



## EASA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



**THEME: BIG HOLES AND BLACK HOLES:  
METAPHORS FOR RESEARCHING EDUCATION**

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

**DATE: 12 – 15 January 2020**

**VENUE: Protea Hotel, Big Hole, Kimberley, South  
Africa**

### **Background information:**

Kimberley, the host town for EASA 2020 is home to ‘The Big Hole’, the largest hand-dug excavation in the world at a depth of more than 200m. Equally, in space, a Black hole is a fascinating scientific phenomenon with a powerful gravitational force that even prevents light from escaping. Whether a hole on Earth or a theoretical possibility in space, a Big/Black hole conjures frightening and exhilarating possibilities. For example, the Kimberley Big Hole yielded some of the most valuable diamonds on the planet and gave rise to a giant industry, the De Beers Group. The Black Hole in space has generated immense interest and research endeavours culminating in the first sources of evidence of its existence. Interestingly, the big Hole is visible from space but the Black Hole in space is not visible. For the annual EASA conference, the Big Hole and Black Hole, we believe, can serve as metaphors to capture contemporary research in education. There is much that we know and even more that we do not know in and about education. Why is violence endemic in our schools? How can we maximise learning opportunities? Does our research contribute to development in Africa? Will the inequalities in education ever be eradicated? Metaphorically, we can approach research in education as if it is a Big Hole that can be seen and excavated. We can also approach research as if it were a Black Hole, requiring a search for tangible evidence, cooperative efforts, creative thinking and innovative problem solving. Perhaps we will combine both these approaches, as they are complementaries and useful and relevant for research in education. It is therefore, fitting, in the town of ‘The Big Hole’, to contemplate and deliberate about the big black hole-like features and effects of our education system.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Oral paper presentations, symposiums, workshops, round table discussions and poster presentations are the formats of presentation at the EASA 2020 Conference. Presentations within the following themes are invited for presentation at the conference:

#### **Sub-themes:**

##### ***Basic Education***

- inclusive education
- early childhood education
- educational management
- diversity education

##### ***Teacher Education***

- programme design
- current issues
- teaching, learning and assessment
- teaching practice

##### ***Higher Education***

- TVET Education
- current issues shaping higher education
- adult, community education and training
- educational research

##### ***Social Justice Issues in Education***

- youth violence
- gender and sexual diversity
- language

- race
- class
- decolonisation
- indigenous knowledge systems

**Digital Education**

- education and the new media
- educational technology
- fourth industrial revolution

**Guidelines and instructions:**

Proposals for presentation of papers at the EASA 2020 will be in the form of a 200 - 300-word abstract with a clear title of presentation, author/s of the paper, an indication of the theme within which the paper should be considered and contact details of submitting presenter. Number of key words should not exceed ten words. Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to [mariann@behella.co.za](mailto:marian@behella.co.za) on the prescribed form.

**Only abstracts submitted on the prescribed form will be accepted.**

**Acknowledgement of receipt of all abstracts:**

Within three working days of the abstract having been successfully submitted, an email will be sent to the presenting author(s) to acknowledge receipt. The author will also be provided with an abstract number that should be stated in all further correspondence.

Abstract proposals will be considered on a continual basis.

A detailed programme will be announced once it has been finalised.

**Please take note:** Each delegate may only present a maximum of 2 papers

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & PROGRAMME**

Will be announced as soon as possible

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Due date for submission of abstracts: 21 August 2019

Due date for registration: 23 October 2019

Due date for payment: 20 November 2019

Final date to submit proof of payment: 4 December 2019

**Delegates need to submit proof of payment on or before the due date, to ensure attendance/presentation at the conference.** Please submit proof of payment to [mariann@behella.co.za](mailto:mariann@behella.co.za)

## **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES**

The following conference registration fee structure is applicable:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Conference registration fee</b>
Full participation 3-day programme	R5 250
Post-graduate full-time students 3-day programme	R3 650
Daily rates	R1 785

The registration fee **includes** registration, conference material, refreshments and lunch during the day(s) of attendance, organized functions, but **excludes** all travelling costs, accommodation, and any other refreshments not included on the programme.

No refunds will be permitted, but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.

Complete the delegate registration form and forward it to Marian Louw. An official invoice will subsequently be e-mailed to you to confirm your successful registration.

Please e-mail a copy of the deposit slip or proof of electronic transfer, to [mariann@behella.co.za](mailto:marian@behella.co.za)

## **ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT**

### **Please Take Note:**

All costs (travel, accommodation, subsistence) related to your participation in the conference must be covered by the participant, regardless of the proposal acceptance. EASA 2020 is not liable and holds no responsibility for any of these costs.

### **Accommodation:**

Special rates were negotiated with Protea Hotel, Big Hole. We only have 58 standard rooms at the rate of R1 300 per room per night. The deluxe rooms are R1 400 per room per night. Please contact [mariann@behella.co.za](mailto:marian@behella.co.za) to make reservations on your behalf.

Alternative accommodation in the area:

New Rush Guesthouse

<http://www.newrushguesthouse.co.za/>

Victorian Guesthouse

<https://www.northern-cape-info.co.za/provinces/business/3478/victorian-guest-lodge-kimberley>

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Please contact Marian Louw, [mariann@behella.co.za](mailto:marian@behella.co.za) for more information regarding sponsorships and exhibition opportunities.

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## **ENQUIRIES**

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