

ENIRDELM



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From the Christmas Market in Prague 2022

A word from the editors:

Dear *ENIRDELM* friends!

If you are anything like me, this time of year is synonymous with regular bank account checks, stressful shopping trips, wrapping paper, traffic, frazzled nerves, cold weather, fear of Covid and exhaustion. It is easy to get lost in the madness of the moment and forget about all the nice things; warm fires, kind words, Christmas markets, carol services, meeting old friends, the magic of the crib, lighting up the Christmas tree, and of course Santa Claus!



Karol Sadleir, Ireland

It is also a time when we think of people less fortunate than ourselves. We have 11 Ukrainian students in our school now and despite the constant fear and anxiety that surrounds them, they come to school everyday and face the world. The strength of human spirit burns bright within them. As a community school, we have wrapped around them, offering all the supports we can but what we can't offer them is peace of mind. My biggest hope for the new year is that they will be able to return home and be reunited with their families.

We were hoping for a greater response to our appeal for submissions to the newsletter and while we appreciate that you are all very busy people, but it would be so nice if you could make an exerted effort in the new year to provide up with a snapshot of what you are working on, areas of interest or even some grist for the mill on inclusion. In the absence of seeing each other it is our only means of staying in touch.

Perhaps for now, you could pour yourself a glass of your favourite tiple and have a read of our Winter Newsletter. There are plenty of memories from Prague and lots to look forward to in Turkey. I would like to thank Dag for his unwavering support, his aesthetic sensibilities, and his time in putting the newsletter together. He has the gentlest way of encouraging people, and we are so lucky to have him on our team.



We would like to wish you all a very peaceful and restful Christmas.

Karol and Dag

Welcome to Turkey

Dear ENIRDELM Friends

After two years, we finally met face-to-face in Prague last September, thanks to Milan and his hard-working team. At the end of the conference, I took over from Milan to organize the 2023 conference. The next conference will be in Antalya, Turkey from the **19th - 22nd of October 2023**. Due to the tourist season and the availability of suitable hotels, we had to postpone the conference one month from the original schedule for the ENIRDELM conference. I hope that this will not cause any trouble for our ENIRDELM friends.



Mualla Aksu

I look forward to welcoming you again in Antalya in sunny weather.

The conference theme will be **Inclusive Leadership in Education**. I hope that some of you under this heading will address gender issues. Still, it allows us to discuss discrimination and disadvantaged situations and what to do about it within education.

The European Commission indicates that they aim to foster a diverse and inclusive work environment, free of discrimination, where the workforce is representative of the society. As is well known, education is of great importance in building such a society, and practical and constructive roles of educational leaders are

needed. Education administrators must also be inclusive leaders for future generations to acquire a humane and peaceful personality. “Inclusive leaders are individuals who are aware of their own biases and actively seek out and consider different perspectives to inform their



Picture from last ENIRDELM Conference in Antalya in 2012

decision-making and collaborate more effectively with others” (“Inclusive Leadership Steps”, n.d.).

Inclusive leadership can be seen as a necessary approach for teachers and other staff, students, parents, and the surrounding community. For this reason, the topic we have chosen will attract the attention of teachers, counsellors, educational leaders, practitioners, and academics.

As the ENIRDELM board and the ENIRDELM 2023 Conference team, we kindly invite all friends who participated in our previous conferences and newcomers from other parts of the world who are also interested in this subject area. We will be pleased to host you at the 31st ENIRDELM conference in Antalya, where we still expect sunny days on 19th -22nd of October 2023. The 2023 Conference will be beneficial, just like our previous conferences. We will do our best to make the conference practical, inspiring, cooperative, and enjoyable.

We expect every ENIRDELM member to come to Antalya together with a new participant. On behalf of all our board members, we look forward to respectfully greeting you.

ENIRDELM Chair

Mualla Aksu



Picture from last ENIRDELM Conference in Antalya in 2012

A greeting from the former chair

Dear ENIRDELM colleagues and friends,

It was a great pleasure for us to organize our network's 30th annual conference on 15-18 September 2022 in Prague. After the arduous period of Covid-19 and measures related tying us all down, at last we could meet face-to-face again. Hopefully, our network has livened up again and received a new impulse for the future.



Milan Pol

The topic of this year's conference was Support to Leadership in Education as a Way to School Improvement. Numerous inspiring contributions were presented, approaching the topic from various perspectives in the form of keynotes, paper presentations, symposia and workshops as well as a variety of interactions behind the scenes. The topic turned out to be relevant across countries and levels of education systems. Besides the traditional focus on the mainstream of schools and professional actors involved, this year's conference paid attention to vocational education and parent participation, which I consider helpful and stimulating for the future as well. A link to the photos from the conference is here:

[Photos ENIRDELM 2022](#); the videos from the opening part and presentations in the main conference hall are to be found here: [Opening part and presentations](#).

I would like to thank all those who participated in organizing the conference: my team at Masaryk University, my colleagues from the National Pedagogical Institute, particularly Eva Keclíková, as an important partner of the conference, all the speakers and, obviously, all those who came to Prague to attend the conference.

