

**BERA 98 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE****British Educational Research Association Annual Conference****THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST**

Student conference: 26-27 August 1998

Main conference: 27-30 August 1998



The Conferences for 1998 are being hosted by Queen's University Belfast. Members should note that the dates are earlier than recent practice, because of differences in the educational calendar in Northern Ireland. The submission of a wide range of papers, in terms of both content and format is encouraged. As part of BERA's aim to promote discussion within the educational research community, as well as between researchers, policy makers and practitioners, the co-ordinators of BERA 98 are calling for papers which address topical issues in education. We are interested in having individual papers, symposia, structured poster sessions, posters, round table discussions, workshops and discussion papers. For details of bursaries available to students see opposite page.

The joint co-ordinators of the Local Committee are John D'Arcy, Tony Gallagher, Margaret Rea and John Johnson (Student Conference). The Conference Secretariat is (as for BERA 97) IFAB Communications at University of York.

Please note that BERA Executive Council has ruled (20 October 1997) that **all participants** must pay the appropriate **registration** fee for the conference irrespective of how long they attend, except for rare instances which must have prior approval of the Local Committee and subsequently notified to Council.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The closing date for the receipt of all submissions to either conference is **Friday 30 January 1998**. These should be in the form of 100 word abstracts. This applies to both **individual presentations** and the **contributions to symposia**. They should be sent to BERA98 at IFAB, University of York following directions set out in the booklet enclosed with this *RI*.

**BOOKING**

Booking forms should be returned to IFAB, University of York before the closing date of **3 July 1998** (or before **8 May** for reduced registration fee).

**A booklet giving further details is enclosed with this copy of *Research Intelligence*.**

## BERA 98 - Special deal for students

BERA Executive Council is making special arrangements for student members who wish to participate in either of the BERA 98 conferences in Belfast next August.

The cost of participation in the student conference is £85. This includes registration, accommodation and meals for the duration of the student conference. Participants who wish to stay on for the main conference will only have to pay a discounted registration fee of £35. The cost of accommodation and meals are extra, as detailed on the booking form.

The Council has agreed arrangements for bursaries for students. Fixed rate bursaries are available on the following basis:

Student conference registration, accommodation and meals:	£85
Registration for main conference:	£35
Contribution to travel costs:	£70
Contribution to accommodation and meals:	£100

The maximum bursary available to an individual is £290.

In order to receive a bursary, applicants (1) must be members of BERA, and (2) must be presenting a paper at either the student or main conference. (Applications for membership - on a membership form available from the BERA Office in Edinburgh and with appropriate cheque enclosed - made at the same time as registration will be accepted).

Thereafter the criteria for the allocation of bursaries will be in this order of preference:

- first preference will go to full-time postgraduate students;
- second preference will go to part-time postgraduate students not working in the tertiary sector;
- third preference will go to part-time postgraduate students working in the tertiary sector on temporary or proportional contracts.

Any postgraduate students who have a paper accepted for the student conference and are members of BERA will automatically have their £85 registration fee paid.

Anyone who wishes to apply for a bursary should include a letter with their conference booking form. The letter should state clearly the level of bursary that is being applied for, their status in relation to the criteria above and their BERA membership number.

The letter of application and conference booking form must be submitted along with the abstract of the paper by Friday 30 January - which is the closing date for the call for all papers.

All abstracts, applications, booking forms, and enquiries about the meeting, should be addressed to the conference secretariat: BERA98, IFAB Communications, Department of Biology, University of York, PO Box 373, York, YO1 5YW Tel: 01 904 432 940, Fax: 01 904 433 029, Email: biocomms@york.ac.uk

## BERA 98 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE web site information

Up-to-date information about both main and student conferences can be accessed on the world wide web at:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/biol/web/symposia/bera.htm>

which can be reached directly or from the BERA home page at <http://www.scre.ac.uk/bera>