17TH BOLESWANA INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Theme: Research for the Transformation of Teacher Education: Teaching for Equity and Relevance

The Namibia Educational Research Association (NERA) has the pleasure of announcing the call for Abstracts for the 17th BOLESWANA International Biennial Symposium to be held on 17 – 19 July 2018 at the University of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia.

The Symposium seeks to bring together education experts from various fields from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Region and beyond. Education stakeholders such as researchers, policymakers, institutional and government leaders, civil society organisations and scholars are expected to gather to share ideas, experiences and innovations on issues pertinent to education in the Region, Africa and the world.

Guided by its theme, this Symposium offers an opportunity for the presentation of research papers, posters, exhibits and workshops on various topics of relevance from various perspectives such as philosophical, social, psychological, technical, scientific, technological, policy, legal and organizational, to name but a few.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts should:
• Have a title, author, contact details and institutional affiliations;
• Include a clear statement of the topic, issue or problem to be addressed;
• Clearly show alignment with the Conference theme and/or sub-themes;
• Demonstrate an engagement with scholarly research literature; key debates in the field; and/or current issues of relevance;
• Be limited to 200-250 words; and
• Be in English.

If reporting research findings, the abstract should provide:
• A clear statement of the aims of the study, the research questions or the focus of enquiry;
• A description of research methodology and/or analytical/theoretical framework;
• A summary of findings and conclusions.

Other important points for consideration:
Please consider the following criteria when preparing your abstract:
• Originality of the research (must not have been previously published or accepted for publication/presentation elsewhere);
• Contemporary significance and/or scholarly relevance;
• Conceptual, methodological and theoretical soundness;
• Disciplined, focused and persuasive argument;
• Coherent organisation and clarity of written expression;
• Comprehensive reference to appropriate literature;
• Relevance to the conference.

Number of Abstracts:
Authors may submit more than one (1) abstract for consideration.

Abstract Submission Period:
15 May – 29 September 2017 (an online submission solution is being developed for the Conference website. In the interim, Abstracts should be sent to this email: nera@unam.na)

Contact Person: Mr. Erkkie Haipinge, Tel: +264 61 206 4906

Abstract Receipt Confirmation:
An email acknowledging receipt of submitted abstract/s will be promptly sent to the corresponding author.

Abstract Review Process:
The Conference Editorial Committee will independently review submitted abstracts for their conformity to the submission requirements (technical), relevance to the theme and sub-themes, scholarly, practical and structural merit.

Abstract acceptance will be sent to the corresponding author on or before 10 November 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES

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REGISTRATION & LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Information on registration fees, banking details and accommodation information are now available on the conference website.

To access the conference site follow this link: http://www.unam.edu.na/conferences/boleswana-conference-2018

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