

CONFERENCE STRANDS

Cross-Multi Disciplinary Learning & Innovation

*Affective Factors in Learning
Intelligence
Inventive & Insightful Thinking
Thinking Skills*

Enterprise in Education

*Design of Learning Environment
Development in Engaged Learning
Problem-based Learning
Project Work*

New Paradigms in Teacher Education

*Innovative Strategies for Engaged Learning
New Trends in Educational Research
Entrepreneurship Development
Industrial Attachment*

Diversity in Curriculum Development & Practices

*Aesthetics, Music & Dance
Humanities
Language
Science & Mathematics Education
Sports Science
IT & e-Learning*

School Reforms & Leadership

*Global Trends & Development
Leadership and Management
Real World Learning*

New Directions in Educational Research

*Cross-Cultural Research
Psychological Research
Quantitative & Qualitative Approaches
Research in Cultural Development*

Student Performance & Assessment

*Assessment of Creativity & Innovation
Curriculum Innovation
Workplace Assessment*

ERAS PROFILE

The Educational Research Association of Singapore (ERAS) was established in 1986 as a non-profit organisation to promote the cause of educational excellence in Singapore and the region via the conduct, promotion and use of relevant educational research. ERAS is very aware of the need to involve practitioners in defining and finding solutions to educational problems and issues. Hence, the ERAS aims to:

- promote the practice and utilisation of educational research with a view to enhancing the quality of education;
- promote and facilitate collaborative research efforts;
- improve the training and facilities for educational personnel;
- promote critical discussion of problems, methods, presentation and use of educational research;
- disseminate educational research findings; and
- facilitate closer ties with the international research community.

Diversity for Excellence: Engaged Pedagogies

**29th – 31st May 2006
Orchard Hotel**



**Educational Research Association
of Singapore**

Website: www.eras.org.sg

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Message from the ERAS President

Dear Colleagues & Friends,

Today's education reflects the changing nature of knowledge and participation in learning. As knowledge is growing at an ever-increasing speed, information gets fragmented if we are unable to integrate learning from different disciplines and develop strategies for reflective, in-depth learning.

The pace of change continues to accelerate. Policies, rules and norms are changing. Social and cultural standards are becoming more relativistic. Competition for resources appears to be more intense and expectations are higher. As knowledge and learning takes on new dimensions, we need to be highly adaptive in our modes of inquiry, to search and re-search, to learn from our experience and the experience of others. One thing is sure in today's education: More is not the answer. Hence, it is timely that the theme of the ERAS 2006 conference is ***Diversity for Excellence: Engaged Pedagogies***.

Once again we welcome local, regional and international participation to "construct" and bring this theme to fruition as we reflect on the multiple dynamics and take on multiple perspectives to contribute to the exciting field of education and educational research. Apart from educational researchers and teacher educators we also like to make a special call to classroom teachers to share their ideas and innovations.

The ERAS 2006 Conference also calls for a special celebration: our 20th anniversary. It will be a great time of getting together as we reflect on the milestones, legacies, inspirations and future frontiers whilst we mark 20 years of educational research in Singapore.

I look forward to welcoming you at this landmark conference.

Tan Oon Seng

A/P Tan Oon Seng PhD
President, Educational Research Association of Singapore

Invitation from the ERAS 2006 Conference Convenors

Dear Members & Friends,

It gives us great pleasure to organise and welcome all of you to the ERAS 2006 Conference.

We trust that the ERAS 2006 conference theme "*Diversity for Excellence: Engaged Pedagogies*" will see an even larger crowd with diverse representations from education, business and industry, both locally and internationally. By understanding how these engaged pedagogies differ across disciplines and within interdisciplinary programmes, we will be updated on the best innovative teaching strategies within and across the disciplines to empower and foster the habits of mind of our students in this fast changing world. The conference strands will provide a platform for sharing the latest innovative ideas on engaged pedagogical knowledge and professional know-how, as well as best practices in the widest range of educational practices and programmes. We trust that this event will be an important meeting place for professionals, educationists, researchers, entrepreneurs and even parents to exchange ideas and consider collaborative research work.

