



# Pre-conference

## Current stage of Practice Research – local experiences and general issues

Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 9am – 4pm 2016

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In connection to the European Conference for Social Work Research, Lisbon 2016 we invite you to participate in a pre-conference on Practice Research.

The goal of the pre-conference is to share ideas, discussions and experiences about practice research among participants. Being both a new and developing area in social work the focus will be on different approaches, understandings and experiences coming out of presentations and discussions. We are not aiming at specific definitions and understandings. On the contrary we hope to open up for new understandings and perspectives – and maybe controversies – in practice research. Hereby we hope to promote cross-national practice-based research projects as well as scholarly debates and knowledge exchange among the various research interested stakeholders related to social work practice. The main activity at the pre-conference will be a series of workshops or work-discussions with paper presentations and discussions. The pre-conference will develop through three clusters of two hours each, during which participants are expected to present short papers of 10 minutes. Each cluster will contain a maximum of 6 paper presentations within one of the pre-conference themes in order to leave time for discussion and sharing.

Themes:

1. What is Practice Research and how is it related to and/or different from other kinds of research approaches?
2. Practice Research in action – experience's from carrying out practice research: what was good, surprising, bad.
3. How can Practice Research facilitate transferable knowledge-production?

Participants are invited to send in abstracts of maximum 1.500 signs without spaces. Please state which of the three themes the abstract will relate to.

The pre-conference committee will review all abstracts and notify which abstracts have been accepted.

Deadline for abstracts: December 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 at noon.

Acceptance notification: January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Deadline for registration at the pre-conference – with or without papers: January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Prize: 30 euros, that will be paid at the pre-conference.

Registration and/or submission of abstracts here:

<https://digiuenterprise.com/answer/?sid=1368461&chk=CDZE3KUZ>

The pre-conference is organized by the 'Special Interest Group in Practice Research in Social Work' established at the European Conference for Social Work Research, Ljubljana 2015.

Members of the pre-conference committee are:

Dr. *Laura Yliruka*, Development manager at the Heikki Waris Institute, Finland, Assistant Professor *Teresa Bertotti*, University of Milano Bicocca, Italy, Professor *Tor Slettebø*, Diakonhjemmet University College, Norway & Professor *Lars Uggerhøj*, Aalborg University, Denmark.