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Dear EASA members

**CALL TO REPRESENT EASA AT WERA SYMPOSIA**

EASA, through the WERA Symposium Planning Committee received two from member associations to plan WERA symposia at forthcoming 2011 meetings.

If you wish to be nominated to represent **EASA** you must then please forward a relevant abstract and an updated CV to either:

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to enable EXCO to make a final recommendation to WERA.

Representing EASA implies that you need to be a member of EASA (payed up membership)

*Please scrutinize the calls to determine how much financial support (if any) is included in the call.*

**CALL FROM WERA**

The requests are for

1.

The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites papers for the WERA Focal Meeting to be held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan on December 16-18, 2011.

**Abstract and CV to either Liesel or Linda- extended due date: 26 August 2011**

2.

HKERA asks WERA to provide a keynote speaker and one symposium with two or three presenters. The conference will be held 9-10 December 2011 in Hong Kong and the theme is **Addressing Student Learning Diversity**.

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For more detail on the Focal meeting in Taiwan – see attached PDF File.

Details of HKERA see below:

Dear WERA Council Members/Presidents of Member Associations,

I hope this message finds you well enjoying a nice summer or winter. Recently you received the invitation for nominating symposia for the WERA focal meeting at TICE. This email wants to solicit nominations for a conference taking place even earlier of the Hong Kong Educational Research Association (HKERA). The conference will be held 9-10 December 2011 in Hong Kong and the theme is **Addressing Student Learning Diversity**.

HKERA asks WERA to provide a keynote speaker and one symposium with two or three presenters. *HKERA will sponsor a keynote speaker with economy air flight and guest house accommodation. For symposium presenters HKERA will waive registration fees.*

The symposium planning committee for this conference seeks contributions fitting the conference theme and that are international, global, cross-cultural, or comparative in scope or, if situated in a single country, explicitly address research questions or issues of worldwide significance.

I look forward to receiving your recommendations for scholars who can present in Hong Kong at your earliest convenience but no later than August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**  
**WERA FOCAL MEETING**  
**December 16-18, 2011**  
**Kaohsiung, Taiwan**

The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites papers for the WERA Focal Meeting to be held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan on December 16-18, 2011. WERA is an association of major national, regional, and specialty education research associations dedicated to sharing scholarship, developing networks, and mutually supporting capacity building. The Focal Meeting is an integral part of the Taiwan Education Research Association 2011 International Conference on Education (TICE), which will take place in Kaohsiung, Taiwan (See <http://www.education.nsysu.edu.tw/TICE2011/>). The Focal Meeting consists of a strand of paper sessions and presentations on topics of international scope and significance that are embedded in the program of a WERA member association.

Papers are sought that are international, global, cross-cultural, or comparative in scope or, if situated in a single country, explicitly address research questions or issues of worldwide significance.

**Who Should Submit?**

Scholars and advanced graduate students worldwide are encouraged to submit papers to the WERA Focal Meeting. The Meeting provides a unique opportunity for researchers to present, discuss, and connect their work to research being undertaken by other scholars from around the world. Through formal sessions and informal networking events, the WERA Focal Meeting is designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas, enhance communication, and foster sustained collaboration on an international scale.

**Scope of Focal Meeting**

The following list provides a sense of the range of research issues that will be considered for WERA Focal sessions. All topics are relevant to the broad TICE theme of *Imagination and Creativity – Wellsprings & Streams of Education*.

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Competencies
- Challenges and Opportunities in Student Assessment
- Social and Cultural Contexts of Teaching and Learning
- Social Inequality, Poverty, and Opportunities to Learn
- Diverse Populations, Education, and Learning
- Science Reasoning and Science Learning
- Mathematical Skills and Mathematics Education
- Language and Literacy
- New Technologies, Networks, and Learning
- Human Development, Education, and Learning
- Schools, Social Learning, and Citizenship
- Higher Education Assessment, Productivity, and Change
- Workforce and Adult Education
- Teacher Education and Professional Development
- Education Professions—Teachers, Faculty, and Education Leaders
- Education Indicators and Monitoring Education
- Education Change, Innovation, and Sustainability
- Research Related to Education Policy

## **Guidelines for Submission**

### *Paper Abstract:*

Abstracts for research papers are a maximum of 400 words (excluding the title and references) and should address the objectives of the study, theoretical or conceptual framework, research methods or modes of inquiry, data sources or evidence, research findings, and significance or contribution of the work. If the paper is from a single country, explicitly address the relevance to international research on the topic or to worldwide research issues.

### *What to Submit:*

- 1) Name(s) of the authors and their affiliation(s) and e-mails. If more than one author, indicate the presenting author.
- 2) Paper abstract, including paper title.

### *When and Where to Submit:*

- 1) Deadline Monday, September 12, 2011 at 23:99 EDT (UTC/GMT -4 hours).
- 2) Submit via e-mail attachment to [wera@aera.net](mailto:wera@aera.net). Use as the subject line of the e-mail: 2011 WERA Focal Meeting Submission.
- 3) Notification date; Monday, September 26, 2011.

WERA looks forward to your submission and participation in the 2011 WERA Focal Meeting.

## **Focal Meeting Planning Committee**

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