

NEWS from the 56th annual CIES conference 2012 taking place in San Juan, Puerto Rico April 22 – 27 with the theme “The worldwide education revolution”:



Several (individual and institutional) members of NOCIES presented their work at this conference:

Mina O’Dowd (Lund University, Sweden) presented two papers: “Mind, brain, and education” and “Knowledge, corruption and education”. She also acted as a discussant on the session on “Health, education, and student outcomes”.

Marcella Milana (Aarhus University, Denmark) presented a paper on “Policy environments matters: Access to higher education of non-traditional students in Denmark”.

Jon Lauglo (University of Oslo, Norway) presented a paper with the title “Are more knowledgeable adolescents more rational in their civic attitudes? Analysis on data from 38 countries”.

Halla Holmarsdottir (Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Science, Norway) chaired a New Scholars Dissertation workshop on “Mental Health, teachers and education in conflict zones”. In addition she presented a paper entitled “Exploring gender equality and equity in education: A comparative look at Sudan and South Africa”.

Greta Gudmundsdottir (Centre for ICT in Education, Norway) presented the paper “Increasing digital competence among European teachers”.

Heidi Biseth (Buskerud University College, Norway) had a paper on “Doing in Democracy in Urban Scandinavian Schools”.

Anders Breidlid (Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Science, Norway) presented his research on “Education and conflict: Education discourses in Sudan”.

Ellen Carm (Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Science, Norway) presented the paper “Implementation of functional skills training through school-based income generating activities (IGA): A case study targeting vulnerable children in Zambian primary schools”.

Fengshu Liu (University of Oslo, Norway) presented a paper on “Youth, gender and education from a cultural perspective: A comparison of Chinese and Norwegian higher school students”.



WCCES

World Council of Comparative Education Societies

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At the CIES conference the World Council of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES) conducted their 45th Executive Meeting. NOCIES was represented by Vice-President Marcella Milana. The next year's World Congress was one of the important issues on the agenda. The Congress will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 24-28 on the topic "New Times, New Voices". The website of the Congress is now officially open: www.wcces2013.com.ar. Please take a look at the website for further information. To be able to register at a discount rate at the Congress, you need to be a paying member of NOCIES or one of the other constituent societies of WCCES.

The WCCES has now established a new website: www.wcces.com

Christine Fox from the University of Wollongong (Australia) has served as the WCCES Secretary-General for seven years and she stepped down at this Executive Meeting. Diane Napier from the University of Georgia (USA) was elected as the new Secretary-General for a five year period.

Other news that may be relevant in a newsletter to the members:



Dr. Fengshu Liu has taken up the position as an Associate Professor in Comparative Education at the University of Oslo.

More information about Dr. Liu is available at her website:

<http://www.uv.uio.no/pfi/english/people/aca/fengshul/index.html>

New doctoral candidates within Comparative Education:



Moshi Mussa Kimizi, University of Oslo, defended on January 27, 2012, his Ph.D. dissertation entitled:

Language and Self-Confidence: Examining the Relationship between Language of Instruction and Students' Self-Confidence in Tanzanian Secondary Education.

<http://www.uv.uio.no/forskning/aktuelt/arrangementer/disputaser/var-2012/pfi/kimizi.html>



Blackson Kanukisya, University of Oslo, defended on April 30, 2012, his Ph.D. dissertation entitled:

Globalization Impacts on Adult Education - A comparative study of adult education policies and practices in Tanzania and Uganda.

<http://www.uv.uio.no/forskning/aktuelt/arrangementer/disputaser/var-2012/pfi/kanukisya.html>



Heidi Biseth, University of Oslo, will May 8, 2012, defend her Ph.D. dissertation entitled:

Educators as custodians of democracy: A comparative analysis of multicultural school environments in the Scandinavian capitals.

<http://www.uv.uio.no/forskning/aktuelt/arrangementer/disputaser/var-2012/pfi/biseth.html>