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The Aalborg Centre is very grateful for the support from the Consultancy Committee, which supports activities in all regions of the world. Various activities have been carried out with individual members for the committee.
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This annual report will only report on selected activities.

On our web site [www.ucpbl.net](http://www.ucpbl.net) you will find a pdf version of the annual report, containing a more comprehensive portfolio of activities and appendixes including:

- Appendix A List of staff and board members
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Over the years, the Aalborg Centre for Problem Based Learning in Engineering, Science and Sustainability under the auspices of UNESCO (Aalborg UNESCO Centre) has organised a global network on PBL in engineering, science and sustainability. Many of the activities in 2017 have supported this goal.

**IRSPBL 2017 AND 2018**

In July 2017, the Aalborg UNESCO Centre and Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá held the 6th International Research symposium on PBL with more than 160 registered participants from 22 different countries, discussing all different aspects of researching and practising a PBL curriculum. In connection with the IRSPBL 2017, four books were finished: two Spanish books on PBL theory and PBL cases in South America, a report on innovation in Chile and the research contributions for the symposium which was published in a book.

The Aalborg UNESCO Centre has already taken up the planning for the 7th IRSPBL, which will take place 19-21 October 2018 and is hosted by the only other UNESCO category 2 centre on engineering education, the International Centre for Engineering Education (ICEE), Tsinghua University, Beijing, PR China. During the last couple of years, we have developed a closer relationship with the ICEE and the IRSPBL 2018 is just one of a series of activities. Together with the ICEE, we will co-author and co-edit a chapter for the coming UNESCO Engineering Report 2.

**NEW TRAINING INITIATIVES**

During 2017, we have also developed a more systematic approach to our education and training activities. For some years, we have been running the Master in PBL (MPBL), which is the most comprehensive education and training along with short courses, as workshops on PBL worldwide and visitors’ workshops at Aalborg University. We have experienced a need for something in between the two year MPBL program and the shorter courses, which can give credits for the MPBL. This year, we have developed two new programs to fill out the gap:
1) Excellence for educational change – a program for PBL and pedagogy innovation, which has been developed in collaboration with Confucius Institute (CI), Department for Learning at AAU and sponsored by the Chinese Scholarship Council. It consists of a half-year program with training at AAU involving both PBL expertise from the Aalborg UNESCO Centre and the CI and several subject supervisors from science and engineering. The project is part of a bigger research project on training and change of academic staff attitudes to teaching and learning.

2) A five ECTS PBL certificate on Basic PBL offered to institutions and run in a mixed mode. The learning outcomes are to understand basic active learning methodologies, in particular problem and project based learning, curriculum design and students’ PBL learning skills. The course is taught in an exemplary manner for the participants to experience active learning and PBL. A pilot test of the course is planned for Colombian participants during spring 2018 and the certificate will also be offered in India in combination with training on integrated collaborative 3D design and project management by Dassault Systemes, France.

ONLINE RESOURCES

As part of the Aalborg UNESCO Centre’s global activities and part of training, this year we have two new online activities: 1) a free stand alone and 100% online course: the learning outcomes for this course is to present an overview of various PBL models, and 2) a database of PBL universities and programs.

RESEARCH

During 2017, the Aalborg UNESCO Centre has formed partnerships at the regional, Danish and Nordic levels for more STEM research and activities, which will be strengthened at both the national and Nordic level. In Denmark, STEM will be a core part of the technology pact that the Danish Government has decided on as a mean for meeting the challenges for the future workforce and we have participated in the work for a national STEM strategy. The Aalborg UNESCO Centre also finished a project on engineering in the school with several cases from the region of Northern Jutland, Denmark.

The Aalborg UNESCO Centre has had success with six of the submitted applications during the year: A three-year AAU sponsored project on PBL-Future, which is a cross-faculty research project, DKK 9 mill.; a three-year ERASMUS project on PBL in Africa, DKK 7.5 mill., and another ERASMUS project on training for Industry 4.0, DKK 400,000. A private foundation sponsored project on universitycollaboration with
companies, DKK 170.000. An evaluation project on use of technology in schools in collaboration with a company and sponsored by InnoBoster, DKK 150.000. Finally, a study has been conducted on company use of automation in the northern part of Denmark and the need for new qualification; Labour 4.0. The project is carried out together with Department of Materials and Production, AAU, and has been externally funded from Vækstforum (Regional Development) which main objective is to enhance growth and development in the North Denmark Region 1 mill.

