



EASA

Newsletter

Letter from the CHAIR

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- SAERA officially established
- Recipients of 2013 EASA awards
- 2013 Executive
- 2014 EASA Conference
- Call for nominations

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Dear EASA members

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2013! On behalf of the whole executive committee, I am happy to be able to report some important innovations.

As you know, we decided not to have our annual EASA conference in January, but instead to support SAERA in its inaugural conference. The EASA executive has been working constantly for the past five years or so to support the establishment of the South African Education Research Association. Our outgoing chair, Eldrie Gouws, was one of the founding members and the main organiser of this year's conference. SAERA interim executive have acknowledged her sterling contribution in sourcing funding from UNISA and bringing it all together. We are proud of you Eldrie for taking the lead in making SAERA happen! Both Eldrie and myself are on the interim SAERA executive; a new executive will be constituted at the SAERA AGM, to be held at the next conference mid 2014. EASA will continue to support SAERA as it develops its identity as a research association.

Another exciting innovation is the addition of a Post Graduate Medal for M and D students to our annual awards. We want to acknowledge and encourage young and upcoming researchers and we hope to receive nominations from members by 31 August 2013. We have sent out nomination forms for all of our awards (and posted the forms on the



Prof Lesley Wood

website) so please start thinking about who you can propose for 2014.

The University of the Free State will be hosting our annual conference in 2014 at Golden Gate – not to be missed! We will also have a World Educational Research Association symposium at this conference, focusing on sustainable educational change.

I am proud to be chairperson of EASA this year – thanks to the leadership throughout the past years, we are in a sound financial position; the SAJE is going from strength to strength and we continue to play an important role at WERA in bringing the African voice to the world!

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and encourage you to interact with the Executive, to share your ideas and visions for the future.

Lesley

SAERA CONFERENCE 2013

Eldrie Gouws



During the first SAERA Conference held from 27 to 30 January 2013 at Bela Bela, new ground was broken with the establishment of the South African Education Research Association (SAERA). Prof KP Dzimbo from UNISA opened the conference with a well-received welcoming address.

Prof KP Dzimbo
Executive Dean of the College of Education at UNISA

Keynote addresses

On Monday 27 January, a keynote address was presented by Prof Bob Lingard from Queensland University, Australia on “National educational research organisations: The promotion of education(al) research in a globalising world”.

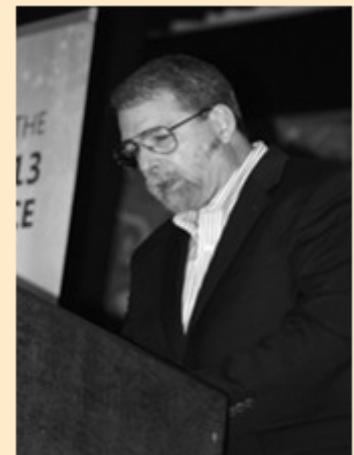
The next keynote was presented by Profs Ari Naidoo and Maureen Robinson, who discussed ideas on “Looking back, looking forward: Towards uniting educational research associations in South Africa”.



Prof Bob Lingard
Queensland University

*The EASA
SAERA
Conference
was attended
by 204
delegates*

On Tuesday 28 January, Prof Joel Samoff from Stanford University, United States of America, delivered his keynote address, with the title “Unasked questions remain unanswered: Addressing learning for all”.



Prof Joel Samoff
Stanford University

The keynote speaker on day three of the SAERA Conference was Prof R Govinda from New Delhi, India, who dealt with “Exclusion and inequality in Indian school education”.



**Prof R Govinda
New Delhi, India**

On the same day a keynote panel, consisting of Prof Crain Soudien from UCT, Prof Catherine Odora Hoppers from UNISA and Prof Johan Muller from UCT, discussed “Curriculum, knowledge and the South African educational moment”.

**Proff Crain Soudien,
Catherine Odora Hoppers
and Johan Muller**



Founding of SAERA

***SAERA
officially
established
29/01/2013***

In addition to the thought-provoking keynote addresses and high level presentations by delegates, a SAERA founding meeting took place during the conference. During this session the new over-arching organisation of SAERA was officially established and formally constituted at 12:54 on Tuesday, 29 January 2013. Prof Louis van Niekerk from UNISA/Nadeosa presided over the election process. EASA members Proff Eldrie Gouws and Lesley Wood were elected on this new committee.

The SAERA Conference allowed delegates with ample opportunity to network, during an informal braai and a formal function. During the formal function on Tuesday 29 January, the SAERA conference proceedings was launched by Ms Marian Griffin from Oxford University Press.



AWARD CEREMONY

A stylish EASA award ceremony was held on the first evening of the SAERA conference. During this magical evening the following medals were awarded:

- ☞ Medal of Honour: Prof Hilary Janks
- ☞ Research Medal: Prof Linda Theron
- ☞ Research Medal: Prof Eleanor Lemmer .



Prof Hilary Janks, Prof Linda Theron, Prof Eleanor Lemmer and Prof Eldrie Gouws (EASA Chair 2012)

2013 EASA EXECUTIVE



Cindy Ntombela, Dipane Hlalele, Eldrie Gouws, Anne-Mari Dicker , Lesley Wood (EASA Chair 2013), Omar Esau (friend of the Executive), Dinah Magano, Ronél Ferreira. Linda Theron and Raj Mestry

Absent: Liesel Ebersöhn and Ruth Mampane

IMPORTANT CALLS

EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (EASA)

2014 CONFERENCE

“The long walk to freedom” Complexities and successes on the road to improve education in South(ern) Africa”

12-15 January 2014

Golden Gate National Park Hotel, Eastern Free State

Date to submit abstracts : 12 September 2013
Closing date for registration to attend : 1 November 2013
Final date for payment of registration fees : 15 November 2013

Enquiries: Mrs Petra Lawson, conferencepl@gmail.com, fax to mail: 086 541 1173

WORLD EDUCATION RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Call for WERA-IRN (International Research Networks) proposals

Purpose: To advance education research worldwide on specific scholarly topics.

Deadline for submissions : 30 September 2013

Enquiries: wera@aera.net,
copied to co-chairs yccheng@ied.edu.hk (YC Cheng) and moos@dpu.dk (Lejf Moos)

ESSENTIAL ACTIONS REQUIRED OF EASA MEMBERS

Nominations 2014

Please visit <http://www.easa.ac.za> or contact Prof Anne-Mari Dicker (dickeam@unisa.ac.za) to nominate suitable candidates. The closing date for all the following categories is 31 August 2013:

- ☞ EASA Vice-chairperson 2014
- ☞ EASA Medal of Honour
- ☞ EASA Treasurer 2014-2016
- ☞ EASA Emerging researcher
- ☞ EASA Research medal
- ☞ Post Graduate medal of Honour: Masters/Doctorate

Membership fees

EASA members are reminded to pay their membership fee of R350 if they have not done so yet. Please contact Prof Anne-Mari Dicker (dickeam@unisa.ac.za) in this regard.



Some final thoughts...

