

RECE 2019 Business Meeting Minutes (Approved by RECE Steering Committee)

Agenda

Chair: Marek Tesar (in lieu of CMS)

Notetaker: Kylie Smith

1. Indigenous Caucus

Mere Skerrett reported on the Inaugural Indigenous Caucus Hui was held this year and outlined 6 remittances for RECE for future conferences to ensure acknowledgement and respect for Indigenous ways of knowing. The paper is attached.

2. Host Committee Chair Report

- As of 15th October, there were 350 registrations. Further registrations occurred
- 25 countries were represented.
- Final reconciled budget is forthcoming.

New Initiatives

This year there were a number of new initiatives:

1. New Language initiative – submit abstracts in different languages
2. ESL Interpreters – accessibility for Spanish speaking
3. Local advocacy and sponsorship for local teachers
4. New attendees' initiative.
5. Coinciding with local events
6. Diverse language abstract submissions: 10-15 abstracts were submitted Korean and Spanish

CMS noted the need to update and further explore RECE communication and dialogue - Facebook page, Utube, New website with forum where people can discuss ideas and branding. He will be working with the steering committee to exploring option.

Marcella noted issues related to the RECE Facebook page – today the Facebook is closed, and people are requesting to participate. This needs to be discussed with consideration to opening Facebook up. There is also a Twitter account that needs to be reviewed.

3. Co-Treasurers Report

Sonya Gaches reported on the travel scholarships and finance. The information is attached.

Michelle Salazar Perez reported that there was \$5000 from this conference back to the RECE funds.

4. 2020 Conference Details and Discussion

Janette Habashi proposed to host at Bethlehem University in the West Bank, Palestine in 2020 and planning is underway. The Presentation is attached.

Question/issues for the host committee to consider

1. Time allocation for presentations – particularly considering ESL/translation.
2. The tension to between inclusive, number of presenters and time for discussions which requires ongoing discussion.
3. Consider the digital space and presenting online for those who can't attend.

Program chair - Mathias Urban nominated to chair the program.

A sheet was circulated for people to nominate for the program committee and reviewers.

5. 2021 Conference Confirmation of Location and Discussion

- Samara Madrid Akpovo and Mary Jane Morgan reported that the host committee has met. Hotels in the downtown area have placed bids to host accommodation and conference.
- Dates will be Mid October 2021.
- Mary Jane noted that the Indigenous community will be consulted.
- More detail will be provided at the 2022 conference.

6. 2022 Proposals

Three Universities have indicated their interest in hosting RECE in 2022.

1. University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa (have indicated interest in 2023)
2. University of Melbourne, Victoria Australia
3. Manchester Metropolitan University, UK

Full proposals will be submitted to the steering committee for consideration at the 2021 business meeting.

7. Journal Update

Mimi Bloch reported that the current issue has been just released in the International Critical Policies Studies Journal edited by Sonya Gaches and Alex Gunn. The second edition will be published in December 2019.

8. Activist Initiatives, Retiree Rates & Access to Travel Scholarships Funds

Shirley Kessler has proposed that retiree rates continue and that the steering committee considers the possibility that retirees have access to travel scholarships.

9. Announcements

Bank Street Occasional Paper on Infant Toddlers has just been released.
Appreciation of Michelle's work in the organisation of the conferences.
Will Parnell encouraged people to contribute papers to NACTE.

2019 Travel Award and Treasurer Reports

Travel awards

19 applicants

Awarded USD\$4500

- 7 international applicants awards from 6 countries
 - 4 awards @ \$500 each for total of \$2000
 - 2 awards @ \$400 each for total of \$800
 - 2 awardees were unable to travel (\$900 not dispersed)
 - 1 applicant did not meet eligibility requirements
- 13 U.S. applicants
 - 1 award @ \$400 (Participant from Hawaii)
 - 12 @ \$200 each for total of \$2400
 - 1 was unable to travel (\$200 not dispersed)
- 2 applications submitted after the deadline and were not eligible 2

Western Union Awards; the rest are cash awards

In order to be eligible for this travel award, applicants had to meet several conditions in the order listed:

- Apply by the stated deadline
- Be a graduate student OR be an early childhood professional from the Global South
- Be listed as a presenter
- Be registered to attend the conference