Throughout the year, several other projects have been carried out such a mapping of PBL activities in Tanzania and South Africa, design of a new model of progression of PBL teaching and learning throughout the curriculum, dropout, as well as ongoing research on sustainability in engineering education and mathematics education. 49 research articles have been published and four PhD students have graduated.

ADVISORY BOARD AND CONSULTANCY COMMITTEE

A rotation in our advisory board has been conducted with a deep thank you to the outgoing members; Professor William Otoo Ellis, Professor Zhong Binglin and Professor Jes Vollertsen. Additionally, a deep welcome to our new members: professor, Madam WU, Dean José Ismael Peña-Reyes and Professor Frede Blaabjerg.

Furthermore, on September 1, we welcomed a new Chair, Dean Henrik Pedersen from the Technical Faculty of IT and Design, AAU, whom we look forward to collaborating with in the following years. In that connection, we have said goodbye to our former Chair and Dean, Eskild Holm Nielsen, with a deep thank you for your support and a very productive collaboration over the years.

Two advisory board meetings have been held with our external and internal members – one in connection to the IRSPBL 2017 in Bogotá and one ordinary meeting 4 December at our new offices in Rendsburggade.

We will also like to thank our members of the consultative committee. During the year, we have had contact to several members from companies and professional organisations, and we are very grateful for the help and support.

ORGANISATION AND STAFF

During 2017, we have moved to a new location, Rendsburggade 14 DK-9000 Aalborg, where students living out PBL now surround us.
In the spring of 2017, the Aalborg Centre employed a new associate professor, Søren Frimodt-Møller; three new research assistants: Stine M. Bylov, Nicolaj Riise Clausen and Giajenthiran Velmurugan; a new Postdoc, Lykke B. Bertel, and a new part-time lecturer, Julie Rafn Abildgaard.

We are looking forward to further collaboration with all our partners in 2018.
The development of a global network on PBL is one of the core activities of the Aalborg UNESCO Centre. The objectives of the global network are to bring together researchers, teachers, practitioners, companies and policymakers in order to share knowledge and experiences on how to use PBL in the development of engineering and science education. To fulfill these objectives, the Aalborg UNESCO Centre produced, organized and hosted a variety of activities during 2017.

The Universidad Nacional de Colombia (Bogotá, Colombia), together with Aalborg UNESCO Centre, organized and hosted the 6th International Research Symposium on PBL (IRSPBL 2017) from 3-5 July, 2017. This is the first time that the IRSPBL symposium took place in South America and included activities in both English and Spanish. It is our clear policy that we try to be inclusive by reaching and creating conditions for Latin American researchers, teachers and practitioners’ participation. PBL, social progress and sustainability was the this edition’s theme and included more than 160 registered participants from 22 different countries, 53 papers presentations, 4 pre-conference workshops, 3 panel sessions and 2 keynotes.

For the first time, the IRSPBL accepted papers in Spanish as a strategy to support the participation of Latin America teachers in IRSPBL. Part of IRSPBL 2017 activities was the launch of two e-books in Spanish. Translated articles about PBL theory and practice compose the first e-book, entitled Aprendizaje basado en problemas en ingeniería: Teoría y práctica, while the second e-book, entitled Aprendizaje basado en problemas y educación en ingeniería: Panorama latinoamericano, compiles examples of best practices in implementing PBL in Latin America. They can be found in the publication list of this report.

We are already planning the next IRSPBL 2018 Symposium. It will be held at Tsinghua University, PR China, on 19-21 October 2018, and it is organized in collaboration with the International Centre for Engineering Education (ICEE), a Category II UNESCO Centre, with theme Innovation, PBL and competences in Engineering Education.

In May 2017, Anette Kolmos, Aida Guerra, Stine Bylov and Tony Marjoram met with ICEE committee in Beijing, PR China, and started organizing the IRSPBL 2018.
During spring 2017, we launched a new free online stand-alone course on introduction to PBL.

The need for creating an overview of problem and project based learning (PBL) has increased and the acronym ‘PBL’ is used for many different curriculum and classroom practices. Thus, as an appetizer to some of our training activities, we decided to create this course. The specific aims of the course are to present the PBL history, including underlying learning theories and learning principles; to present a range of different PBL models from around the world and to introduce theories of educational change to problem based learning.

