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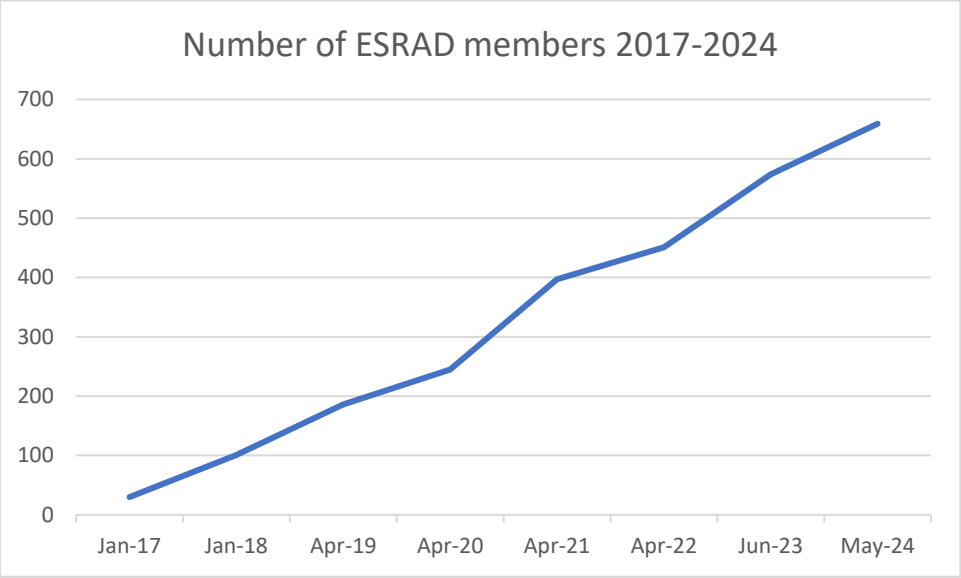
1. Membership

The ESRAD membership continues to grow at a rapid rate. In seven years, the number of members has increased from 30 to 659. ESRAD membership remains free of charge, which is an important contextual factor on our membership numbers.

- January 2017: 30 members
- January 2018: 101 members
- April 2019: 186 members
- April 2020: 245 members
- April 2021: 397 members
- April 2022: 451 members
- June 2023: 574 members
- May 2024: 659 members



2. Board and staffing matters

The list of board members, with current 2-year tenure periods shown, is currently as follows:

- President: Dr Oliver Robinson (2023-2025)
- Vice President: Teresa Sgaramella (2023-2025)
- Treasurer: Nick Shannon (2023-TBC)
- Secretary: Iva Vurdelja (2022-2024)
- Board Member (Finnish): Salla Ahola (2022-2024)
- Board Member: Natalia Waechter (2023-2025)
- Board Member: Gary Nicholson (2023-2025)
- Board Vice-Member: Marc Lucas (2023-2025)
- Board Vice-Member: Clare Mehta (2023-2025)
- Board Vice-Member: Katja Hleb (2023-2025)

Other staffing changes

Erin Collins was recruited as **Secretarial Assistant** in October 2022. This is a voluntary unpaid position. Erin is continuing in this role and has been a great help.

Communications Officer and Webmaster: Saba Sajjad commenced as Communications Officer and Webmaster in June 2023.

3. ESRAD, Finnish Patent and Registration Office, and Tax Administration

Notification of changes was filed in PRH (Finnish Patent and Registration Office) 13.12.2023, and the changes were registered in the Register of Associations 20.12.2023. The information regarding the executive committee was updated: information of one member was removed and information of one member was added. No changes were made regarding the signatories. On 17.5.2024 ESRAD received the tax decision regarding the year 2023: No tax to be paid or refunded.

4. ESRAD Webinars and Conference

2023 Greenwich Conference

Our 2023 conference was the first hybrid conference organised by ESRAD. 74 delegates attended; 35 attended in person, and 39 attended online. 32 talks were delivered in total over the three days. The keynote speaker was Prof Dan McAdams. The conference made a healthy profit. The conference programme can be viewed here:

http://www.europeadultdevelopment.org/uploads/1/2/3/8/123880116/esrad_2023_conference_programme_version_8.pdf

Webinars

We have held two free webinars since the last AGM, both of which were well attended.

Established Adulthood: Navigating the years of the 30s and 40s by Dr Clare Mehta

https://www.europeadultdevelopment.org/established-adulthood-navigating-the-years-of-the-30s-and-40s.html

Young people, social media and development: The case of gender by Prof Adriana Manago (speaker) and Kaveri Subrahmanyam (discussant)

https://www.europeadultdevelopment.org/young-people-social-media-and-development-the-case-of-gender.html

5. National Representatives

Since July 2020, we have been developing a new role; that of National Representative (NR). This initiative has been led by board members Teresa Sgaramella and Marc Lucas.

Current National Representatives: All National Representative profiles can be viewed here: https://www.europeadultdevelopment.org/national-representatives.html

6. The ESRAD Small Grants Scheme

In 2024, ESRAD ran their first ever research funding scheme. Three grants of 1000 Euros were offered in the scheme. 17 applications were received, and the successful applicants were as follows:

- Deborah Bailey-Rodriguez (Middlesex University, UK): *The never-ending shift: Second-time working mothers' emotional labour in heterosexual couple relationships*

- Sanjukta Das and Nabamita Chakraborty (University of Calcutta): *Exploring the Neuropsychological Correlates of Generativity: Moving Towards a Strength-based Intervention*

- Natalia Waechter and Elena Stuhlpfarrer (University of Graz) *"Making the future a better place": Emerging Adults as Actors of Social Change*

We are currently in the process of transferring funds to the three institutions in question.

7. Special Interest Groups

We currently have two active special interest groups:

Dialectical Thinking Special Interest Group (chair: Nick Shannon)

Wisdom Special Interest Group (chair: Eeva Kallio)

8. Finance Summary

The society achieved a surplus of nearly €1500 during the year due to the success of its conference. This surplus has further strengthened the balance sheet which now stands at a little over €10,000. We consider this amount constitutes an adequate working capital for the society with which to continue and gradually expand our activities.

9. Action plan for June 2024 to June 2025

Strategic Direction: The aim for ESRAD is to be the leading adult development organisation in the world in (a) membership numbers/international reach/diversity of membership, (b) event quality, and (c) opportunities for networking and research dissemination. This aim will be pursued over the next 12 months by way of the following proximal aims:

- Webinars: We plan to host 3 webinars over the next 12 months from world-renowned speakers. We are continuing to review whether to charge a small fee for future webinars. This is a likely development during the next 12 months.

- Summer Symposium 2024: We will be running a summer symposium on 5th July 2024 on the topic of wisdom. Judith Gluck and Monika Ardelt are to be keynote speakers. Full price tickets are 40 Euros, and student tickets are 20 Euros.

- Planning for 2025 conference: Planning for our 2025 conference is already underway, and the current plan is to hold the conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia in May 2025.

- Special interest groups: The aim for the next year is to create a special page for each of our Special Interest Groups on the website in a dedicated section.

- Marketing Strategy and Membership: We are reviewing our communications with members, including when new members join, and are developing the nature of our website. We will also be reviewing our presence on social media and exploring enhancements there. We expect membership to remain free for the time being.

- Small grants scheme: Following the success of our small grants scheme in 2024, we will explore whether it is affordable to do the scheme every year or every other year. We will also be discussing whether it may be possible to fundraise to help pay for this scheme.

- Advertising*:* We will be discussing a budget to advertising on Facebook or Google Ads, for specific events such as the summer symposium, and potentially for the organisation as a whole.