

# PROGRAM OF ILRF 2015

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	8:30 am	Registration and coffee at location University of Eastern Finland, Savonlinna campus, Kuninkaankartanonkatu 7 (A304)	
	9:00 am	ECE Center Tour begins	
		Group A Asemantie ECE Center Deputy ECE Centre director Heli Räsänen	Group B Kellarpelto ECE Center ECE Centre director Markku Hämäläinen
	10:00 am	Transfer to the Kellarpelto ECE Center	Transfer to the Asemantie ECE Center
	11:00 am	Lunch break	
	1:00 pm	Introduction to Savonlinna ECE organisation and leadership Director of Educational and Cultural Development Markku Kankkunen ECE director Anna-Liisa Sairanen, and ECE centre directors Markku Hämäläinen and Heli Räsänen at Savonlinna Town Hall, Olavinkatu 27	
	3:00 pm	Visiting Olavinlinna Castle (approx 13 euros/person, please register in 1st December Johanna.heikka@uef.fi)	
	4:30 pm	Dinner (optional) Restaurant Ravintola Majakka, Satamakatu 11	

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00 am	<b>Opening of the conference (A118)</b>		
	9:10 am	<b>Orientation to the 5<sup>th</sup> ILRF meeting</b> Johanna Heikka, Eeva Hujala and Manjula Waniganayake		
	<b>INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON LEADERSHIP TASKS</b>			
	9:30 am	Leadership tasks and leadership priorities: the cases of Russia and Kyrgystan. Elena Lenskaya, Dean of Education Management, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, Russia		
	9:50 am	Leadership tasks in child care in Finland, Japan and Singapore. Eeva Hujala, Professor and Mervi Eskelinen, M.Ed., University of Tampere, Finland		
	10:10 am	Leadership tasks in childcare institutions in Germany - theoretical approach and empirical findings, Dr Petra Strehmel, Professor, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany		
	10:30 am	Coffee break		
	<b>INVESTIGATING AND IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES IN ECE</b>			
	11:00 am	The municipal ECE organization: stakeholders, strategies and relations. Cathrine Frogh, Assistant Professor/PhD student, Telemark University College, Norway		
	11:20 am	Developing a new ECE leadership model in the City of Hämeenlinna, Dr Marja-Liisa Akselin, Director of services for young children and youth, Finland		
	11:40 am	Changes for ECEC leaders in Norway. Inger Lise Johannessen, University of Tromso- The Arctic University of Norway		
		12:00 pm	Lunch break	

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>LEADERSHIP STRATEGIES AND APPROACHES</b>	
	1:00 pm	Constructing servant leadership in the field of early childhood education and care. Kirsi Rytkönen, PhD Candidate, University of Tampere / Leader of early childhood education in city of Lapua, Finland
	1:20 pm	Sustainable Leadership in ECE. Dr Elina Fonsén, University Lecturer, University of Tampere, Dr Marja-Liisa Akselin, Director of services for young children and youth, City of Hämeenlinna and Dr Ulla Soukainen Manager of Early Childhood Education, City of Turku, Finland
	1:40 pm	Leading Children's Centres: A call for authenticity. Dr Jonathan Wainwright, Principal Lecturer, Department of Education, Childhood and Inclusion, Sheffield Hallam University, UK
	2:00 pm	Directors' perspectives on working with staff's and children's learning in ECCs. Kari Hoås Moen, Associate Professor, Queen Maud University College, Trondheim, Norway
	2:20 pm	Coffee break
	<b>LEADERSHIP PREPARATION AND MENTORING</b>	
	2:50 pm	Ready or not: Preparation of early childhood leaders in Australia through postgraduate studies. Manjula Waniganayake, Professor and Suzie Stipanovic, Masters candidate, Institute of Early Childhood, Macquarie University, Australia
	3:10 pm	How can mentoring create opportunities for professional leadership? Elin Ødegård, Associate Professor, Department of Pedagogy , Telemark University College, Norway
	3:30 pm	<b>Closing day one</b> Johanna Heikka and Manjula Waniganayake
	6:00 pm	<b>Evening gathering</b> <b>Celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> ILRF book</b> at Savonlinna campus, Sky bar

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00 am	Coffee
	9:30 am	<b>Opening day two (A118)</b>
	<b>RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES AND STRATEGIES ON ECE LEADERSHIP</b>	
	9:40 am	Researching leadership in early childhood through narrative inquiry: Theoretical foundations and methodological issues. Dr Jillian Rodd, Independent Educational Consultant, England
	10:00 am	Shadowing methodologies – extending the possibilities of studying ECE leaders through cross-national research. Manjula Waniganayake, Professor, Macquarie University, Australia, Karin Hognestad, University Lecturer and Marit Bøe, University Lecturer, Telemark University College, Norway
	<b>TEACHERS AS LEADERS IN ECE SETTINGS</b>	
	10:20 am	Early childhood education teachers as leaders in ECE centres and teams. Dr Johanna Heikka, University Lecturer, University of Eastern Finland and Dr Leena Halttunen, University teacher, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
	10:40 am	Characteristics of deputy leaders in Finnish day care settings. Dr Leena Halttunen, University teacher, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
	11:00 am	Early Childhood Teacher or Leader? EC Directors perceptions of their own identity. Per Tore Granrusten, Associate Professor, Queen Maud University College (QMUC), Norway
	11:20 am	Organization of the research workshops
	11:30 am	Lunch break
	12:30 pm	Research workshops (A150, A203, A204, B304)
	2:00 pm	Discussion and conclusion (A118)
	2:30 pm	<b>Closing ILRF 2015</b> Johanna Heikka, Eeva Hujala and Manjula Waniganayake