The course consists of four sessions:

1) Introduction to the course, including the background, an overview of course contents, information about the course providers, course aims, and learning outcomes, and some common myths about PBL.

2) The differing histories of the two strands of PBL as well as the underlying learning theories and learning principles of PBL.

3) A PBL ‘Tour de Monde’ presenting four different PBL models from universities around the world.

4) Strategies of educational change management and examples of processes of change to PBL in universities around the world.

The course is accessed through self-enrolment – and nearly 200 participants have signed up. For full completion, the participants can ask for a certificate.

The course is in process of being translated into Spanish.

ONLINE RESOURCES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Beside from the online introductory PBL course, two other types of online resources were under construction in 2017: A database to gather institutional PBL profiles and a platform for sharing teaching material for engineering education for sustainability.
UCPBL has created a platform for institutions to visualise their approach to PBL in order to get inspired and show the variety of PBL models at the institutional level.

The ambition is that the institutions themselves can create a PBL profile, by answering questions, which will clarify the range of the PBL implementation and the way the concept of PBL is transferred into practice from a staff as well as a student perspective.

At the end of 2017, eight engineering education institutions are presented in the database, whereas the last part of the project is to attract more universities and to finalise the user interface.
Furthermore, a conceptual platform for sharing material for teachers to foster engineering education for sustainability has been created.

The conceptual platform is based on three pillars:

• raising students awareness of the importance of sustainability in their engineering discipline including video to explain the role of sustainability in the discipline.
• getting students knowledgeable by sharing resources linking sustainability to their engineering discipline, including overview material and links to relevant material.
• activing students in taking a problem based learning approach to identify, analyze and solve sustainability challenges in the context of their profession, including real life scenarios, sustainability cases and reflective questions.

The first two cases, interlinking respectively Nano technology and Software engineering to sustainability, will be online during 2018.
The skills expected of tomorrow’s engineers and demanded by accrediting institutions and employers are closely related to generic competencies. It is not just about technical skills but also process competencies in design, communication and collaboration as well as competencies support a holistic thinking in the development of new technology.

One of the ways to foster generic competencies is to let students work with authentic real life problems in a company context. This however adds to the challenges of educational design to merge academic and industrial cultures in what could be called a hybrid-learning environment.

By support from the Danish Anniversary Fond for Technical Engineering of 1980, UCPBL set out to make a guide to educational designers and educators in engineering education institutions to support targeted and systematic student-company collaboration. The guide is based on 16 interviews, of which 12 have been interviews by person and four interviews by telephone. The aim has been to include a broad range of expertise, including educational designers and practitioners, students, employers as well as researchers who have studied education planning related to business projects.

The guide will be published in Danish and English in 2018.

The guide is, on the one hand, an expression of how student-company collaboration can be seen in a PBL perspective, but on the other hand, the guide is also an attempt to highlight diverse practices and perspectives on student-company collaboration. The experiences from practice forms the basis for providing a number of recommendations to the educational framework and the type of student-company collaboration and draws attention to personal, inter-personal and procedural aspects. The recommendations are intended as sources of inspiration, which has to be translated to specific educational contexts. The ambition however remains the same: to improve student-company relations and provide engineers to be with the possibility to grow generic employability competences through company interaction.
The overall purpose of the Labour 4.0 project is to support regional industrial companies to become more competent in order to reach their full potential in connection with Industry 4.0. This must be done by ensuring that the right skills and competences are present in the companies. In order to ensure this, it will be necessary to identify what competencies are essential in relation to Industry 4.0 and also to understand how companies work strategically to maintain and attract skilled labor. Finally, a methodology must be developed to identify the maturity of the company’s 4.0 competency strategy.

**PURPOSE**

The aim of the project is to identify which knowledge strategies North Jutland companies applies towards acquiring skills and knowledge about Industry 4.0.

These strategies are expected to address issues such as: What is the need for further training of existing employees? How does the company attract and maintain relevant labor? What knowledge is required for recruitment etc.

