



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

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Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

This News Bulletin includes:

- General Assembly voting: A reminder to vote by 28 October, 2024.
- A brief report on the General Assembly 2024 meetings.
- Details about the ITD Alliance networking event at the ITD24 conference in Utrecht on 8 November.
- An overview of upcoming events.
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General Assembly Voting

Don't forget to vote before 28 October: [General Assembly 2024 Voting Form](#).

Voting is open now until Monday, 28 October (at midnight in the last time zone) and covers:

- acceptance of reports by Leadership Board members and the Executive Secretaries (motions 1-4)
- proposed changes to the by-laws (motions 5-6)
- election of new Leadership Board members (10 candidates for up to 7 positions).

See the [2024 General Assembly web page](#) for recordings of the meetings, presentation slides, and agenda and papers with details on motions and Leadership Board candidate statements to inform your vote. Thank you to those who have already voted on motions and Leadership Board candidates.



General Assembly 2024 meetings

Two online meetings were held on 17 and 18 October. 28 people attended all or part of Meeting 1 and 11 people attended all or part of Meeting 2.

The discussion was wide-ranging and demonstrated strong engagement of attendees with the future of the ITD Alliance. The core issues for moving the ITD Alliance forward, include:

- Encouraging and honouring volunteers, especially on the Leadership Board and Executive Committee and the working groups, with new growing roles in projects and regional networks.
- Furthering the availability of professional administrative support for both volunteer activities and the core functioning of the ITD Alliance.
- Enhancing the diversity of the ITD Alliance, focusing first on regional and gender diversity, which will also highlight different approaches to (and terminology for) inter- and transdisciplinarity, especially in different regions.
- Developing a stable and sustainable financial base, in the first instance by growing the ITD Alliance membership, which also strengthens the ability of the ITD Alliance to be an influential 'voice' for inter- and transdisciplinarity, as well as related approaches to complex social and environmental problems.

There was rich discussion of issues and ideas. We encourage you to add your ideas for strengthening the ITD Alliance to the [Ideas Board](#). The Ideas Board helps us to not lose suggestions until we have the resources to explore them and can help with strategic planning.

Now available on the [2024 General Assembly web page](#):

- Video recordings of Meeting 1 and Meeting 2
- Presentation slides
- Agenda and papers (including reports, Leadership Board candidate statements, and details on voting: motions and instructions)



ITD Alliance networking event at ITD24

Friday, 8 November, 09.00 – 13.00, in the Expo (plenary hall) at the ITD24 conference, Utrecht, The Netherlands

We invite you to an exciting opportunity to engage with the ITD Alliance community! This event is not only for current members to meet, exchange ideas, and deepen their understanding of the Alliance, but also for those who are interested in joining.

If you're considering becoming a member of this vibrant association, this is the perfect opportunity to get a good sense of the ITD Alliance's goals, ongoing activities, and collaborative work. The event will offer a mix of interactions, engagement with the Alliance's mission, and hands-on sessions to experience first-hand the initiatives currently underway.

This is a chance to immerse yourself in the heart of the ITD Alliance. Coming at the end of the official ITD24 proceedings, it will also provide an opportunity to strengthen relationships and follow-up on ideas. If you're interested in contributing to and being part of this dynamic community, we encourage you to participate!

Programme

9:00 – 9:20 | Welcome and Introductions

Participants arrive and settle in. Brief introduction to the event's purpose and structure.

9:20 – 9:40 | Pair Exchange Activity

Find a person you haven't meet yet and spend 20 minutes exchanging ideas, experiences, and expectations related to the ITD Alliance.

9:40 – 10:00 | Group Exploration (Pairs into Fours)

Each pair connects with another pair, forming a group of four. Together, the group explores common interests, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration within the ITD Alliance.

10:00 – 10:30 | Group Summary Activity

Each group of four presents their key common interests, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration, building on, rather than repeating what other groups have reported from their discussions.

10:30 – 11:00 | Coalescing participants around new areas of interest; plus 'ask anything' about the ITD Alliance

Participants have an opportunity to establish new groups around areas of interest identified in the previous session, especially to plan steps for staying in touch and moving forward. This may form the basis for new working groups, research or teaching collaborations, discussion groups, journal clubs and more. This session will also be an opportunity to 'ask anything' about the ITD Alliance drawing on the Executive and Leadership Board members present.

11:00 – 11:20 | Coffee break & Networking

11:20 – 12:20 | Working Group Activities

12:20 – 13:00 | Lunch

(Conference Excursions start at 13:00)



Upcoming events

Below is a quick reference of upcoming events related to the ITD Alliance (see the [October 17 News Bulletin](#) for details).

- **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



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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