



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

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Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

A number of ITD Alliance events are happening in October and November and this first News Bulletin provides an overview, so that you can see all the events in one place.

Upcoming Events featured in this News Bulletin

- 17 and 18 October: [General Assembly meetings 2024](#), online
- 17–28 October: [General Assembly voting](#), online
- 22 October – 7 November: [“Assessing Training Needs for Transdisciplinary Research” workshops](#), 2-3 dates for each region, online
- 4-8 November: [ITD24 conference](#), Utrecht, The Netherlands. Great plenaries, talks, workshops and networking events, including:
 - 4 November: Integration Experts and Expertise working group networking event, face-to-face
 - 4 November: Early Career Researcher (ECR) working group networking event, face-to-face
 - 6 November: Australian satellite conference keynote, online
 - 7 November: Networking event and training needs workshop for TD researchers and practitioners in Asia, face-to-face
 - 8 November: [ITD Alliance networking event](#), face-to-face
- 7 November: [ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network seminar & networking](#), online
- 14 and 15 November: [ITD Alliance networking events](#), online



General Assembly 2024

- 17 and 18 October: General Assembly meetings 2024, online

The annual General Assembly is your opportunity to formally review the activities, progress and plans of the ITD Alliance, as well as the ideas and ambitions of those

standing for election to the Leadership Board. Members will recently have received a package of materials to inform discussion and voting.

There will be two two-hour meetings of members (on October 17 and 18, see <https://itd-alliance.org/general-assembly-2024/>) that provide opportunities for questions, feedback and discussion. Look forward to seeing you there!

- 17–28 October: General Assembly voting, online

The [General Assembly 2024 Voting Form](#) is now available online. The form will be open from October 17-28, 2024.

Voting is your opportunity to provide formal feedback to the Leadership Board, including the President and Treasurer, and the Executive Secretary. This year, the Leadership Board is asking for your approval to suspend the bylaws to reshape the composition of the Leadership Board to further the Alliance’s ambition of being global. And you get to elect half of the Leadership Board.



“Assessing Training Needs for Transdisciplinary Research” workshops

A series of online workshops is being organized to network and learn about the current status and future training needs from different perspectives. Invited are educators, trainers, course/curriculum developers, scholars, policymakers and funders. Specifically, workshops aim at identifying

- type(s) of training currently conducted and funded in the region;
- organizations that are associated with the practice;
- people who do training, what they do, and the quality of the training, and
- needs for future training, what should be trained and in what way.

If you are interested in participating in one of the workshops, please contact the regional workshop coordinator. Find the dates below. The African workshops have been completed.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Workshop coordinators: *Mariana Pereyra Perez and Ana Corbacho*

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Workshop I: October 22, 3-4:30pm UTC

Workshop II: October 24, 9-10:30pm UTC

EUROPE (INCLUDING TURKEY, THE CAUCASUS REGION AND RUSSIA)

Workshop coordinator: *Varvara Nikulina*

Contact: varvara.nikulina@bth.se

Workshop I: October 24, 8-9:30am UTC

Workshop II: October 30, 12-13:30pm UTC

US, CANADA AND OCEANIA

Workshop coordinator: Jacqueline Melvold

Contact: jmelvold@arizona.edu

Workshop I: October 23, 10am-12noon (UTC-7)

Workshop II: October 28, 6pm - 8pm (UTC-7)

Workshop III: October 29, 11am - 1pm (UTC-7)

ASIA

Workshop coordinator: Ria Lambino

Contact: rlambino@chikyu.ac.jp

Workshop I: October 29, 2-3:30pm UTC+9

Workshop II: November 7, 1:45-3:15pm CET (12:45am-2:15pm UTC). This session will be face-to-face at the ITD24 conference.



ITD24 conference and featured events

ITD24 - International Transdisciplinarity Conference 2024, Utrecht, The Netherlands, plus online component, November 4-8 <https://itd-alliance.org/itd24/>

The conference programme is now available at:

<https://www.conftool.net/itd2024/sessions.php>. Registration is still open, but the capacity limit for on-site participants has almost been reached.

Specific ITD Alliance events to note include:

- [Integration Experts and Expertise working group](#) on Monday November 4th.
- [Early Career Researcher \(ECR\) working group](#) on Monday November 4th.
- A keynote panel session titled **“Norms for Inter- and Transdisciplinary Research: Learning from Failure”** featuring Michael O’Rourke, Dena Fam and Jason Prior. Read the full abstract in the [ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network calendar](#).
When: Wednesday 6 November 2024, 5:30pm AEST
Where: Livestreamed from Sydney and Canberra, free and open to the public
Join here: <https://utsmeet.zoom.us/j/82120651982>
- A [networking event for Asian participants](#) on Thursday November 7th, combined with an Asian regional workshop on “Training Needs for Transdisciplinary Research.”
- A [major general ITD Alliance networking event](#) on the morning of Friday November 8th.



Oceania Regional Network event

Michael O’Rourke from Michigan State University will present “On the Nature and Practice of Crossdisciplinary Integration.”

When: 12 noon to 1.30pm, Thursday, 7 November, AEDT (Sydney)

Where: Online, free and open to the public

[Register now](#)

The seminar (60-minutes) will explore the essential role of integration in cross-disciplinary research, introducing an innovative input-process-output (IPO) model. Discover how this model can bridge the gap between abstract and specific discussions. Learn practical strategies for facilitating integration in complex research. Read the full abstract in the [ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network calendar](#).

The seminar will be followed by an additional 30-minute open conversation providing an opportunity for you to meet and talk with other inter- and transdisciplinary (ITD) experts across the Oceania region.



ITD Alliance networking events

Members say that one of the key reasons for joining the ITD Alliance is to meet and exchange ideas with like-minded peers. Three general ITD Alliance networking events are scheduled for members and those interested in joining. Details can also be found on the [Member Networking Events web page](#).

Face-to-face Networking at ITD24

Date & Time: Friday, 8 November, 9am – 1:30pm (Utrecht, The Netherlands time)

Location: At the ITD24 conference in Utrecht, The Netherlands, Het Vriendenplein meeting room

Online Networking Events (2)

Date & Time: Wednesday, 14 November and Thursday, 15 November (2 meetings to cover all time zones, see table below for times)

Location: Online ([see web page for Zoom link](#))

Time zones	Networking event #1	Networking event #2
	Thursday Nov 14	Thursday Nov 14
UTC/GMT	9am	11pm
Los Angeles	1am	3pm
Mexico City	3am	5pm
New York/Miami/Montreal	4am	6pm
Montevideo/Buenos Aires	6am	8pm
Lisbon/London	9am	11pm
	Still Thursday Nov 14	Friday Nov 15
Lagos/Frankfurt	10am	12am
Johannesburg/Cairo	11am	1am
Moscow/Nairobi	12pm	2am
New Delhi	2.30pm	4.30am
Singapore/Hong Kong	5pm	7am
Tokyo	6pm	8am
Sydney	8pm	10am
Suva (Fiji)	9pm	11am
Auckland	10pm	12pm



About this News Bulletin

This weekly News Bulletin focuses on the activities of the ITD-Alliance and its members. We also welcome contributions that may interest members such as policy news in education, funding and research, opportunities (including prizes and visiting fellowships), and relevant conferences and conference reports. Contributions welcome!

Please send contributions to Caryn Anderson caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org at least a week before you would like to see them published.

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