



5th ENSEC Conference

Social Emotional Learning and Culture

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS



1 - 4 July 2015

Faculty of Human Kinetics

University of Lisbon, Portugal

ENSEC (The European Network for Social and Emotional Competence) is a growing network of European Researchers and Practitioners who are interested in children's and young people's social and emotional development, particularly in working to develop their resilience and their social and emotional competence. The network has been in existence now for seven years and has a growing and thriving membership right across the world. This conference builds on four previous successful and vibrant ENSEC Conferences in Malta, Turkey, UK and Croatia.

As an International network ENSEC draws together members from a diversity of cultures, geographically, linguistically, and of course professionally. Since our conferences and networking have always involved consideration of the cultural dimensions of social and emotional competencies, this year we have chosen to make this our focus.

We expect that the 5th ENSEC Conference dedicated to **Social Emotional Learning and Culture** will provide a valuable opportunity for researchers, and practitioners to discuss and disseminate their work. Delegates and previous participants will have the opportunity to find old friends from the previous conferences and make new friends, and additionally a unique occasion to visit and discover Lisbon, a modern city with lots of traditions!



Conference Chairs

Celeste Simões, Faculty of Human Kinetics, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Kathy Evans, Faculty of Life Sciences and Education, University of South Wales, United Kingdom

Conference Themes include but are not limited to:



- **Cross Cultural Perspectives on Social and Emotional Learning**
We would welcome presentations from delegates exploring both cross cultural understandings of social and emotional competency and cross cultural perspectives to understanding and facilitating social and emotional learning



- **Social and Emotional Learning and Professional Cultures**
Our membership draws on a number of professions engaged in similar tasks and here delegates could present on their own theoretical or practical explorations of inter-professional working, and could also provide a space to explore the sometimes conflicting cultures of practitioner and service user



- **Cross Cultural Perspectives on Resilience**
Many of our members are actively engaged in exploring the concept of resilience and what it lends to our work, and here we welcome presentations on cultural interpretations of resilience and developing resilience in service users



- **Comparative and International Methodologies**
Many of our network are engaged in the difficult task of exploring work in other countries than their own and making comparisons between ideas and strategies. This could be an opportunity for professionals to present theoretical responses to this challenge or to present their own international or comparative work



Conference Fees:



Before 31st January 2015

Full Registration	€350
Student Registration	€300
Group Registration (for 4 registrations)	€1050



After 31st January 2015

Full Registration	€400
Student Registration	€350
Group Registration (for 4 registrations)	€1200



Keynote Speakers



Sir Michael Rutter

Professor of Developmental Psychopathology, MRC, Social, Genetic and Developmental Psychiatry Research Centre, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London. F.R.S., F.B.A., FMedSci.
Special interests include Gene-Environment Interplay, The use of natural experiments to test hypotheses on causation, The biological embedding of experiences, Neurodevelopmental disorders (including autism, ADHD and SLI), Studies of psychosocial adversity.



Margarida Gaspar de Matos

Clinical and Health Psychologist. Full Professor at Lisbon University. Coordinates nationally several international research projects in the area of adolescents' health and mental health and wellbeing promotion, namely HBSC/WHO and youth-led promotion projects, Dream Teens, and supervised several PhD thesis in the area of health, psychology and education. Team member of several national and international agencies in the area of the evaluation of national programmes, research projects and quality of university teaching. More than 200 international circulation publications, books and chapters in the area of health promotion and youth positive development.



Birgitta Kimber

Special education teacher, licensed psychotherapist and has a PhD in public health (Karolinska Institute). She is currently affiliated to the Department of Public Health Science, School of Health and Medical Sciences, Orebro University, Orebro, Sweden. She has worked with children, teenagers and their families since 1974. She has written several books for teachers and also a social and emotional program for the ages 6-16 for Swedish schools. This program is also being used in Palestine, where she has worked in cooperation with the Palestinian Bible Society, starting via a SIDA funded project (SIDA, Swedish International Development Authority). She has published several articles mostly about the research connected with the promotion of mental health in Swedish schools.

Call for papers



Proposals for participation in the 2015 ENSEC Conference can be submitted in the following formats:

- Paper (full paper or work-in-progress)
- Symposium or Panel Presentation
- Workshop
- Poster
- Special session (brief presentations)

Email for abstract submission: ensec2015@fmh.ulisboa.pt

The 2015 ENSEC Scientific Committee now welcomes papers!

Abstracts should be submitted in English and should include:

- The names of the authors of the paper and their affiliations and email contact (if the paper has multiple authors then an author for correspondence' should be identified)
- The title of the paper
- An indication of your presentation preference (note: the Scientific Committee reserves the right to decide on the final allocation and presentation method).
- A 250 word overview of the presentation which could include:
 - Where the presentation presents primary research, the impact of the research on practice, policy or theory
 - Where the presentation presents a theoretical argument, the current context to the argument presented
 - The relevance of the presentation to the conference theme
 - The national or international significance of the presentation
 - 3-5 keywords

There is a limit of two contributed submissions per registered author

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Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31th October

Confirmation of acceptance of papers: 15th December (notification will be sent by email)



Conference registration will open soon!

*We look forward to seeing you at the
5th ENSEC Conference in Lisbon, 1-4 July 2015!*

Celestina & Mariana