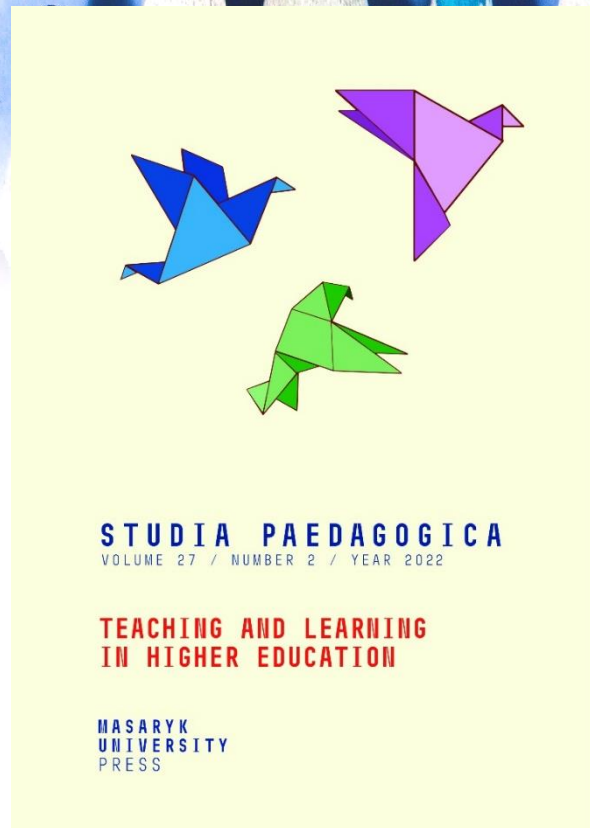
ENIRDELM is alive!

Milan Pol

New Issue of *Studia paedagogica*:

Articles on teaching and learning in higher education

The latest English issue of the journal *Studia Paedagogica* (2/2022) could be of particular interest to those ENIRDELM members who work at higher education institutions. This issue's topic is *Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*. As editors, Kari Smith (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) and Karla Brücknerová (Masaryk University) present articles dealing with various subjects: active student participation in online university lessons, teaching conceptions and practices, formative assessment and dialogicity, eye-tracking research on self-regulated learning, epistemic beliefs of student teachers, and peer learning among university teachers. All these articles are fully available at



<https://journals.phil.muni.cz/studia-paedagogica>



Milan Pol

My first ENIRDELM CONFERENCE



Inger-Lise Nilssen

ENIRDELM was a great conference. It was my first time to visit Prague and attended the ENIRDELM conference. The conference was well organized, both culturally and professionally. Getting to network through ENIRDELM will help to strengthen my work and add to my competence. Shedding light on challenges and strengths through research will also contribute to increased competence and updated knowledge from a managerial perspective. The presentations were practical and relevant to my practice and field. The ENIRDELM conference is something that I can highly recommend.

Inger- Lise Nilssen, Norway



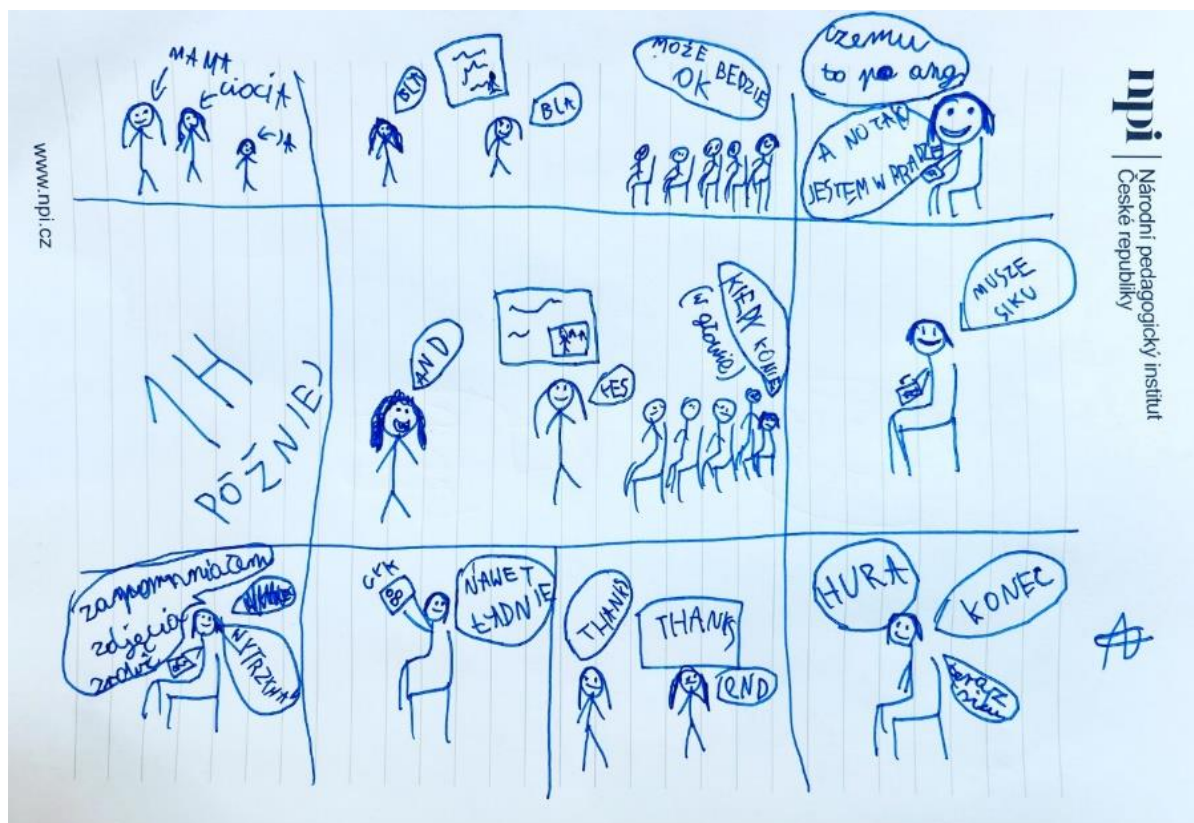
From the first Keynote speech with Arnošt Veselý, Charles University: The middle tier: from concept to reality (and back)

