



Annual Report (2017-2018)

Summary

The purpose of this report is to communicate the ongoing activities of the organization from May 2017 to April 2018. As the SFDN continues to prepare for ICED 2020, the main activities of the year were focused on research-based events, workshops sharing practice, and site visits showcasing our member institutions. The Board continues to work on a schedule of ongoing activities for the members and growing the digital presence of our organization.

1. Board Members

The SFDN Board consists of the following individuals:

President – Ariane Dumont, Western University of Applied Sciences, Yverdon

Vice President – Bernhard Lange, University of Lucerne

Treasurer – Roland Tormey, EPFL

Secretary – Rachel Plews, EHL

The SFDN board met regularly once a month, virtually and face-to-face, to discuss the upcoming activities and ongoing issues.

Sarah Shepard acts as the auditor to assist the SFDN Board with the financial activities.

Karin Brown has been a guest from February to present lending support for the website.

2. Membership

For the 2017-2018 year, SFDN has 20 institutional members and 31 individual members for a total of 51 paid members.

3. Calendar of Activities

After feedback from the membership, the Board created a calendar of activities for the 2018 academic year that was distributed to the members at the end of May 2017 (in advance of the July

deadline). The goal is to continue this distribution prior to the summer holidays in order to allow for better planning.

The following table presents the summary of the activities for the year.

Activity	Date/Location	Comments
Webinar – GoAnimate, facilitated by Rachel Plews	October 10, 2017 Online using Adobe Connect	There were only two registrants so the webinar was cancelled, but the individuals came to EHL for a face-to-face session on this topic.
ETH Site Visit – with Benno Volk	November 16, 2017 ETH Zurich	This event had 8 participants and was a successful session for those who participated.
Webinar – Tools for the Flipped Classroom facilitated by Ariane Dumont	January 19, 2018 Online using Adobe Connect	There were only two registrants the day prior to the webinar. Ariane reached out to the individuals to meet with them.
SFDN 2018 Mini-Conference	February 2, 2018 University of Lucerne	30 participants; More details provided in section 5.
HEP Vaud Site Visit	March 16, 2018 HEP Vaud	This event had 12 participants with presentations from the support centers at HEP in the morning, followed by lunch and a campus tour.
General Assembly	April 27, 2018 EPFL Lausanne	An agenda with morning workshops, followed by lunch and the GA in the afternoon has been prepared after the success of this format for the 2017 GA.

4. Website

The Board has made an effort to more frequently update the homepage and the content of the website to have better virtual presence. There were over 30 posts for members featuring information on SFDN events, information on other events that would be of interest to our members, job postings, and other general exchanges.

Karin Brown has volunteered to assist with some of the technical issues we have been facing with the website.

5. SFDN Mini-Conference

As we continue to prepare for ICED 2020 in Zurich, the 2018 SFDN Mini-Conference was held at the University of Lucerne on Friday, February 2, 2018. There were 30 participants. Professor Dilly Fung from the University College London (UCL) led the morning keynote related to our theme of “Data, Rigor, and Faculty Development.” This was followed by a one hour interactive workshop led by Dr. Wolfgang Schatz, Secretary General, from the University of Lucerne.

In the afternoon, there were presentations/interactive sessions. The format was three 20 minutes presentations per room (a total of three rooms) with five minutes in between so participants could move between rooms based on their interests.

The afternoon culminated with a brief consolidation of the key themes from the day and a reflective discussion on the experience. The agenda and follow-up materials are available on the website.



6. ICED 2020 Zurich Preparations

The Board is actively working with Benno Volk and the conference team in Zurich to move ahead with the planning for this large international conference.

Ariane Dumont attended the ICED Council meeting at Shanghai Fudan University July 6-7, 2017. There are two Swiss representatives for the council – Ariane Dumont as President of SFDN and Benno Volk as the 2020 Conference organizer.

7. Special Interest Groups

Teacher Education

The current active members of the Teacher Education SIG include Ingrid Le Duc, Bernhard Lange, Monica Feixas, Vania Guerra, Pia Scherrer, and Franziska Zellweger. If you are interested in joining this SIG, please contact Bernhard Lange.

Curriculum

After the 2017 GA and call for participation, this SIG has been abolished. If you are interested in restarting this group, please contact the Board.

ICED 2020

This SIG is a work in progress with more information to be shared during the GA. SFDN members who wish to join the SIG, please contact Benno Volk to express your interest.

8. Site Visits

Two member institutions hosted site visits this year. Benno Volk at ETH Zurich hosted eight members on November 16, 2017. This visit focused on educational development and technology and online examinations. Paola Ricciardi-Joos at HEP Vaud hosted twelve members on March 16, 2018. This visit focused on the sharing of the HEP structure in Switzerland, the center for teaching support activities, the center for e-learning activities, and module evaluation methodologies.

9. Next Steps

The SFDN Board will continue to work on plans for the ICED 2020 Conference in Zurich. SFDN members are encouraged to attend the ICED 2018 Conference in Atlanta (USA) which is being held June 5-8, 2018. SFDN members are encouraged to join the SIG for ICED 2020 to ensure active involvement and service.

The SFDN Board is issuing a call for proposals for chapters in an edited book focused on the inquiry-based activities of the SFDN network. The objective is to have this published to promote at the ICED 2020 Conference. Please refer to the call for proposals and speak to a board member if you are interested in contributing.

The other ongoing projects that the board is working on include further development of the SFDN website and digital presence, research-focused activities for members to help prepare for ICED 2020 and the continuous promotion of educational development activities in Switzerland, and workshops and programming dedicated to the exchange of practice in different institutional settings.