The Labour 4.0 project will develop a methodology to identify the maturity of the company’s 4.0 competency strategy. The methodology will create three contributions:

1. will be able to analyze and map companies’ current competence strategy
2. can point-out concrete initiatives to increase the maturity of companies competence strategy
3. can provide a basis for benchmarking between companies

At the end of the project, the methodology could provide the basis for an effort to dress to Industry 4.0. Based on the results of Labour 4.0, the methodology provides the basis for an effort, which should prepare North Jutland companies and educational institutions in connection with Industry 4.0.
GRADUATION OF PHD STUDENTS
THE FOLLOWING FOUR PHD STUDENTS DEFENDED AND WERE AWARDED WITH PHD DEGREES:

Kjell Staffas from Sweden, with thesis “Developing Requisite Motivation in Engineering Studies”;

Melissa Andrade-Molina from Chile, with thesis “(D)effecting the child: The scientifization of the self through school mathematics.”;

Christina Madsen from Denmark, with thesis “Project logic – the public sector paradox”;

Hashim bin Mohamad from Malaysia, with thesis “The impact of problem-based learning on students’ competencies in technical vocational education and training”.

AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE COLLABORATION, WE THANK ALL OUR PHD STUDENTS FOR THE COLLABORATION DURING THEIR STUDIES AND WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN THE FUTURE.
The Aalborg PBL model inspires educators around the world. Each year, many of them come to visit Aalborg and our centre. In 2017, UCPBL carried out nine visits with participants from more than 15 countries.

Normally twice a year, once during spring and once during autumn, a visitor’s workshop is organised to accommodate the needs of these visitors. Several visitors have expressed their satisfaction with these workshops and some have asked for an extended program with more detailed information. Our only Visitor Workshop in 2017 took place on 27-28 March, with participants from Kuwait, Brazil, Italy, Colombia, Vietnam, Lithuania, Israel, Spain, Chile, and Austria. Our spring 2018 workshop will take place on 15-16 March.

Throughout the year, several workshops were held in relation to conferences and by special invitation. Several international invited keynotes were given and UCPBL staff was represented in numerous conferences all over the world – specific details of this are available in the electronic version of this report on our website.

As part of the Aalborg UNESCO Centre’s global activities, it is a purpose to develop free online resources. During 2017, the online “Introductory course on PBL in Higher Education” have been launched, consisting of four sessions “Introduction”, “History, theories and principles of PBL”, “PBL models around the world”, and “Change to PBL”, with a total of 17 sub-sessions.

For the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC), we have developed a 6 months course for science teachers from more than 10 universities in China: “Excellence for Educational Change – A program for PBL and Pedagogy Innovation”.

The 35 participants experience a full semester in Aalborg similar to ordinary AAU students, meaning courses and team-based project-organized PBL. The two projects involve observations of teaching and project supervision, interviews with teachers and students, besides data collection among students and staff at their home universities. The expected outcome is new teaching designs inspired by the Aalborg model.
IRSPBL 2017, BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

Pictures by Gajenthiran Velmurugan
CSC students graduating, January 2018
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Employability and work-related learning activities in higher education: how strategies differ across academic environments. / Magnell, Marie; Kolmos, Anette.

Engineering Mathematics in Context: Learning University Mathematics through Problem Based Learning. / Ravn, Ole; Henriksen, Lars Bo.

First-year non-STEM majors’ use of definitions to solve calculus tasks: Benefits of using concept image over concept definition? / Dahl, Bettina.

Getting a hold on the problem in a problem-based learning environment. / Holgaard, Jette Egelund; Guerra, Aida; Kolmos, Anette; Petersen, Lone Stub.

Guest Editorial I. / Arana Arexolaleiba, Nestor; Guerra, Aida; Kolmos, Anette; de Graaff, Erik; Lima, Rui M.

Integration of Sustainability in Engineering Education: Why is PBL an answer? / Guerra, Aida.

Teacher in a problem-based learning environment: Jack of all trades? / Dahms, Mona Lisa; Spliid, Claus Christian Monrad; Nielsen, Jens Frederik D.


Aprendizaje basado en problemas y educación en ingeniería: Panorama latinoamericano. / Guerra, Aida (Editor); Rodriguez-Mesa, Fernando (Editor); González, Fabián Andrés (Editor); Ramírez, Maria Catalina (Editor). Aalborg : Aalborg Universitetsforlag, 2017. 240 p.

Aprendizaje basado en problemas en ingeniería: Teoría y práctica. / Rodriguez-Mesa, Fernando (Editor); Kolmos, Anette (Editor); Guerra, Aida (Editor). Aalborg : Aalborg Universitetsforlag, 2017. 276 p.


