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INFORMATION LETTER

The Kazakhstan Educational Research Association, a constituent member of the European Educational Research Association would like to invite you to participate in its first international conference themed '**Trends in Eurasian Educational Policy and Practice**'. The conference is being held with the aim of promoting educational research in Kazakhstan, improving the access of the Kazakh educational research community to the international community, and creating a pool of Kazakhstani researchers capable of conducting advanced educational research.

We would like to invite representatives of CIS ministries of education, national educational agencies, local educational authorities, local and international academics, international educational experts, heads of educational organisations, faculty deans, heads of departments, university and college lecturers, schoolteachers, senior methodologists, and heads of civil society organisations. The conference programme includes keynote speeches, panel discussions, seminars and masterclasses.

Conference Networks

- Curriculum innovation;
- Trilingual education;
- Inclusive education;
- Educational assessment and measurement;
- Teacher education;
- Society, community and family;
- Ethnopedagogy and the history of education;
- Educational policy;
- Preschool, primary and secondary education;
- Technical and professional education; and,
- Higher education.

The working languages of the conference are **Kazakh, Russian, English and Chinese**.

Date, Location and Registration

The conference will be held on 9-11 February 2017 at Nazarbayev University, Block C-3, Kabanbai Batyr Ave., 010000 Astana, Kazakhstan.

The conference will be hosted by Nazarbayev University with the support of other educational institutions and organisations. The full list of organisations can be found in Appendix 1.

Registration will be open until 30th January 2017. Registration will be available online from 1st November 2016 onwards, via the following link: <http://conferences.nis.edu.kz>.

Registration fees

	Registration between 1 November and 30 December 2016	Registration between 31 December 2016 and 31 January 2017
Citizens of high GDP countries	10 000 tenge	15 000 tenge
Citizens of medium and low GDP countries *	5 000 tenge	7 500 tenge
Registered students (regardless of citizenship)	2 000 tenge	3 000 tenge

Here is the list of countries with medium and low GDP: all African countries; all Latin American countries; Asian countries (excluding Brunei, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Qatar, Singapore and UAE); and, the following European countries: Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey, and Ukraine. For the full list of countries, please consult the website of the European Educational Research Association (<http://www.eera-ecer.de/ecer-2016-dublin/submissions-registration/registration-and-fees/low-gdp-countries/>).

Key dates:

- 1st November – 30th December 2016: Papers accepted online;
- 30th December 2016: Deadline for early bird registration;
- 30th January 2016: Deadline for late bird registration.

Contact Information

If you have any questions concerning the organisation of the conference, please contact the KERA International Conference Organising Committee: David McHutchon, Chairperson (tel. +7-7172-235-700 (int. 1042) e-mail:

mchutchon_david@nis.edu.kz); Sulushash Kerimkulova, Vice Chairperson (tel. +7-7172-706-144, e-mail: skerimkulova@nu.edu.kz); Kairat Kurakbayev, Secretary and EERA Representative (tel. +7-7172-706-576, e-mail: kkurakbayev@nu.edu.kz).

If you have questions relating to the sponsorship of the conference, or participation in the conference exhibition, please contact conference.kera@gmail.com.

You can find the full list of requirements for papers in Appendix 2.

Please note!

The Organising Committee does not take responsibility for meeting and hosting conference participants. Hotel bookings should be made independently. Please consult the following site for hotel options within Astana: <http://www.booking.com>.

Yours sincerely,

Kairat Kurakbayev, Secretary
David McHutchon, Chairperson, Conference Organising Committee

The first KERA International Conference is held with the support of the following educational organisations:

- Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Nazarbayev University;
- Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools;
- National Academy of Education;
- European Educational Research Association;
- Bologna Process and Academic Mobility Centre;
- Independent Agency for Educational Quality Assurance in Kazakhstan;
- Kasipkor Holding
- Al-Farabi Kazakh National University;
- Kazakh State Women’s Pedagogical University;
- Gumilyov Eurasian National University;
- National Testing Centre;
- Information-Analytic Centre;
- Centre for International Programmes ;
- Academy of Pedagogical Sciences, Kazakhstan;
- Orleu National Centre for Professional Development;
- British Council;
- Astana Convention Bureau;
- Sange Research Centre;
- World Bank;
- Central Asian Educational Platform;
- Russian Centre of Science and Culture;
- QSI School, Astana; and,
- Haileybury School, Astana.

Registration and Submissions Systems

Types of Involvement

You may participate in the 2017 KERA International Conference as a presenter, whose paper has been reviewed and accepted, or as a participant.

Paper Submission System

The 2017 KERA International Conference gives educational researchers the opportunity to share their experience and opinions on the main trends happening in education in Kazakhstan and other CIS countries. This conference will create a much-needed platform for the development of dialogue between a variety of stakeholders and likewise will become a stimulus for the further development of innovative solutions to educational issues and problems.

Those wishing to participate in the conference as a presenter should submit an application online by 30th December 2016.

All participants should separately register to participate online by 30th January 2017.

Requirements for Submissions

After we receive your abstract, it will be reviewed in accordance with the criteria below.

The working languages of the conference are Kazakh, Russian, English and Chinese. Abstracts are accepted in all four languages.

To be accepted, you should follow the following guidelines:

Review Criteria

1. The theme of the paper should be relevant to the theme of the conference or one of the conference networks (max. 5 points);
2. The paper should present a particular research theory (max. 5 points);
3. The arguments and conclusions of the paper should be based on specific research or scientific data, where quantitative or qualitative research methods, mixed methods, or analysis is used (max. 5 points);
4. The research results or conclusions of the paper should be topical for pedagogical sciences in the modern system of education (max. 5 points);
5. The paper should be written in clear language, and arguments should be logical and avoid internal contradictions (max. 5 points);

6. The paper should be supplemented by a comprehensive list of references (max. 5 points).

Paper Formats

- Presentation;
- Panel discussion;
- Roundtable;
- Symposium on a specific theme (three maximum).

Networks

The themes of your paper are not limited, but you should try to think how they are relevant to one of the following networks:

1. Curriculum innovation;
2. Trilingual education;
3. Inclusive education;
4. Educational assessment and measurement;
5. Teacher education;
6. Society, community and family;
7. Ethnopedagogy and the history of education;
8. Educational policy;
9. Preschool, primary and secondary education;
10. Technical and professional education; and,
11. Higher education.

The theme of your paper should be original and topical for modern-day educational systems.

Information Required for your Submission

- 1) Choice of network;
- 2) Abstract (max. 600 words);
- 3) Bibliography (max. 400 words);
- 4) Short biography (max. 200 words).

Selection Process

All abstracts received will be reviewed by several experts according to the above criteria. The decision of the Committee with comments and feedback will be sent to all participants by 30th January 2017. The authors of selected papers will be informed and will receive all the information they require to participate in the conference.

Important Information

All participants will be expected to cover the costs of their participation in the conference: i.e. registration fees, flights, accommodation and meals.

Conference Proceedings

After the conference, the authors of papers are invited to submit their academic articles in the Conference Proceedings of the Association. In order to provide for open access to academic materials, the conference proceedings will be indexed in the repositories of Nazarbayev University and Google Scholar. Participation in the conference is essential for publication in the conference proceedings.

The Eurasian Journal of Education, the journal of the Kazakhstan Educational Research Association

The authors of the highest-quality work will be invited to publish their academic articles in the *Eurasian Journal of Education*.