

DISES Goes to San Diego!

Plans are well underway for DISES events at the 2015 CEC Convention and Expo in San Diego, April 7-11, 2015. In addition to a full program of 24 presentations and posters (see list below), a number of special events are planned.

Our DISES Showcase session is always a highlight of the conference. This year our Showcase on April 10 at 10:30 is entitled “**Becoming International: Benefits of Reaching Out Around the World.**” This year, we will hear about the experiences of three DISES members who received Fulbright awards to work with and learn from professionals in another country, immersed in education issues in a different culture. Our presenters include *Sarah Anderson*, Mayville State University and Norway; *Rebekka Jez*, Loyola Marymount University and South Africa; and *Sami Basha*, Palestine and Northwestern University.

Because of our proximity to Mexico, we have also arranged for two Invited Sessions that will be presented in the Spanish language, one of which includes a panel of Latino parents:

- *Facilitating and Sustaining Home-School Collaborative Partnerships with Latino Families:* Friday, 4/10 (10:30 AM)
- *Latino Family Voices: Barriers Families Face in Ensuring FAPE for Children with Disabilities* (Latino parent panel): Saturday, 4/11 (8:00 AM)

We recognize that many of our members come a considerable distance to attend the convention. To promote networking among attendees with international experiences or interests, we are planning an international drop-in event for Thursday afternoon (April 9). This provides a block of time and space for attendees to meet others in a more informal environment. We hope all DISES members will stop by for a chat and to make new connections.

Our Board of Directors will be busy with the work of the division early in the week. On Tuesday, April 7, the Board will be engaged in developing the strategic plan for 2016-2020. On Wednesday, April 8, they will meet all day for the annual Board of Directors meeting.

Our committees will also be holding their meetings on Friday, April 10. Two events of particular interest to all members are:

- April 10: 8:00 AM Authors and Reviewers Meeting: Journal for International Special Needs Education (JISNE)
- April 10: 9:15-AM Student meeting with the DISES Student Representative:

Then, of course, there are our major membership events on Friday, April 10, to which are warmly welcomed:

- 5:00-6:30 PM DISES Annual Business Meeting (all members welcome)
- 7:00-9:00 PM DISES Reception and Awards Presentations

We look forward to being together in San Diego. In our far-flung organization, our times to have face-to-face conversations are particularly important. We hope to see you there!

DISES Sessions at 2015 CEC Convention and Expo, San Diego CA
(Red events: Invited sessions)

Wednesday, 4/8

1:00-2:00 PM	Post-school Outcomes for At-Risk Students With High Needs in the Gulf Cooperative Council	Presentation
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Thursday, 4/9

8:00-9:00 AM	Australian Preservice Teacher Preparation in Managing Challenging Student Behaviors	Panel
8:00-8:45 AM	Special Education at International Schools: Current Services and Future Needs	Poster
9:15-10:15 AM	Bulgarian Inclusive Education: A Case Study of Partnership, Development, and Implementation	Panel
9:15-10:00 AM	Culturally Responsive Professional Development for Inclusive Education in Rural Malawi	Poster
9:15-10:00 AM	Work Environment and Job Opportunities for People with Disabilities in Salvador, Brazil	Poster
10:30 -11:30 AM	Showcase (DISES) - Becoming International: Benefits of Reaching Out Around the World	Panel
1:00-1:45 PM	The Development of Academic Support Services for University Students in Saudi Arabia	Poster
1:00 -2:00 PM	Transition and Post-school Issues in a Global Context	Multi-Presentation
2:15-3:15 PM	Fostering Disability Awareness in Sport Through an International Cultural Exchange	Presentation

Friday, 4/10

8:00 -8:45 AM	Teachers' Perceptions of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in K-12 Classrooms in Saudi Arabia.	Poster
9:15 -10:15 AM	Identification of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders: A Cultural Perspective	Panel
10:30-11:30 AM	Facilitating and Sustaining Home-School Collaborative Partnerships with Latino Families (Presented in Spanish)	Presentation
10:30 -11:15 AM	Inservice Training in AAC for Mexican Teachers in Inclusive Settings	Poster
1:00-1:45 PM	Knowledge in Autism Among General Education Teachers in Shanghai, China	Poster
2:15-3:00 PM	Exploring Special Education Teacher Learning in Mathematics in Primary Schools in Ireland	Poster
2:15 -3:15 PM	Integrating Global Contents Into Special Education Teacher Education Programs	Presentation
3:30 PM -4:30 PM	The Impact of New Legislation on the Implementation of Special Education in Finland	Presentation

Saturday, 4/11

8:00-8:45 AM	Current Challenges in Developing an Inclusive Education System in Japan	Poster
8:00-9:00 AM	Latino Family Voices: Barriers Families Face in Ensuring FAPE for Children with Disabilities (Presented in Spanish)	Panel
8:00 -9:00 AM	Stakeholder Communication and Collaboration in Transition Processes for Students With Disabilities	Presentation
10:30 11:15 AM	Assessment and Curriculum Supports for 1st Grade Students With Mild Disabilities in Tanzania	Poster
1:00-2:00 PM	Experiences of Expatriate Mothers Regarding Support Services for Children With Special Needs in Qatar	Presentation
1:00-1:45 PM	Working With Families: Verbal Behavior Programs for Taiwanese Children With Special Needs	Poster