Treasury

Savings account = \$200

Checking account

Balance at 2018 Conference = \$3,649 Current

balance = \$7,198

Income includes

- Income from last year's RECE = \$7,890 (50,000.00 DK)
- PayPal transfer for dues payment and donations to travel awards from 2018 = \$1200
- Combined quilt raffle funds and unused travel awards from 2018 = \$1,309
- Now have MOU with University of Wisconsin Whitewater to fund Journal Editing @ \$15,000 (\$5000/year for each of 3 years) – not included in these balance figures

Expenses include

- \$850 for Journal publishing/hosting online
- \$1500 for webmaster [maintenance and expansion]
- \$4500 Travel awards

Bethlehem West
Bank, Palestine



Proposal to host RECE 2020

Presented to the Business Meeting 2019 by Janette Habashi & the organizing team: Ferdoos Al-Issa, Chair, Department of Social Sciences, University of Bethlehem, Palestine | Halah Rashed, Chair, Department of Early Childhood, University of Bethlehem, Palestine | Lacey Peters, Hunter College, NY, US | Colette Murray, Technological University for Dublin, Ireland | Mathias Urban, Dublin City University, Ireland

We are delighted to propose Bethlehem in the West Bank, Palestine as venue for the 28th international Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education conference in 2020.

Proposed conference theme

Equal Rights? Partnerships and Community Engagement in Early Childhood Education

The significance of hosting again RECE in Palestine

In 2009, we hosted the first ever RECE conference in Bethlehem, Palestine. Besides being a vibrant academic event, the conference was a show of solidarity with early childhood scholars and activists in a country under continued illegal occupation. In the decade that followed RECE 2009, the situation in the West Bank remains complex and unresolved. While some progress has been made in gaining recognition of the state of Palestine by international organisations, the reality on the ground has deteriorated and daily violations of children's rights remain the normality for Palestinian children. Hosting an international early childhood conference in Palestine will put a spotlight on this reality and assure our Palestinian colleagues of our solidarity and support. In addition, it is important to engage as a scholar with diverse geopolitics that impacted children's development and community engagement in supporting children's right. Bringing back RECE 10 years after its first visit will provide an opportunity for collaboration with local organizations and universities. It is important to have a first-hand experience of children and community resilience that enable educators and scholars to inspire policies and programs.

Conference Chair:

Janette Habashi

Proposed Program Chair:

Mathias Urban

Conference Structure:

We suggest the following two dates for consideration by the steering committee

Preconference events: Monday 5 October Conference: Tuesday
6 – Saturday 10 October

Conference schedule:

Tuesday:	Preconference events
Tuesday afternoon:	Welcome reception and opening plenary
Wednesday:	Full day of conference
Thursday:	Day of organized activities in the West Bank, including visits to Jenin and the Child's Cup Full (CCF) initiative in Zababdeh, olive picking, sight visits, and a variety of other options
Friday:	Full day of conference
Saturday	Half day of conference, conference dinner

Proposed registration fee:

Approximately \$US 300

Conference Package to include:

- Reception
- Conference dinners
- Coffee Breaks
- Full serviced conference rooms
- Excursion

Conference venue and facilities:

All main conference activities will take place at the University of Bethlehem. The venue offers sufficient space for plenaries and outbreak rooms for symposia and group sessions. Audiovisual equipment and technical support is available on site

Accommodation:

There are several hotels in the vicinity. We suggest the Star Hotel as main conference hotel. It is a short walk (8 minutes) from the conference venue and offers more than 150 rooms varying in size and capacity. All rooms can sleep up to 2 people comfortably.

<http://www.bethlehemstarhotel.com/>

Travel:

The hotel will offer a special room only conference rate of approx. US \$70 per room per night single, double or share twin occupancy. A full cooked breakfast is available at the hotel (or better in one of the many street cafés for \$2-\$5).

There are a few ways to get to Bethlehem. The recommended route is to fly to Jordan and cross the bridge to Jericho and a shuttle can take you to Bethlehem. The alternative is to fly to Tel Aviv and take a shuttle to the old city of Jerusalem and a bus or a shuttle Bethlehem.

The conference will do their utmost to meet the needs of diverse audience and will provide translation from Arabic to English and other way around. We will also work hard to find ASL translator.