

Latvian Association for Cooperation in Education (LACE)
10th anniversary international conference
*“Cooperation for Sustainable Education:
Management, Research, Practice, and Theory”*



ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we would like to invite you to participate in the **International Conference “COOPERATION FOR SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION: MANAGEMENT, RESEARCH, PRACTICE, AND THEORY”** organized by **Latvian Association of University Lecturers for Cooperation in Education** in cooperation with **Daugavpils University, Liepaja University, University of Latvia, Latvian Academy of Sports Education, Rezekne Higher Education Institution, Latvian Academy of Police, and Latvia University of Agriculture**. The conference will be held in “Ratnieki,” Ligatnes pagasts, Cesu region, Latvia on **April 26 – 29, 2009**.

The main goal of the conference is to **promote international collaboration** in all educational fields and disciplines, which are connected to social aspects of education such as **cooperative learning**. This conference is organized to foster an international debate, exchange of ideas, and reflection of innovative practices for educators using cooperative learning in education.

The conference will provide diverse opportunities for exchanging ideas, including **key-note speeches, discussion groups, indoor and outdoor cooperative learning activities, cooperative reflection and evaluation activities, culture events and informal interaction**.

Discussion groups will be organized according to four main strands:

- Cooperative learning and education process (pre-school, school, higher education)
- Cooperative learning and education theory
- Cooperative learning and education management
- Cooperative learning and education research

The main languages of the conference will be English and Latvian.

Important dates:

Presentation (discussion/ CL learning activity) description and/or abstract submission deadline: **March 15, 2009**

Notification of acceptance/rejection: **March 20, 2009**

Final paper submission deadline: **April 1, 2009**

We look forward to seeing you in Latvia!

Conference Organising Committee

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VENUE

“Ratnieki”, Ligatnes pagasts, Cesu region, Latvia, LV 4109
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KEY-NOTE SPEAKERS

- Lynda Baloche, IASCE, EdD, West Chester University, Pennsylvania, USA
- Yael Sharon, MA, Tel Aviv, Israel
- Lin Goodwin, EdD, Teachers College Columbia University, USA
- Iveta Silova, LAPSA, PhD, College of Education, Lehigh University, USA
- Anita Pipere, Dr.Psych, DU, LV
- Inga Belousa, LAPSA, PhD, DU, LV
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CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadlines:

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- Final paper submission deadline: **April 1, 2009**

Types of contribution:

- Presentation followed by discussion:
 - Presentation and discussion will provide an opportunity for the authors to share and discuss key ideas of the paper.
 - The available equipment will be PC and Data Projector. Presentations used PowerPoint software are preferred.
 - Each PowerPoint presentation should be limited to 10-15 minutes to introduce the background, nature, and challenges of the topic of the paper, ending with 1-3 questions for discussion.
 - Each PowerPoint presentation will be followed by 15 minutes discussion, which will be co-facilitated by the author/presenter and the expert of the Discussion Session.
 - Description of your presentations and discussions will be included in the Conference Program.
 - To be included in the conference publications, you should submit the final version of your paper by April 1, 2009.
- Indoor and outdoor cooperative learning activities:
 - Cooperative learning activities will provide an opportunity for the organizers to share interactive learning-based experience on skill development and/or culture sharing either in indoor or in outdoor environment.
 - Each cooperative learning activity should not exceed 45 minutes, the number of participants and the needed equipment should be announced in advance.
 - Description of your cooperative learning activities will be included in the Conference Program.
 - To be included in the conference publications, you should submit the final version of your paper by April 1, 2009.

Presentation (discussion/ CL learning activity) descriptions and/or abstracts SUBMISSION

Guidelines:

- The **Organizing Committee** encourages you to submit descriptions and/or abstracts to the Conference by **March 15, 2009**.
- Your abstract for both presentation followed by discussion and indoor and outdoor cooperative learning activities should:
 - include the **title, author(s) details, abstract text and key-words**
 - be written in **English or Latvian**
- Notification of the acceptance/rejection of the submitted abstract will be sent to you via e-mail by **March 20, 2009**



PAPER SUBMISSION

- After your abstract has been accepted by the Organizing Committee, the **Scientific Committee** encourages you to submit your complete paper.
- Your paper should:
 - be written in **English**
 - follow the notes for contributors for *Journal of Teacher Education for Sustainability* in www.ise-lv.eu/publications
 - be limited to 12 pages
 - be submitted via e-mail lapsa.latvia@gmail.com not later than **April 1, 2009**
- Selected papers will be published in the special edition of the *Journal of Teacher Education for Sustainability*.

REGISTRATION

Fees:

- Early registration: until March 1, 2009; EUR 300
- Standard registration: until April 1, 2009; EUR 350
- Late registration: after April 1, 2009; EUR 380
- **Registration fees include:**
 - **transport to and from the conference venue that is located 70 km from Riga**
 - **accommodation fee in conference venue on April 26 – 28, 2009**
 - **admission to all sessions and program activities**
 - **guided sightseeing in Riga**
 - **tour in Black Head House/ the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia**
 - **a printed copy of the Conference Program**
 - **a CD-ROM of the Conference Proceedings**
 - **conference folder**
 - **coffee breaks**
 - **breakfast, lunch, dinner**
 - **an attendance certificate**

