

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
WERA FOCAL MEETING
DEADLINE: July 29, 2013—23:59 (GMT)
November 18 – 22, 2013
Guanajuato, Mexico

The World Education Research Association (WERA) invites submissions for papers and symposia for the WERA Focal Meeting to be held in Guanajuato, Mexico on November 18 to 22, 2013. 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 XII National Congress for Education Research, sponsored by the Consejo Mexicano de Investigacion Educativa (COMIE) (Mexican Society for Educational Research) and Guanajuato University. The Focal Meeting consists of a strand of paper and symposium sessions on topics of international scope and significance that are embedded in the program of a WERA member association.

WERA symposia and paper sessions are intended to complement and extend those presented at the main conference under the COMIE Call for Papers. The WERA Focal Meeting seeks to feature research that includes more than one country or is comparative, cross-cultural, international, or transnational in conceptualization, scope, or design. Paper submissions need to meet these criteria; symposia submissions can include papers from single sites or countries as long as the presentations combined are from different countries and the aims of the symposium are anchored in worldwide or global issues. Duplicate submission through the COMIE and WERA online submission systems is not allowed.

Who Should Submit?

Scholars and advanced graduate students worldwide whose research extends beyond a single-country site are encouraged to submit papers to the WERA Focal Meeting. Scholars wishing to organize symposium that feature research paper presentations from different countries or parts of the world are also encouraged to submit.

Scope of Focal Meeting

The scope of the Focal Meeting is wide in its reach to include studies across the life span from early learning to workforce and adult education and that take place in formal and informal contexts of education and learning. The emphasis of the Focal Meeting is on papers and symposia with a lens that is worldwide in perspective. Otherwise there is no restriction on the education research topics appropriate for consideration, although priority will be given to submissions that focus on research and findings addressed to significant trends, issues, and challenges worldwide.

Guidelines for Submission to WERA Focal Meeting

Paper and symposia submissions must be received in Microsoft Word or another word processing application using the templates provided on the WERA website at www.weraonline.org. The templates with all information completed must be sent by 23.59 GMT as e-mail attachments to wera@aera.net. The Subject line of the e-mail should state: 2013 WERA Focal Meeting Submission.

Paper Submissions:

Paper summaries are a maximum of 750 words in addition to the paper title, information on the authors, and so forth. Up to ten references may be included in the summary, and must be set forth in the reference list. Also, a 250-word abstract suitable in publication must be included. The first author of the paper is responsible for submission, even if that individual is not the paper presenter.

Symposium Submission:

A symposium provides opportunities, not afforded by a single paper, to examine a specific education research problem or topic through an international, comparative, or worldwide lens and to bring to bear diverse perspectives, intensive discussion, or a wide range of expertise.

Symposium abstracts are a maximum of 250 words. Submissions also include 150-word summaries for each presentation/paper in a symposium, and allow for up to ten references for each presentation. References cited in the summaries must be set forth in the reference list.

Symposium proposals are submitted by an organizer who may or may not be a chair, presenter, or discussant. A WERA symposium can include a maximum of five participants in addition to the chair. Participants include all presenters and any discussants.

Peer Review of Submissions

All submissions are peer reviewed by the Focal Meeting Planning Committee. Criteria include the worldwide significance of the research questions, the soundness of the methodology, the appropriateness of the methods to the research questions, the importance of the findings, and the overall logic and clarity of the conclusions and implications of the research.

Guidelines for Accepted Submissions

Presenting authors of accepted papers AND all participants in accepted symposia are expected to attend and register for the COMIE 2013 Conference—site of the WERA Focal Meeting.

Narrative papers for accepted paper and symposium submissions must be submitted by e-mail to wera@aera.net by October 5, 2013. Submitted papers will be eligible for consideration for publication in a WERA Annual volume.

All papers will be accessible through the WERA online paper portal in February 2014. Authors wishing to revise their papers for the paper portal may do so up to January 15, 2014.

Important Dates

July 29:	Closing date for papers and symposia submission (23:59 GMT)
August 20:	Last day for notification of acceptance decisions
September 30:	Early-bird (discount) registration rate closes
October 5:	Submission of final papers to WERA
October 6:	Publication of program
November 18:	Opening of Conference
November 22:	Conference closes
January 15:	Submission of revised final paper

Focal Meeting Planning Committee

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