

## Special Interest Group report 2016/17

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Report:

During the EECERA conference 2015 the SIG members agreed to jointly work towards publishing their research. Much of the SIG discussions and interactions during 2016 focused on progressing this. Through discussions on the facebook website, via e-mail and skype, members developed a staged plan with the publication of an EECERA journal special issue first, followed by a book in the EECERA series.

The SIG meeting during the 2016 Conference in Dublin took the form of a planning meeting which allowed members to progress their publication projects. In addition to updates on the journal project a sub-group was formed to steer the book publication which is to start once members have submitted journal articles. A further subgroup was formed to resume the work on the mission statement for the SIG. This had been discussed at the meeting in 2015 but not progressed between meetings. Since the Dublin meeting members have been invited to engage in different activities contributing to the formulation of values in the work with parents and families, and the Mission Statement subgroup is expecting to present a first draft to the SIG meeting at the 2017 meeting in Bologna.

During the 2016 conference not all interested members could attend the meeting and one member joined via skype. Although not perfect, it seemed a good way to include another colleague in the life of the SIG. This was an ad-hoc arrangement, and it may be worth considering whether this could be offered to and prepared for a small number of colleagues who cannot travel to Italy.