

June 19, 2018

**Åsa Morberg**

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Dear President,

I am writing with reference to the Call for New Members of the Administrative Council of the Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE) on the Association's website. I am very keen to apply for this position.

I work as an assistant professor (Ph.D.) at the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology of the University in Bialystok (Poland). My research interests are i.a., teacher education, comparative education, higher education, teaching and learning methods, and educational law. My teaching activities mainly include working with students (student teachers) during lectures, supervising their diploma works for bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees (as a co-supervisor). I have been published widely in international journals (Educational Research, Journal of Education for Teaching, Journal of Educational Studies) and I have been involved in many collaborative research projects on different aspects of teacher education and professional development as the leading researcher. I was the Founder and President of the Foundation of Transfer of Educational Innovations and Know-how (2013-2017).

I have been a member of the ATEE since 2015. Throughout these three years, I was doing my best to contribute to the ATEE work. I have participated in Spring Conferences in Riga (2015 and 2017). I was the reviewer of conference proceedings of the Spring Conference (2015), and upon request from Cambridge Scholar Publishing Ltd. I prepared a review of the book "Innovations, Technologies and Research in Education" by Linda Daniela. I have also attended the Annual Conference in Dubrovnik (2017). Furthermore, I have also attended the "Seminar on modernization of education in the EU" in the European Parliament. I organized the international seminar "Collaboration and Mentoring Relationships in Higher Education: Promises and Challenges" (20.04.2018) and invited members of the ATEE. This year, my university joined the ATEE as an institutional member and organized the ATEE 2018 Spring Conference on "Designing Teacher Education and Professional Development for the 21st Century: Current Trends, Challenges and Directions for the Future" (Bialystok, 7-9.06.2018). I served as the chair of the Organizing Committee of this conference. During the above mentioned conferences and conventions, I attended all statutory ATEE meetings (General Assembly in Riga; General Assembly in Dubrovnik).

As a member-elect of the Administrative Council, I would like to share my research, teaching and organizational experiences gained through my university career and work in international research teams to help develop the quality of work the ATEE. Particularly, I would like to work on increasing the involvement of the ATEE with Eastern and Central European countries using my background and experiences with researchers from these countries (e.g., within the Erasmus+ project “EduLaw” that I am currently involved in) to establish new contacts outside the European area. This can be done via seminars, special networks, small research projects, but also publishing materials (e.g., books or reports) on current trends and challenges in teacher education in those countries. I would also like to share my organizational experiences to assist in organizing ATEE conferences and other events aimed at promoting the Association and its mission. I am also able to represent and promote the ATEE at meetings in Brussels and Europe.

I have a great respect for the ATEE and I would be really grateful if you could give me the opportunity to work as a member of the Administrative Council. I would like to stress that I am fully aware of the content of the Statutes and the Internal Rules, e.g., attending statutory meetings, performing assigned tasks, or respecting the rules on conflict of interest.

I enclose my detailed CV and supporting letters from the members of the ATEE, which I believe shows my suitability for this role.

Yours sincerely,



Marta Kowalczyk-Wałędziak

Attachments:

- 1) CV;
- 2) Letter of support from Assoc. Prof. Mirosław Sobiecki, PhD – Dean of the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology of the University of Białystok, Poland;
- 3) Letter of support from Prof. Linda Daniela, University of Latvia, Latvia;
- 4) Letter of support from Assoc. Prof. Otilia Clipa, PhD, University of Stefan cel Mare in Suceava, Romania.