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World Education Leadership Symposium 2019
25-27 September 2019, Zug
WELS-Info-Email 7 (July 2019)

Complete Program online now!

Check out more information about the Plenary and Parallel Program of the Main Conference.

The Symposium is supported by Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF, Asia-Europe Foundation ASEF, Movetia – Exchange and mobility, Wübben Foundation, Swisscom, Swiss and RAABE. It is organized in cooperation with UNESCO, Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education EDK, Swiss Conference of Cantonal Directors of Social Affaires SODK, Association of Teachers Switzerland (LCH), Association of School Leadership Switzerland (VSLCH), and Association of School Leadership Germany asd as well as other local, national and international partners.

1. Plenary Program: Responsible Leadership – Demands, Reality, Possibilities

What role can and should education play in society today and tomorrow? Who carries what responsibility in the education system? How can schools in a best possible way support educational biographies and personality development? Moreover, how can they develop and provide high quality education and facilitate access for all children and youth? What professional attitudes and competences do educational actors? How can we enable maintaining good practice improving established practice and innovating new practice?

These questions and more will be raised and discussed in the Plenary Program of the Symposium (September 25 and 27) from various perspectives:

- Stephan Schleiss, Representative of the Cantonal Government, Switzerland
- Susanne Hardmeier, Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education
- Gaby Szöllösy, Swiss Conference of Cantonal Directors of Social Affaires
- Dagmar Rösler, Association of Teachers Switzerland
- Thomas Minder, Association of School Leadership Switzerland
- Gudrun Wolters-Vogeler, Association of School Leadership Germany

After an introduction by Prof. Dr. Stephan Huber, the conference theme will be addressed from a broad variety of perspectives by other renowned national and international experts and researchers:

- Prof. Dr. Kai Niebert, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- Prof. Abdeljalil Akkari, University of Geneva such as UNESCO, Switzerland
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Helga Aune, University of Oslo, Norway
- Prof. Dr. Alma Harris, University of Swansea, England
- Prof. Dr. Hui-Ling Wendy Pan, Tamkang University, Taiwan
- Prof. Dr. Jonathan Supovitz, University of Pennsylvania, USA
- Prof. Dr. Michelle Young, University of Virginia, USA
- Prof. Dr. Romuald Normand, University of Strasbourg, France
- Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Böttcher, University of Munster, Germany

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2. Parallel Program: Exciting contributions and innovative formats in the German-, English- and French-speaking Parallel Program

The Parallel Program (September 26) includes more than 300 sessions (workshops and presentations) which will be provided in English, French and German. The formats enable dialogue, exchange and learning across state and country borders and aim to bridge knowledge and expertise from science and practice. **Read more**

3. Pre- and Post-Conference: International Seminar and Science Forum in addition to the Main Conference

Check out the options of the Pre- and Post-Conference. **Read more about Pre-Conference**
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4. Register now - sometimes only a few places available

Since more than 650 participants from more than 50 countries have already registered, there are only a few places left:

- Pre-Conference "International Seminar": only a few places left
- Pre-Conference, school visits (and educational authorities) in the Canton of Zug: almost fully booked
- Gala Dinner: only 35 seats left

Secure your participation now. **Read more**

5. More information

- **Conference-Speakers**: all Conference-Speakers at a glance
- **Flyer**: Flyer in German, English, French and Spanish for download
- **Trailer and Filmclips**: short filmclips show participants' experiences from previous conferences, the conference atmosphere as well as content and formats of the Symposium

6. Information from partners

6.1 International exchange as a practice-oriented professional development for teachers and school leaders

The German- and English-speaking workshop of the Swiss National Agency for Exchange and Mobility Movetia (September 26) brings together school leaders from Switzerland with colleagues from neighboring countries and Scandinavia. The focus is on exchange and networking. This will create the basis for

- joint projects to exchange successful practice,
- longer term partnerships and
- international networking of schools.

How international learning communities and mutual visits can contribute to school development is also demonstrated by Frank Brückel (PH Zurich) in his workshop.

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6.2 Best booking flexibility with SWISS

Please note: Swiss International Air Lines as Official Carrier for the WELS 2019 offers all participants up to 10% discount on the standard fares.

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For the last 12 years the Symposium has been the largest international congress in Europe on education leadership. 800 experts working in different fields of practice and research from around 50 countries worldwide discuss challenges and solutions for education and schools for tomorrow. In 2017, 1100 experts from 76 countries around the world discussed what tomorrow's schools should be like in 100 speeches, paper presentations, and workshops with around 200 speakers. The conference languages are English, French and German; simultaneous translation is provided for the entire plenary program. The parallel program is mainly in English or German with some sessions in French.

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