

Literacy SIG: Call for proposals

The Literacy 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**, and the Literacy SIG invites in particular contributions that address the concept of *educational quality* as it relates to the design and implementation of literacy programs for children, youth and/or adults. Among the themes and questions we will consider in New Orleans are:

- + The place of writing in literacy skills development. Questions include: How are programs integrating writing in literacy programs? What evidence exists regarding best practices for the integration of writing? How is writing used in multilingual literacy programs?
- + Text-focused reading methods, skills-focused reading methods and the developing world. Questions include: How are programs integrating a variety of reading methods, and what are the challenges to that? In programs that use the home language for literacy instruction, how do programs consider the language structure in selecting reading methods?
- + Community and parents. Questions include: How can best programs involve parents and community members in literacy programs? How do programs build support among parents for home language literacy instruction? What are the possibilities for intergenerational literacy programs in the contemporary funding environment?
- + Communication/marketing. Questions include: What are innovative practices in social marketing to build support for literacy programs among various constituencies?

All proposals **MUST** be submitted via the CIES 2013 website; please be sure to select LITERACY Special Interest Group when submitting your proposal. Authors of proposals selected for presentation through the Literacy SIG at the conference will be required to be Literacy SIG Members. The Literacy SIG will host a business meeting at the conference where prospective members can learn more about the SIG and its activities. Individual and panel proposals must follow the guidelines and requirements of proposal submission of the 2013 conference.

We look forward to a stimulating discussion in New Orleans.