Cooperative Learning: Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century

The IASCE, in cooperation with our hosts, the University College Lillebaelt, Denmark, is pleased to invite you to participate in the 2015 International Conference

Odense, Denmark 1-3 October 2015

The 2015 conference provides an opportunity to participate in an event based on cooperative models and values that foster dialogue, respect, and reflection through intentional engagement.

The conference seeks to:

- explore the role of cooperative learning as an effective pedagogy for the 21st Century;
- deepen understanding of how cooperative learning can be effectively implemented and expanded to encourage learning in differing contexts;
- examine the essential nature of cooperation in developing and sustaining responsible citizenship.

The conference is appropriate for academics, educators at all levels or phases of formal and non-formal education, educational policy makers, educational managers and administrators, and others with an interest in exploring cooperative learning and the application of cooperation in all aspects of education—local, national and global.

The six conference strands have been developed to encourage stimulating conversations on the conference theme across a wide variety of topics and perspectives.

Strand 1: Classroom Practice and Teacher Education

This strand focuses on (a) the practical implementation of cooperative learning in a wide variety of educational settings and (b) teacher education and teacher professional development at all levels.

Strand 2: Social and Educational Inclusion in Learning

This strand focuses on the role of cooperative learning and cooperative strategies in supporting (a) teaching and learning for diversity and inclusion and (b) the development of social integration, social justice, and equity in schools and communities.

Strand 3: Cooperative Leadership and School Development

This strand focuses on the use of cooperative learning and cooperative strategies in whole school/institutional contexts, or in large-scale district, regional or national programs. It highlights the impact of innovative applications of cooperative principles and approaches on policies for educational improvement and management.

Strand 4: Creativity, Innovation, and Problem Solving

This strand focuses on the intersections of creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship, and problem solving.

Strand 5: Cooperative Approaches to Technology-Enhanced Learning

This strand focuses on the modern realities of technology and its impact on collaboration, communication, the availability of information, and the heightened need for information literacy.

Strand 6: Responsible Citizenship

This strand focuses on developing a cooperative context and the knowledge, skills, and values needed to (a) facilitate active local and global engagement and (b) shift from individual consumerism towards mutual responsibility and sustainability.

A detailed Request for Proposals and submission procedures are available at www.IASCE.net

The deadline for proposal submission is 2 January 2015.