PBL in Engineering Education: International Perspectives on Curriculum Change. / Guerra, Aida (Editor); Ulseth, Ron (Editor); Kolmos, Anette (Editor). Rotherdam : Sense Publishers, 2017. 152 p. AUB/Library-link

APPENDIX A
STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

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Associate Professor

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During 2017, the following defended and were awarded with Ph.D. degrees:

- Kjell Staffas
- Melissa Andrade-Molina
- Christina Madsen
- Hashim bin Mohamad

In 2017, the following Ph.D. students are enrolled and writing their thesis:

- Concetta Ianniello
- Aldo Parra-Sánchez
- Alex Montecino Muñoz
- Nicolaj Riise Clausen
The Aalborg UNESCO Centre is managed by an advisory board supported by a consultative committee and a management board. In 2017, these consisted of the following members:

**Advisory Board:**
From 1 January-31 August: Chair, Dean Eskild Holm Pedersen, TECH, AAU
From 1 September – : Chair: Dean Henrik Pedersen, Technical Faculty of IT & Design, AAU

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Professor, Madam Qidi WU, Director of ICEE, Tsinghua University, Beijing, PR China

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Professor Erik de Graaff
Professor Tony Marjoram
Professor Frede Blaabjerg
Professor Anette Kolmos

**Consultative Committee:**
The Aalborg Centre has established a consultative committee involving around 40 wide-ranging specialists in PBL, sustainability, engineering and science education from academia, industry and professional organisations around the world. For the list of members please see: [http://www.ucpbl.net/about/organisation/consultative-committee/](http://www.ucpbl.net/about/organisation/consultative-committee/)

**Management Committee:**
Our internal AAU management committee consists of the leaders of the different task forces and AAU representatives across the engineering and science departments and schools. For members of the Management Committee please see: [http://www.ucpbl.net/about/organisation/management-committee/](http://www.ucpbl.net/about/organisation/management-committee/)
APPENDIX B
LIST OF RESEARCH PROJECTS AT THE CENTRE

PBL FUTURE

ENHANCING ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICA

DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CURRICULUM

LABOUR 4.0.

MODELS FOR GROUP FORMATIONS WITHIN PBL

EUROPEAN UNION AND RUSSIA STUDIES

PROCEED TO WORK

INTEGRATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ENGINEERING EDUCATION

OUTREACH – FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL THROUGH SECONDARY EDUCATION TO CONTINUING EDUCATION – PBL IN LIFE-LONG LEARNING

MATHEMATICS TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE STRATEGIES TO PBL AND ESD

EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT EXAM

EVALUATION OF THE AALBORG UNIVERSITY PBL MODEL

GLOBAL COLLABORATION – A CASE STUDY OF GENSO PROJECT

PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN STUDY GROUPS

STUDY ENVIRONMENT IN THE AALBORG MODEL

FOR A MORE DETAILED OVERVIEW, PLEASE VISIT: HTTP://WWW.UCPBL.NET/RESEARCH/RESEARCH-PROJECTS/
APPENDIX C
PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND RESEARCH MEETINGS

Running a workshop: Transition of single course PBL to systemic PBL approach
Date: 23 January
Institution and Country: The University of Sunderland, UK
Participants: Anette Kolmos

CERME10 – 10th Congress of the European Society for Research Mathematics Education
Date: 1-5 February
Institution and country: Institute of Education, DCU, Dublin, Ireland
Participants: Bettina Dahl Søndergaard, Melissa Andrade-Molina, Alex Montecino Muñoz

PBL Symposium 2017 – Reshaping the teaching and learning experience
Date: 5-7 March
Institution and country: Australian College of Kuwait, Kuwait

Running a workshop: Reflection and PBL Competences
Date: 15-17 March
Institution and country: Republic Polytechnic Singapore
Participants: Anette Kolmos

BIGBANG 2017
Date: 23 March
Institution and country: Odense Congress Centre, Odense, Denmark
Participants: Annette Grunwald

UCPBL Visitor’s workshop on PBL
Date: 27-28 March
Institution and country: UCPBL, AAU, Denmark
Run by UCPBL centre staff

The 9th International Mathematics Education and Society Conference
Date: 7-12 April
Institution and country: University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece
Participants: Melissa Andrade-Molina, Alex Montecino Muñoz