We trust you will join us to share your insights and critically examine these engaged pedagogies that will empower and deepen our students' learning and nurture the habits of mind and practice for life-long learning. For all our foreign participants, may you also find the opportunity to explore Singapore and experience a pleasant and invigorating stay.

Jessie Ee

Ho Boon Tiong

Dr Jessie Ee
Conference Convenor

Dr Ho Boon Tiong
Conference Convenor

ERAS 2006 Conference Keynote Speakers



Professor Yin Cheong, CHENG is the President of the Asia-Pacific Educational Research Association (APERA). He is also the Director of the Centre for Institutional Research and Development of the Hong Kong Institute of Education and the Head of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Education Leadership and School Quality. He has published internationally 18 academic books and nearly 200 book chapters and academic journal articles on educational leadership, school effectiveness, paradigm shift in education, and management reform. Some of his publications have been translated into Chinese, Hebrew, Korean, Spanish, Czech, and Thai languages. He is at present serving on the advisory boards of 9 international journals. Prof. Cheng's research has won him a number of international awards and recognition including the Awards for Excellence from the Literati Club in UK in 1994, 1996-98, 2001, 2004 and 2005. In recent few years, Prof. Cheng has been invited to give over 30 keynote/plenary presentations by national and international organizations such as, APEC, UNESCO, UNICEF, ICER, ICSEI, IBO, Ford Foundation, etc.



Prof. David Hogan is Professor and Vice Dean for Research Methodology at Centre for Research Practices & Pedagogies in NIE. Prior to that, he was Professor of Education at the University of Tasmania, and before that, an Assistant Professor and Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania. Prof Hogan has written extensively about the history of education in the US and won a series of awards for his work, including the American Educational Research Association Outstanding Book Award (1986), the Henry Barnard Prize, the History of Education Society Award, a Spencer Fellowship and a National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship.



Prof. Julian (Joe) Elliott is currently Professor of Education at the University of Durham, England. Formerly a teacher in mainstream and special schools, he subsequently practised as an educational psychologist before entering higher education in 1990. After fourteen years at the University of Sunderland where he was latterly Acting Dean, he returned to Durham, where he was an undergraduate in the 1970s. His research interests include behaviour management, achievement motivation, dynamic assessment, cognitive education and special education. Recent books that he has co-authored, include *Children in Difficulty: A guide to Understanding and Helping* (2nd edition), Routledge Press (2004) and "Frameworks for Thinking", Cambridge University Press (2005). He is the Immediate Past President of the International Association for Cognitive Education and Psychology. Much of the material covered in his presentation will be drawn from a series of journal studies that have been synthesised to produce his most recent co-authored book: *Motivation, Engagement and Educational Performance*, published by Macmillan Palgrave (2005).



Prof. Susan Adler is Professor of Education and Director of Teacher Education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She has been a social studies educator for many years, as a teacher and a teacher educator. She is a past president of the National Council for the Social Studies (2000 – 2001) and served on the NCSS Task Force in the development of curriculum standards for social studies. She is also a member of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners and a widely sought after consultant on curriculum design and development. She was a recent Visiting Senior Fellow at the National Institute of Education, Singapore.

Educational Research Association of Singapore 2006 Conference

Theme of Conference: *Diversity for Excellence: Engaged Pedagogies*

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PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

In addition to plenary sessions where keynote speakers will address the whole assembly, concurrent sessions will be organised in the following format:

Paper Sessions (1.5 hours)

3 paper presentations per session * 30 minutes per paper inclusive of questions and answers

Symposium (1.5 hours)

Presentations by a team on one specific strand * at least 3 presenters for each symposium

Workshops (3 hours)

Skill-based, hands-on sessions featuring on application of ideas

Poster Presentations (1.5 hours)

Presentation of poster by individual to interested members

Guidelines on Submission of Abstracts

Each paper author or symposium; workshop facilitator or poster presenter must submit:

- An abstract of not more than **200 words** together with a completed Proposal Form with **three keywords** to the Conference Secretariat via email or hard copy by **Saturday, 31st December 2005**

Deadline of Conference Proceedings

Once the abstract submission has been accepted, the presenter is required to send an electronic copy of the **full paper by Saturday, 1st April 2006** if they wish to be included in the conference proceedings (in CD-Rom Format) that will be compiled for all conference participants at the ERAS Conference 2006.

