
UPDATE ON THE LIVERPOOL CONFERENCE

BERA 93 Conference

The programme for the conference is filling up. 25 symposia, 32 papers and 4 round tables have been accepted. Late applications will be accepted until the end of April.

The Conference is being held in Liverpool, Friday 10th September - Monday 13th September. It is an international event with papers presented by visitors from Australia, New Zealand, Malta, Hong Kong and Scotland. Beside the academic business, there will be a social programme which includes an Albert Dock Soiree. Booking forms will be sent to all BERA members before the end of June. Further details can be obtained from the BERA Conference Office, Department of Education, University of Liverpool, Liverpool L69 3BX; tel. 051-794-2514/2512 (fax), email <BERA @liverpool.uk.ac>.

The Annual BERA Conference provides a forum at which research into educational issues can be reported, discussed and evaluated. The 1993 theme is 'Partnerships in Educational Research'. The conference organising committee is convened by David Hamilton and includes BERA members from local schools, Liverpool Education Authority, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Liverpool University.

Location

The Conference will be held on the Carnatic Halls site of Liverpool University, an ideal conference setting extensively landscaped, with lawns, shrubs and parking facilities. The Carnatic Halls site is ten minutes walk from Mossley Hill, a suburban train station that is nine minutes by rail from Liverpool Lime Street station. Liverpool is also well served by motorways and a small airport. International visitors can also use Manchester Airport (50km).

Conference Proceedings

The Conference is arranged around symposia (several presentations around a common theme); paper sessions (several papers on related themes); round table (i.e. discussion) sessions; a book exhibition; the BERA AGM; social events; the Lawrence Stenhouse Memorial Lecture; and the Presidential Address - given in 1993, by Professor Desmond Nuttall. Non-members are warmly welcome to attend and to present papers.

Accommodation

Conference accommodation offers full board in single

rooms (no double rooms) in Dale Hall; and the symposia, papers and lectures are held in various locations on the Carnatic Halls site.

Bookings

Conference booking forms, with details of conference costs, will be automatically circulated to BERA members in May 1993. Non-BERA members can also be circulated with conference application forms by writing to the conference office.

Disabled Access

The ground floor of Sale Hall (accommodation) has good access; and reasonable access, with ramps and lifts, is afforded in the remaining locations.

Symposia Proposals

BERA Symposia usually run for 90 to 180 minutes, depending upon the number of presenters. Symposium proposals (3 copies) should be submitted to the conference office.

They should comprise:

- The symposium title
- Name, address and phone number of convener
- List of likely participants and titles
- Indication of preference for a 90 or 180 minute allocation
- A stamped envelope with the convener's address.

Following acceptance of the proposal, conveners will be expected to furnish full details for the Conference programme, including abstracts (not more than 200 words per paper), **before 30th April**. Scheduling difficulties means that it is not possible to allocate specific dates for the symposia until after 30th April; but preference is likely to be given to proposals submitted early. The convener of each symposium will be responsible for the organisation of the session and the time-keeping of presenters.

Paper Proposals

BERA is anxious to provide opportunities for paper presentation, particularly for beginner-researchers. Three or four related papers are usually allocated to a 90-minute evening session. To allow for questions and discussion, presentations should not last much longer than 15 minutes. Paper proposals (3 copies) should be submitted before 1st March 1993 and comprise

- The paper title
- Name, address and phone number of presenter(s)
- Abstract (around 200 words) and
- A stamped envelope with the presenter's address

Following acceptance of the proposal, presenters are requested to confirm their title and abstract for the Conference programme before 30th April. As with the symposia scheduling, difficulties means that it is not possible to allocate specific dates for the presentations until after 30th April; but preference is likely to be given to proposals submitted early. The chairperson of each paper session will be responsible for the organisation of the session and the time-keeping of presenters.

Round Table Proposals

Round tables take the form of 90-minute discussions, if you are interested in convening a topic, please follow the procedures indicated for the Paper

Proposals - with your 200-word 'abstract' offering further details of the likely scope of the discussion.

Audio-visual Equipment

Each conference room will be furnished with an overhead projector. Presenters wishing additional equipment should notify the organisers when they submit their confirmations

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