

# WERA NEWS

World Educational Research Association

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## World Education Research Association Formally Recognized in Vienna

**WASHINGTON, DC, September 21, 2009**—The World Education Research Association (WERA), a major new scholarly society with a global reach, will be formally recognized in ceremonies on September 29, 2009 in Vienna Austria. The event marks the end of more than two years of intensive effort by representatives of education research associations from around the world to establish a new forum to advance and share scholarly knowledge on education on an international scale.

Officially established in San Diego, California on April 18, 2009, WERA now has 25 national, regional, and international specialty research association members. These Associations represent more than 60.000 researchers around the world. WERA's member associations are resolved to work together to address such issues as building capacity and interest in education research, advancing education research policies and practices, and promoting the use and application of education research worldwide. WERA aims to undertake initiatives that are global in nature and thus transcend what any one association can accomplish in its own country, region, or area of specialization.

Prof. Dr. Ingrid Gogolin, Professor of Education at Hamburg University, Germany and immediate Past President of the European Educational Research Association (EERA), is Interim President. Dr. Felice Levine, Executive Director of the American Educational Research Association in Washington, DC is Interim Secretary General. They were elected to these offices in May 2009 and serve until May 2010.

With WERA's official launch and election of its two top leaders, the new WERA Council will hold its first meeting September 26-27, 2009 in Vienna. Special Inaugural events open to the public will be held on September 29 from 9:00 to 12:00 hours (Main University Building, Großer Festsaal). These include a founding ceremony and an international symposium on "Cumulative Knowledge, the Advancement of Theory, and Research Rigor in Education Research."

The founding ceremony will welcome the following distinguished guests:

- Dr. Elisabeth Freismuth (Director General, Federal Ministry of Science and Research)
- Dr. Erhard Busek (Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe, and Rector, Salzburg University of Applied Sciences),
- Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Arthur Mettinger (Vice Rector for Educational Program Development and Internationalization) and
- Univ. Prof. Dr. Stefan Thomas Hopmann M.A (University of Vienna, Chair of Local Organizing Committee ECER 2009).

WERA is being hosted by the European Educational Research Association (EERA) during its annual European Conference on Educational Research (ECER).

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