Dear SIG 8 members,

With this newsletter, we would like to provide a brief report on (1) the SIG 8 activities organized this summer, including the ICM 2024 in Bern, and (2) an overview of some future activities of SIG 8.

SIG 8 Summer 2024

ICM 2024:

The ICM 2024 was held in Bern from August 28th to August 30th 2024. The conference program included 2 keynotes, 2 mid-career keynotes, a panel discussion, an interactive podium, 13 symposia, 165 paper presentations, and 64 poster presentations! It was preceded by the Summer School with 23 PhD students and 6 teachers. It was a great and inspiring conference experience, and we want to thank again all of those who contributed to this conference!

Lifetime Achievement Award:

The Life Time Achievement Recognition 2024 was awarded to Reinhard Pekrun Professor of Psychology, University of Essex, Australian Catholic University, and Ludwig-Maximilians-University München, at the ICM 2024 in Bern. We congratulate him warmly for this very well deserved award!

JURE 2022 conference:

The invited SIG 8 Symposium took place at the JURE 2024 Conference in Valencia. Four research teams from three different countries presented their studies on the topic "The interplay of peer relationships and student motivation".

In-between the conferences activities

How to ..? Talks:

Over the last year, we continued our networking format for junior and early career researchers. During short bimonthly meetings around lunch time researchers meet to talk about topics that are highly relevant to early stage scientific career researchers, such as how to expand your academic network, how to get your paper published, or how to present at conferences. The next "How to...?" meeting will be announced shortly.

Future SIG 8 activities

EARLI 2025

The due date for submissions to the EARLI conference 2025 in Graz is approaching (November 5th 2024, see https://www.earli.org/events/earli2025). Don't miss it! We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Traditionally, we have organized an invited symposium at the EARLI conference. We would like to find a current, future-looking topic that is of interest to our SIG 8 members. This SIG 8 invited symposium is a great opportunity to reach a wide audience and present a state-of-the-art of the research conducted by our SIG 8 members. To this end, we would like to invite you to suggest topics for such a symposium by October 2nd 2022 here: https://padlet.com/hanna_gaspard/qd5r46nt1r1zlhna

Next ICM 2026

We are happy to announce that the next ICM 2026 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal! The dates are yet to be finalized, but the ICM 2026 will likely take place in June. It will be organized by the Center for Research in Education (CIE-Ispa).

Best wishes, Hanna, Martin, Juli, & Jonne SIG 8 coordinators

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