International Forum on Engineering Education and Engineering Capacity Building for the Future
Date: 22-26 May
Institution and country: Tsinghua University, Beijing, PR China
Running a workshop: PBL and Challenge Based Learning; Generating problems from engineering challenges
Participants: Anette Kolmos, Aida Guerra, Stine Bylov, Tony Marjomar

ETALEE 2017
Date: 23-24 May
Institution and country: University of Southern Denmark, Denmark
Participants: Jette E. Holgaard

DUN 2017
Date: 30-31 May
Institution and country: Danish Network for Educational Development, Denmark
Participants: Claus Spliid
**EUCEN 2017**
Date: 7-9 June  
Institution and country: eucen general assembly, Mainz, Germany  
Participants: Bente Nørgaard

**ITS21**
Date: 13-14 June  
Institution and country: Uppsala University, Sweden  
Participants: Claus Spliid

**ASEE 2017**
Date: 25-28 June  
Institution and country: Ohio, USA  
Paticipants: Bettina Dahl Søndergaard

**6th International Research Symposium on PBL – IRSPBL’17**
Date: 3-5 July  
Institution and country: Nacional Universidad de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia  
Participants: Anette Kolmos, Aida Guerra, Claus Spliid, Mona-Lisa Dahms, Tony Marjoram, Stine Bylov, Giajenthiran Velmurugan, Morten Andersen

**REES**
Date: 6-8 July  
Institution and country: Universidad de los Andes, Colombia  
Running workshops: PBL Models and change Strategies; PBL: design and manage projects  
Participants: Anette Kolmos, Aida Guerra, Claus Spliid

**Running a workshop: PBL-design and manage projects**
Date: 17 July  
Institution and country: IDEA Centre, University of Minho, Portugal  
Participants: Aida Guerra

**CSC – 35 Chinese staff, received six months training on PBL at AAU**
Date: 1 August 2017-31 January 2018  
Institution and Country: the Aalborg UNESCO Centre, AAU Denmark  
Participants: Anette Kolmos, Claus Spliid, the Confucius Institute and AAU

**ECER 2017**
Date: 21-22 August  
Institution and country: Copenhagen University, Denmark  
Participants: Concetta Ianniello

**EARLI – JURE 2017 CONFERENCE**
Date: 27-28 August  
Institution and country: Tampere University, Finland  
Participants: Concetta Ianniello

**SEFI**
Date: 17-22 September  
Institution and country: Institute Superior de Engenharia de Porto, Azores, Portugal  
Running workshops: SEFI WG workshop  
Participants: Anette Kolmos, Aida Guerra, Bente Nørgaard, Nicolaj Riise Clausen

**Kick off meeting – the writing of the UNESCO Engineering Report 2**
Date: 25-28 September  
Institution and country: Tsinghua University, Beijing, China  
Participants: Anette Kolmos
Annual Visiting Professors Conference 2017 – What is excellent teaching?
Date: 26-27 September
Institution and country: Royal Academy of Engineering, UK
Participants: Mona-Lisa Dahms, Giajenthiran Velmurugan

Kick-off meeting, ALTEF project
Date: 9-10 October
Institution and country: Sustanium, Berlin, Germany
Participants: Bente Nørgaard, Claus Spliid

Engineering in School
Date: 7 November
Institution and country: Aarhus, Denmark
Participants: Annette Grunwald

World Engineering Education Forum
Date: 13-16 November
Institution and country: WEEF - Malaysia
Panel presentation: Change strategies
Participants: Anette Kolmos
APPENDIX D
INVITED KEYNOTES, LECTURES AND ROUND TABLES

Invited Keynote:
PBL, History, evidence and cases
Date: 5-7 March
Institution and country: PBL symposium, Australian College of Kuwait, Kuwait
Anette Kolmos, Ron Ulseth

Invited Keynote:
Evidence of Problem and Project Based Learning
Date: 22-23 May
Institution and country: International Forum on Engineering Education and Engineering Capacity Building for the Future, Tsinghua University, Beijing, PR China
Anette Kolmos

Invited Keynote:
The study approaches of university students in a calculus class
Date: 26-27 May
Institution and country: Teaching and Learning Mathematics: 6th Scientific Colloquium Mathematics and Children, Croatia
Bettina Dahl Søndergaard

Invited Keynote:
Where are the barriers and opportunities for good school-business cooperation?
Date: 1 June
Institution and country: Natural Sciences Coordinator Meeting, Astra, Denmark
Annette Grunwald