Language of Delivery: English

Registration Fees:

The full registration fee covers daily lunch, tea breaks and conference materials. Registration fees are as follows:

	<u>Early Bird</u> (on & before 15th March 06)	<u>Normal</u> (after 15th March 06)
a. Full participants		
ERAS Members	\$ 350	\$ 400
Non-ERAS Members*	\$ 400	\$ 450
School participants (group bookings of 3 or more)**	\$ 350 per person	\$ 400 per person
b. Day participants ***	\$ 180	

- Non-ERAS members' registration fees is inclusive of one year's ordinary membership fees.

** **School group bookings of 3 or more will be given free ERAS Corporate Membership**

*** For participants who attend only one day of the conference. **Paper presenters cannot register as day participants.**

Tours and Accommodation

Conference Hotels

For hotel bookings, please download the hotel booking form from the conference website.

The booking may be done on-line or via fax.

Orchard Hotel Singapore

442 Orchard Road, Singapore 238879

Hotel website: <http://www.orchardhotel.com.sg>

DID: (65) 6739-6688 Fax: (65) 67396606 (Attn: Priscilla)

Email: enquiry@orchardhotel.com.sg

Daily deluxe room rates at S\$ 180 +++

Breakfast at S\$20+++ per day

RELC International Hotel

30 Orange Grove Road, Singapore 258352

Hotel website: <http://www.relc.org.sg>

DID: (65) 6885-7888 Fax: (65) 6733-9976

Email: relcih@singnet.com.sg

Please indicate on the form: "Booking for ERAS Conference 2006"

Daily room rates S\$85++ (inclusive of breakfast)

Tours

For tour bookings, please download the Tour East Booking

Form at the Conference website: <http://www.eras.org.sg>

Conference Secretariat

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Registration Form

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Email: events@raveproductions.com.sg **(Photocopies of this form are acceptable.)**

Please print your name in capital letters.

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Prof) _____

Postal Address _____

Institutional Affiliation _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Category of Registration *Please tick the right box.*

- Full Participant (ERAS member)
- Full Participant (non-ERAS member)
- Day Participant (State date:)
- Group Participation (State number:)

Food Preference *Please tick one box.*

- Chinese
- Vegetarian
- Halal / Muslim

Please register me for the conference.

For local participants:

I enclose a cheque for S\$_____ made payable to **EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE** Bank / Cheque No. is _____

For international participants:

I enclose a bank draft for S\$_____ made payable to **EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE (only in Singapore Dollars).**

Date of submission of Registration _____ Signature: _____

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations must be received in writing **(by mail or fax, quoting your Conference Registration Number and duly signed)** no later than 20 April 2006; a S\$70 processing fee will be charged. Cancellations through emails are not accepted. Refund cheques will be mailed after 30 June 2006. **No refunds will be given for cancellations made after 20 April 2006.**

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Date received: _____ Bank/Cheque No: _____
Receipt Number: _____

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Proposal Form

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Alternatively, you may send this proposal form (with abstract) by POST to: Conference Secretariat (Attn: Angela), Rave Productions, 71 Ubi Crescent #04-05, Excalibur Centre, Singapore 408571 or FAX: (65) 6282 8713 to ERAS 2004 Conference Secretariat (Attn: Angela) or EMAIL events@raveproductions.com.sg

Choose **ONE** method of submission only, either through the Conference website or via post / fax / email. Remember to complete **both** sides of this insert in your submission together with your abstract.

PRIMARY PRESENTER

Name _____
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Fax _____ Email _____

ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS *Please list the name(s), affiliation(s) and address (es) of co-presenter(s).*

Name (1) _____ Name (2) _____

Affiliation _____ Affiliation _____

Address _____ Address _____

PRESENTATION *Please submit on a separate page with this form, an abstract of not more than 200 words.*

Title _____

Key Words _____

FORMAT OF PRESENTATION Selected Conference papers will be published in Conference Proceedings.

Paper Symposium Workshop Poster Presentation

STRAND *Please tick one box.*

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 Student Performance & Assessment New Directions in Educational Research

AV EQUIPMENT Every room will have standard equipment (e.g. overhead projector, LCD projector and whiteboard). Others (please specify and make your own arrangements)