"The mission of the International Reading Association is to promote reading by continuously advancing the quality of literacy instruction and research worldwide."

IT’S OFFICIAL: IRA’S COUNCIL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TO BE HELD IN TAMPA, JULY 10TH -13TH

The International Reading Association is pleased to announce the location for the 2014 Council Leadership Academy: Sheraton Tampa East Hotel in Tampa, Florida. As we continue to build upon the work that began in Minneapolis last year, at the 2013 Council Leadership Academy, we remain committed to providing our councils with more detailed, hands-on training to assist each council with operating more effectively and efficiently. That is what you will find with the schedule of events to be held at the 2014 Academy this coming July. All state/provincial/local/student/special interest council leaders and members are highly encouraged to attend this extensive training event. Detailed program and registration information for the Academy can be found by visiting the CLA site. We also recommend including the CLA logo and link to the CLA site on your council website in order to assist in promoting this exciting event. Please contact the Council Advisory Team for more information on obtaining these resources.

Join the Council Advisors for an informal Meet & Greet in New Orleans
Sunday, May 11, 2014  3:30m - 4:30pm
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 255

59TH ANNUAL IRA CONFERENCE - COUNCIL EVENT SCHEDULE
Please join IRA Council Advisors, Angela Rivell and Tiffany Sears, for the following events in New Orleans:

Friday, May 9, 6:00 – 9:00PM, Council and Affiliate Award Ceremony
New Orleans Marriott, Acadia Grand Ballroom
The Council and Affiliate Awards Ceremony recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of our North American Councils, International Affiliates, and their dedicated leaders. Dessert reception will immediately follow in the Bissonet Ballroom.

Saturday, May 10, 11:00AM – 1:00PM, IRA Council Transformation Program Session, Morial Convention Center, Room 354
Participants will receive information on the new Council Transformation Program. This program is helping to provide councils with valuable training, tools and templates that will help Councils become more successful and sustainable. This session will also introduce Council leaders to new and exciting products and services IRA is developing for Council support.

Sunday, May 11, 11:00AM – noon, IRA Council Poster Session, Morial Convention Center, Council Poster Area (near escalator #8)
Representatives from our State/Provincial Councils will be on hand to share the wonderful work they are doing within their communities. This poster session will display components of current Council programs and initiatives.

Sunday, May 11, 1:00 – 2:00PM, Exemplary Reading Award Poster Session, Morial Convention Center, Council Poster Area (near escalator #8)
Representatives from schools that received this year’s Exemplary Reading Program Award will display components of their reading program and share information about its most innovative and successful components.

Sunday, May 11, 3:30 – 4:30PM, IRA Council Advisor Informal Meet & Greet, Morial Convention Center, Room 255
Council Advisors Angela Rivell and Tiffany Sears will hold an informal meet and greet for our Council Leaders. We look forward to seeing you there!
LEADERSHIP CONNECTION
A Newsletter for IRA Council and Affiliate Leaders

International Session Schedule

59th Annual IRA Conference – International Session Schedule

Please join members of the Global Operations Unit for the following sessions in New Orleans:

Saturday, May 10, 11am–12pm, Room 338
Presentation: Global Literacy Professional Development Network (GLPDN) in Bangladesh and Indonesia
Presenters: Amy Pallangyo, IRA Global Program Coordinator, co-presenting with Ms. Etty Hoesein, Project Coordinator-Indonesia and Mr. Nafiz Khan, Project Coordinator – Bangladesh.

Saturday, May 10, 3pm–5pm Room 237
Presentation: Literary promotion in Europe
Presentation type: International Development in Europe Committee Symposium
Title: What works for literacy? Lessons from European literacy research and projects
Presenters: Meeli Pandis SOS Children’s Villages International (EstRA) Tallinn, Estonia and former IDEC chair
Title: Reading in transition period. Longitudinal study of Estonian students reading skills and habits after re-independence.
Presenter: Katrin Poom-Valickis Tallinn University (EstRA), Tallinn, Estonia
Title: Targeted support to struggling readers during elementary years
Presenter: Sirpa Eskelä-Haapanen, University of Jyväskylä
Title: Literacy promotion in Austria – the contribution of public libraries
Presenter: Verena Gangl: ALA – Austrian Literacy Association, Graz, Austria
Title: ELINET – The European Literacy Policy Network – a Milestone in European Literacy Policies (2014 – 2016)
Presenters: Christine Garbe, University of Cologne, Germany, German Society for Reading and Writing; David Mallows Institute of Education, University of London, England; Renate Valtin, German Association of Reading and Writing, Berlin, Germany; William G. Brozo, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA USA

Sunday, May 11, 11–1PM, Room 240-241
Session Type: Global Literacy Projects
Title: Improving the Quality of Education in Sierra Leone: The Catholic Relief Service Food For Education Experience
Presenters: William L. Edwards, IRA Volunteer and Jeanie Cozens, IRA Volunteer and Associate Professor in the Department of Teacher Education at Missouri Southern State University, and Naoko Kamioka, Senior Technical Advisor for Education at Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Title: Jamaica Basic Project
Presenter: Janel Hoppe Poche, Director of Development, Juarez & Associates
Title: Tanzania 21st Century Basic Education Program.
Presenters: Sakil Malik, International Senior Associate and Project Director and Lynn Evans, Senior Associate from Creative Associates.
Title: Literacy in and outside the classroom: System approaches to fostering literacy acquisition and development
Presenter: Carol DeShano da Silva, Team Leader, Literacy & Learning, FHI 360

INTERNATIONAL SESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 11, 3–6PM, Room 240-241
Session Type: IDCC Symposium and Reception
Topic: Meeting the 21st Century Global Literacy Challenge: Quality Learning and Outcomes
Title: Links Between a National System of Evaluation and School Based Enhanced Literacy Teaching and Learning
Presenter: Heather Bell, Principal of Rosebank School in Auckland, New Zealand and IRA Board Member
Title: Measuring Outcomes: the Value of Good Indicators
Presenter: Lynn Losert: Education Development Specialist, JBS International
Title: Can the world read? The challenges of global monitoring
Presenter: Manuel Enrique Cardoso, Learning Outcomes Section, UNESCO Institute for Statistics

SHARING RESOURCES

- 2nd Annual Council Leadership Academy Article
- UNESCO Education site
- 59th Annual Convention Reading Today Online Articles
- Reading Today Online: Councils, SIG’s and Affiliates Highlights
- Reading Today Online: Council Leader as Member of the Month

CONFERENCE UPDATES

- Council and Affiliate Awards Ceremony and Reception Friday, May 9th 6:00 – 9:00 pm ET.
- Clock Hour and Certificate of Attendance information available online beginning May 13th