Invited Keynote:
The Aalborg PBL Model
Date: 17 July
Institution and country: IDEA, University of Minho, Portugal
Aida Guerra

Invited Keynote:
Transforming and sustaining change in Higher Education for Industry 4.0
Date: 13-16 November
Institution and country: World Engineering Education Forum, Malaysia
Anette Kolmos

Invited Keynote:
Taxonomy tools in mathematics
Date: 6 December
Institution and country: Seminar for mathematics supervisors, Frederiksberg municipality, Denmark
Bettina Dahl Søndergaard
APPENDIX E
WORKSHOPS AND VISITS
ARRANGED BY THE AALBORG UNESCO CENTRE

During 2017, Aalborg Centre academic staff organized and ran several workshops on PBL, Engineering Education and Sustainability. Some of these workshops were run in Aalborg while others were invited workshops and run outside of Aalborg and in collaboration with other organizations, namely in internal conferences.

WORKSHOPS:

Teacher Roles and Facilitation Skills
Date: 5-7 March
Institution and Country: Australian College of Kuwait, Kuwait
Run by: Anette Kolmos, Ron Ulseth

Reflection and PBL Competences
Date: 15-17 March
Institution and country: RP Singapore
Run by: Anette Kolmos

UCPBL Visitors’ Workshop – spring 2017
Date: 27-28 March
Institution and Country: Aalborg UNESCO Centre, AAU, Denmark
Run by: Aalborg centre staff

Workshop on PBL and Challenge Based Learning; Generating problems from engineering challenges
Date: 22-26 May
Institution and country: Tsinghua University, PR China
Run by: Anette Kolmos, Aida Guerra, Tony Marjoram

PBL Models and change Strategies;
PBL: design and manage projects
Date: 6-8 July
Institution and country: REES, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia
Participants: Anette Kolmos, Aida Guerra, Claus Spliid

SEFI WG workshop
Date: 17-22 September
Institution and country: Institute Superior de Engenharia de Porto, Azores, Portugal
Run by: Bente Nørgaard
**VISITS AT THE AALBORG UNESCO CENTRE**

Every year, the Centre hosts visitors. This year, we have been responsible for organizing 9 visits at the Aalborg Centre:

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7. **Conceptualising first-year engineering students’ problem-oriented work within the context of their study programme: exemplified by studies in Denmark and Brazil.** / Nørgaard, Bente; Araújo, Ulisses; Grunwald, Annette; Garbin, Monica.


Research output: Article in proceeding Published

8. **Control del problema en un entorno de PBL.** / Holgaard, Jette Egelund; Petersen, Lone Stub; Guerra, Aida (Editor); Kolmos, Anette (Editor).


Research output: Book chapter Published

9. **Control de proyectos y procesos en el modelo del PBL de Aalborg.** / Spliid, Claus Christian Monrad.


Research output: Book chapter Published

10. **Developing Creativity among Engineering Design Students.** / Rodriguez-Mesa, F. J.; Nørgaard, Bente; Zhou, Chunfang; Peña, J. I.


Research output: Article in proceeding Published

11. **Developing requisite motivation in engineering studies: A study on a master and bachelor program in electronic engineering at Uppsala University.** / Staffas, Kjell.


Research output: Ph.D. thesis Published

12. **Diversidad del PBL: Principios y modelos de aprendizaje.** / Kolmos, Anette; de Graaff, Erik; Du, Xiangyun.


Research output: Book chapter Published

13. **Employability and work-related learning activities in higher education: how strategies differ across academic environments.** / Magnell, Marie; Kolmos, Anette.


Research output: Journal article Published


20. **First-year non-STEM majors’ use of definitions to solve calculus tasks: Benefits of using concept image over concept definition?** / Dahl, Bettina.
   Research output: Journal article
   Published

21. **FRAFALD OG FASTHOLDELSE**
   2017. / Bøgelund, Pia; Velmurugan, Giajenthiran; Bylov, Stine Møller; Justesen, Kaja.
   Research output: Report
   Published

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   Research output: Conference abstract for conference
   Published

23. **From earth to heaven: formats to allow adult learners to combine working, living and learning.** / Schrey-Niemenmaa, Katriina; Nørgaard, Bente; Sjoer, Ellen.
   Research output: Article in proceeding
   Published

