

Call for Papers: **Indigenous Knowledge and Academy (IKA) SIG** at 2013 CIES Annual Conference

The IKA SIG of the Comparative & International Education Society invites the submission of abstracts for individual papers and proposals for panels for the 2013 CIES conference to be held March 10-15, 2013 in New Orleans, LA.

The conference theme for 2013 is Educational Quality: Global Imperatives and Contested Visions. The *Indigenous Knowledge and Academy SIG* invites in particular contributions that address the concept of educational quality as it relates to the design and implementation of educational programs aimed at promoting **indigenous knowledge, indigenous languages and heritage education**. Among the questions we will consider in New Orleans are:

1. What does it mean to provide “quality” education that values indigenous knowledge? How do we define the concepts: indigenous knowledge, indigenous languages, and heritage education as they relate to quality education? How do we understand the meaning of “quality” education in the context of indigenous students of all ages, in geographically remote areas, and in First Peoples Worldwide?
2. We often hear from many quarters and from the literature that indigenous knowledge is not valued in the academy. How can we articulate “indigenous knowledge” as a valuable indicator of “quality” in education? Is it possible to overcome this deficit?
3. Several studies have been conducted to examine the opportunities, challenges, and obstacles facing: bicultural children, indigenous learners in the cross-roads of mainstream, ethno-cultural identities, and ethnic cultural settings that are engulfed in ethnically distinct experience, ranging from linguistic and other expressive patterns. How do we harness indigenous knowledge and at the same time acknowledge difference to ensure the implementation of quality programs?

The early submission deadline for the 2013 conference is October 1, 2012 (final submission deadline of October 26, 2012). All proposals MUST be submitted via the CIES 2013 website following the format suggested by [the call for papers](#):

- I. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS
- II. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR GROUP PANEL PROPOSALS.

To find out more about the Special Committees (New Scholars, Gender and Education, or Under-represented Racial Ethnic and Ability Groups) or the 19 SIGs, please visit the CIES website at <http://www.cies.us/groups.htm> (see sections on Special Committees and Special Interest Groups).