PROGRAM

April 26

- 11.00 Registration is open in the lobby of Riga City Council, Ratslaukums 1
12.00 – 14.00 Guided sightseeing in Riga
15.00 – 16.00 Conference opening and reception in Riga City Council, Ratslaukums 1
16.00 – 17.30 Tour in Black Head House/ the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia
17.30 – Leaving for conference venue „Ratnieki”
19.00 – Settling down in „Ratnieki”
20.00 – 22.00 Dinner and getting to know each other

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April 27

- 8.00 – 9.00 Breakfast
9.00 – 11.00 Key-notes (Iveta Silova, Yael Sharan, Anita Pipere)
11.00 – 11.30 Coffee and tea
11.30 – 13.00 Discussion groups:
 1. Cooperative learning and educational process (pre-school, school, higher education)
 2. Cooperative learning and education theory
 3. Cooperative learning and education management
 4. Cooperative learning and education research
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 15.30 Indoor and outdoor cooperative learning activities
15.30 – 16.00 Coffee and tea
16.00 – 17.30 Discussion groups:
 1. Cooperative learning and educational process (pre-school, school, higher education)
 2. Cooperative learning and education theory
 3. Cooperative learning and education management
 4. Cooperative learning and education research
17.30 – 18.00 Buddy groups
19.00 – 20.00 Dinner
20.00 – 22.00 Cultural program

April 28

- 8.00 – 9.00 Breakfast
9.00 – 11.00 Key-notes (Inga Belousa, Indra Odina)
11.00 – 11.30 Coffee and tea
11.30 – 13.00 Discussion groups:
 1. Cooperative learning and education process (pre-school, school, higher education)
 2. Cooperative learning and education theory
 3. Cooperative learning and education management
 4. Cooperative learning and education research
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 15.30 Indoor and outdoor cooperative learning activities
15.30 – 16.00 Coffee and tea
16.00 – 17.00 Discussion groups – working out conclusions:
 1. Cooperative learning and education process (pre-school, school, higher education)
 2. Cooperative learning and education theory
 3. Cooperative learning and education management
 4. Cooperative learning and education research
17.00 – 17.30 Buddy groups
18.30 – 20.00 Dinner
20.00 – 22.00 Cultural program

April 29

- 8.00 – 9.00 Breakfast
9.00 – 10.30 Key-notes (IASCE – Lynda Baloché)
 Reports from discussion groups
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee and tea
11.30 – Leaving for Ligatne

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- 12.00 – 13.30 Nature trails
13.30 – 14.30 Lunch/picnic
14.30 – 16.00 Visiting Soviet bunker – a huge underground complex designed to be a control headquarters in the event of a nuclear war
16.00 – Leaving for Riga

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided at “Ratnieki” facilities; see www.ratnieki.lv.

TRAVEL

Conference fee includes a bus service from Riga (Melngalvju Square) to “Ratnieki” at 17.30 on April 26, 2009 and from “Ratnieki” to Riga (center) at 16.00 on April 29, 2009.

ABOUT US

We are the **Latvian Association for Cooperation in Education (LACE)**, Reg. Nr. 40008037800 – a professional non-governmental organization, founded on September 11, 1998, by professors of Latvia higher education establishments. Our association is a member of IASCE (International Association for the Study of Cooperation in Education).

Our goal is to facilitate research and implementation of cooperative learning and other interactive teaching/learning methods in education, promote exchange of experience and collaboration among university lecturers, students and schoolteachers, and provide in-service education.

Our association works in the following areas:

- Cooperation (with higher education institutions and schools, as well as other associations);
- Professional development (in-service courses, workshops, teaching practice, study courses, projects);
- Research (conferences, scientific papers, publication files);
- Teaching and learning materials (development, translation, publication);
- Information and sharing experience (home page, publications, resource/information centers, mass media).

Our association offers a possibility to experience new teaching and learning methods “*on your own skin*” shares experience about new teaching materials, and provides information about the latest evaluation and assessment methods.

CONTACT US

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REGISTRATION/APPLICATION FORM

1. My contact details

Please note that the following details will be used as your correspondence address.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr,	<input type="text"/>	First name	<input type="text"/>
Family Name/Surname:	<input type="text"/>		
Name of Institution:	<input type="text"/>		
Address of Institution:	<input type="text"/>		
Postcode:	<input type="text"/>		
Country:	<input type="text"/>		
Email:	<input type="text"/>		
Telephone:	<input type="text"/>		
Fax:	<input type="text"/>		

2. I would like to register as

<input type="checkbox"/>	Participant with presentation to be published paper	, go to Question No. 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Participant with presentation	, go to Question No. 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Participant without presentation	, go to Question No. 4

3. Details of my presentation

3.1. Title of Presentation

3.2. Description and/or abstract (about 200 words)



3.3. Format of Presentation

Please choose ONE format only by indicating with an x in the box

Key note		Presentation and discussion		Cooperative activity (indoor)		Cooperative activity (outdoor)	
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3.4. Equipment

NB: Conference rooms will be equipped with computer and multimedia projector

Any other equipment requirements must be specified here. We cannot guarantee equipment requested at a later date.

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4. Accommodation:

All the rooms are double, non-smoking, with WC and shower

	I will strongly choose not to share the room with somebody else
	I do not mind sharing the room with the another person
	I would share the room with somebody I know and this person is _____

5. Any diet preferences:

	Vegetarian
	Vegan
	No preferences

6. Anything else we would need to know about you/any special needs:

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7. Registration will be processed as soon as the conference fee is received to the account:

Registration type:	Fee	Tick your registration
Early registration: until March 1, 2009	EUR 300	
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Late registration: after April 1, 2009	EUR 380	

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