24. **Gestión de cambio al PBL.** / Kolmos, Anette; de Graaff, Erik.
   Research output: Book chapter
   Published

25. **Getting a hold on the problem in a problem-based learning environment.** / Holgaard, Jette, Egelund; Guerra, Aida; Kolmos, Anette; Petersen, Lone Stub.
   Research output: Journal article
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26. **Guest Editorial I.** / Arana Arexolaleiba, Nestor; Guerra, Aida; Kolmos, Anette; de Graaff, Erik; Lima, Rui M.
   Research output: Editorial
   Published
27. **Historia del aprendizaje basado en problemas y proyectos.** / de Graaff, Erik; Kolmos, Anette.
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29. **Impact of PBL and company interaction on the transition from engineering education to work.** / Kolmos, Anette; Holgaard, Jette Egelund.
Research output: Article in proceeding
Published

30. **Integration of Sustainability in Engineering Education : Why is PBL an answer?** / Guerra, Aida.
Research output: Journal article
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31. **La discusión en los grupos de proyecto del PBL : construcción de aprendizaje y gestión.** / Spliid, Claus Christian Monrad.
Research output: Book chapter
Published

32. **La facilitación en un entorno de PBL.** / Kolmos, Anette; Du, Xiangyun; Holgaard, Jette Egelund; Jensen, Lars Peter.
Research output: Book chapter
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33. **Learning and assessing PBL skills at Aalborg University: A case study.** / Kolmos, Anette; Bøgelund, Pia; Spliid, Claus Christian Monrad.
   Wiley Handbook of PBL. Wiley, 2017. Research output: Book chapter Published

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37. **Mathematics students’ attitudes to group-based project exams compared to students in science and engineering.** / Dahl, Bettina.


39. **PBL and Engineering Curriculum Change in Latin America: 10 examples and the lessons learned.** / Guerra, Aida; Rodriguez-Mesa, Fernando; González, Fabián.
40. **PBL CURRICULUM STRATEGIES: From Course Based PBL to a Systemic PBL Approach.** / Kolmos, Anette.
Research output: Book chapter Published

41. **PBL in Engineering Education: International Perspectives on Curriculum Change.** / Guerra, Aida (Editor); Ulseth, Ron (Editor); Kolmos, Anette (Editor).
Research output: Anthology Published

42. **PBL, Social Progress and Sustainability.** / Guerra, Aida (Editor); Rodriguez, Fernando José (Editor); Kolmos, Anette (Editor); Reyes, Ismael Pena (Editor).
Research output: Anthology Published

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Research output: Book chapter Published

44. **Premisas para cambio a PBL.** / Kolmos, Anette.
Research output: Book chapter Published

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Research output: Book chapter Published


51. Student challenges when learning to become a real team in a PBL curriculum: Experiences from first year science, engineering and mathematics students. / Spliid, Claus Christian Monrad; Bøgelund, Pia; Dahl, Bettina. 6th International Research Symposium on PBL: PBL, Social Progress and Sustainability. ed. / Aida Guerra; Fernando José Rodriguez; Anette Kolmos; Ismael Pena Reyes. Aalborg Universitetsforlag, 2017. p. 351-363. Research output: Article in proceeding Published
52. **Sustainability accreditation in Engineering Education: Comparison between Danish and French contexts.** / Guerra, Aida; Holgaard, Jette Egelund; Jolly, A.M.  
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53. **Teacher in a problem-based learning environment: Jack of all trades?** / Dahms, Mona Lisa; Spliid, Claus Christian Monrad; Nielsen, Jens Frederik D.  
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Research output: Editorial Published

55. **(D)Effecting the Child: The scientification of the self through school mathematics.** / Andrade-Molina, Melissa.  
Research output: Ph.D. thesis Published

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   Henriksen, Lars Bo.
   Research output: Journal article
   Published

61. **Transition from high schools to engineering education.**
   Kolmos, Anette; Holgaard, Jette Egelund; Clausen, Nicolai Riise; Bylov, Stine Møller.
   Research output: Article in proceeding
   Published

62. **Trends in Engineering Education Research: A systematic database analysis.**
   Rodriguez-Mesa, Fernando; Guerra, Aida; de Graaff, Erik; Peña-Reyes, Ismael.
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   Kolmos, Anette; Koretke, Rene Bonde.
   Research output: Report
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