

Statement application Vice Presidency of the ATEE

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I have come to know the ATEE as a very pleasant and professional organization, in which colleagues inspire and help each other to bring teacher education and research to the next level. Learning and conducting meaningful research is done together in a very constructive way. I experience the atmosphere within the organization as positive, open and focused on development. I have met many new colleagues, of whom I have learned a lot. I have been welcomed in the AC in a very nice way. During the past years, I have introduced several colleagues of my University to the ATEE network and they are all very positive about the opportunities ATEE brings them, e.g. to share their ideas and research. Furthermore, the ATEE has an impact on European policy and has international standing. All this makes me very proud to be part of the ATEE.

In recent years, I have contributed to the ATEE in various ways. For example, by organizing a conference, by contributing to the policy of the ATEE through my role in the AC, by representing the ATEE as a speaker and panel member at various international events and by receiving international guests at the office in Brussels.

The ATEE is doing well, but at the same time the field of education and especially the field of teacher education is being exposed to continuous change. This means that the ATEE must be flexible. In order for the organization to be of sustainable added value for its members and (teacher)education in general, the ATEE will have to develop further. This means that the ATEE must dare to question its strategy, while preserving the good. Questions such as: 'how do we retain our members?', 'how do we remain a stakeholder discussion partner?', 'how do we remain financially healthy?', 'how do we deal with the possibilities that technology can have for our organization?', are important in this regard. I see opportunities in further strengthening the core of ATEE, the RDCs. And in optimizing the possibilities of the ATEE network, also in-between conferences, by using an online environment. In this way I expect to attract a new and wider member group for the organization.

I was honored when I was asked to consider becoming Vice President. My years of experience as a teacher, teacher educator and (program)manager ensure that I have a good view of the playing field. And thanks to my studies in strategic and change management, I can contribute to the future of the ATEE.

I am willing and able to make a solid contribution to the ATEE. That is why I am applying for the vice presidency with great confidence and pleasure.

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