between teachers were seen as fundamental. It was also felt that teachers would be unlikely to have capacity for any event of this kind in the current situation.

BERA Annual Conference 2020

This event was planned for 8-10 September at the University of Liverpool, but was cancelled, due to Covid.

BERA Annual Conference 2021

The 2021 BERA Conference is planned for **14-16 September at Aston University, Birmingham**. The abstract submission deadline is 31 January 2021, but the call for abstracts has not yet gone out.

BERA SIG (joint Mathematics Education and Research Methodology in Education SIGs): “Evidence synthesis in education: What counts?”

Prior to Covid, I approached the co-convenors of the “Research Methodology in Education” SIG about the possibility of holding a joint BERA SIG event exploring the methodologies of different kinds of evidence review, systematic reviews, best-evidence syntheses, meta-analyses, etc. within education. This feels like a timely topic to examine in depth. We have currently paused our plans for this, due to Covid, but it may be possible to run an online version of this event, and I am exploring this possibility further.

I continue to work at raising the profile of BSRLM more widely beyond BERA, through conversations with various people and organisations.

Colin Foster, November 2020