The 2022 ENIRDELM Conference through different eyes

Izabela Cytlak arrived at the conference from Poznań, Poland, with her 12-year-old son. He had a separate schedule but, willy-nilly, he had to participate in a few parts of the conference. The section in which his mum Izabela worked was depicted by him in the style of comics. The English translation of original Polish comments to particular parts is below the pictures. Perhaps the next ENIRDELM generation...?



Izabela Cytlak



Translation:

Picture 1: My Mum, Auntie (Joanna Jarmużek), Me

Picture 2: Mum, Auntie: Bla, Bla

Me: Maybe it will be OK.

Picture 3: Me: Why it is all in English? Well, I'm in Prague.

Picture 4: 1 hour later

Picture 5: Mum: And

Auntie: Yes

Me (in my mind): When is this finished?

Picture 6: I have to pee.

Picture 7: Me: I forgot to take picture.

I will survive.

Picture 8: Me: Quite nice.

Picture 9: Mum: Thank you.

Auntie: Thank you.

Picture 10: Me: Hooray! End. Now pee. 😊



Attentive listeners to one of the presentations

One of Karol's favourite Christmas poems

A Christmas Childhood

by Patrick Kavanagh

One side of the potato-pits was white with frost –
How wonderful that was, how wonderful!
And when we put our ears to the paling-post
The music that came out was magical.

The light between the ricks of hay and straw
Was a hole in Heaven's gable. An apple tree
With its December-glinting fruit we saw –
O you, Eve, were the world that tempted me.

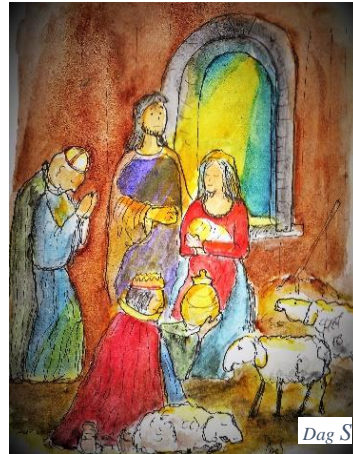
To eat the knowledge that grew in clay
And death the germ within it! Now and then
I can remember something of the gay
Garden that was childhood's. Again.

The tracks of cattle to a drinking-place,
A green stone lying sideways in a ditch,
Or any common sight, the transfigured face
Of a beauty that the world did not touch.

My father played the melodion
Outside at our gate;
There were stars in the morning east
And they danced to his music.

Across the wild bogs his melodion called
To Lennons and Callans.
As I pulled on my trousers in a hurry
I knew some strange thing had happened.

Outside in the cow-house my mother
Made the music of milking;
The light of her stable-lamp was a star
And the frost of Bethlehem made it twinkle.



A water-hen screeched in the bog,
Mass-going feet
Crunched the wafer-ice on the pot-holes,
Somebody wistfully twisted the bellows wheel.

My child poet picked out the letters
On the grey stone,
In silver the wonder of a Christmas townland,
The winking glitter of a frosty dawn.

Cassiopeia was over
Cassidy's hanging hill,
I looked and three whin bushes rode across
The horizon — the Three Wise Kings.

And old man passing said:
'Can't he make it talk –
The melodion.' I hid in the doorway
And tightened the belt of my box-pleated coat.

I nicked six nicks on the door-post
With my penknife's big blade –
there was a little one for cutting tobacco.
And I was six Christmases of age.

My father played the melodion,
My mother milked the cows,
And I had a prayer like a white rose pinned
On the Virgin Mary's blouse.

Glimps from the Conference in Prague 2022



A collection of young and older participants. Maybe you find yourself?