Anthropology of Confinement EASA Network

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The Anthropology of Confinement EASA Network was set up in late 2014 as the result of a panel on prison ethnographies that took place at EASA 2014 Conference in Tallinn. The current convenors of the network are Ines Hasselberg, Carolina Boe and Uelli Hostettler. However, we see ourselves only as interim convenors and we expect that the Network meeting in Milan next year will result in the election of new convenors.

So far the Network has established platforms where members can receive and/or exchange information relevant to their work in sites of confinement, and where they can seek support and advice from their peers. The main platform for exchanging information and support is the network's mailing list which is confined to registered members. Additionally however, we have set up a public facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/AnthropologyOfConfinementNetwork/?fref=ts) that is currently followed by 400 people. We have also set up a public twitter account: https://twitter.com/conf_net which currently has 264 followers. The Network Facebook and Twitter accounts are used to circulate relevant news about confinement: current policy developments in different jurisdictions, new research being carried out, new publications, relevant resources, relevant events, etc.

In addition, Carolina Boe and Ines Hasselberg are developing efforts to publish under the auspices of the Network a selection of papers presented at the 2014 EASA workshop that gave rise to the Network.