



MIE RESEARCH WEEK 2017

CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

Date: Wed 12th to Friday 14th July 2017

Time: 09:30 - 12:30 hrs

Venue: Mauritius Institute of Education, Reduit

Theme: RESEARCH IN EDUCATION: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Research in Education is central to knowledge development and is at the core of innovative practices that are relevant to curricular aims and cater to the needs of learners. In the current context of educational reform, research in education acquires deeper significance as it serves to inform policy and to ensure that the educational system meets the geopolitical educational pointers and global development frameworks. Conducting research is, however, not always a smooth and linear process.

To give more impetus to research in Education and recognise the inherent challenges and issues in the process, the MIE Research Unit is organising a research week whereby researchers will have the opportunity to share completed or on-going educational research projects, as well as discuss challenges they have met in the field. The 2017 edition of the research week will provide a platform for the community of researchers to showcase education-related research initiatives and outcomes, and, additionally, to encourage more academics at the local level to engage in research for knowledge advancement.

Scope

Abstracts which address theory and applications, as well as describe innovative research projects and methodologies are encouraged around the following strands:

- Teaching and Learning
- Curriculum Development
- Assessment
- Methodological Issues in Educational Research

Abstracts for paper presentations are to be submitted as per the provided guidelines and template.

Paper Presentations

Presentation time: 30 minutes *(includes 10 minutes for question time)*

Paper presentation proposals should include:

- An extended abstract of 800-1000 words *(see section on Guidelines for Format and use template provided).*
- A 150-word *(max)* narrative biography of the presenter(s). The biography will be used by the Session Chair to introduce the Paper Presenter.

Guidelines for Format of Extended Abstracts (as per template)

- Microsoft Word format.
- A4 page (210-297 mm) with top and bottom margins of 2.5 cm (1 inch), right and left margins of 2.5 cm (1 inch).
- Titles, in Times New Roman font (14 point), should be in bold and should appear in the centre at the top.
- Authors'/Presenters' names, which should be written in Times New Roman font (12 point), should appear below the title and should be centred. Each name should be presented in the following format: first name, middle initial (if applicable), and last name. A superscript numeral should designate the author's/presenter's organization. For each separate organization, the superscript numeral should appear followed by the respective address.
- The body of the abstract/proposal should be written in Times New Roman (12 point) and should be single-spaced.
- Contact information should be given for the author serving as primary contact. This information should include the name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address of the contact person. The e-mail address should be double-checked, since it will be used as the primary means for contacting the author(s).
- Each extended abstract should be between 800-1000 words, excluding references.
- 6-8 references should be included, APA style. (check <http://www.apastyle.org/> for more details).
- 4-6 keywords should be listed.
- A sufficiently detailed description of your work should be provided to allow reviewers to assess its relevance. It should include an introduction, methods (if applicable), findings and/or arguments, conclusion and recommendations. It can contain figures, tables and/or images.

Email your abstract (as per guidelines above and using the provided template) to Mrs Neelam Bheem Singh (n.bheem Singh@mieonline.org; researchunit@mieonline.org) by 5th June 2017.

Guidelines for the format of abstracts and a soft copy of the template are also available on the MIE website at www.mie.ac.mu.

Acceptance of Abstracts

Each abstract will be blind-reviewed by two reviewers. Once an abstract is accepted, the presentation will be scheduled in the programme of the Research Week.

Important Dates to Remember

Deadline for submission of abstract/proposal	5 th June 2017
Notification of acceptance for presentations	Monday 19 th June 2017
Deadline for submission of full papers	To be communicated later

Publications/Proceedings

All accepted abstracts for paper presentation will appear in the Research Week Abstract Book/CD-ROM that will be made available to all participants at the start of the Research Week. After the research week, authors of paper presentations will be invited to submit full papers. These may be considered for publication in a special edition of the MIE Journal of Education.