

President's Message

How to make and manage a curriculum, how to distribute limited resources, how to prepare teachers for classrooms that are both diverse and challenging, and how to structure relations between governments, parents, teachers and students are amongst the more pressing issues we are having to face in education today. While some countries have made significant strides in dealing with these issues, strikingly, in many parts of the world, answers remain elusive and inadequate.



It is in this climate of both opportunity and concern that the World Council of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES) presents itself as a meeting ground for sharing ideas, opening up new lines of thought and developing joint research initiatives. Coming together every three years and bringing together scholars from all over the globe, the WCCES has become a key international association for the discussion of education. Comparison is its focus and it is the research and practice of this, for expanding our understanding of key phenomena in education, that it seeks to deepen. Should you wish to join this endeavour, please feel free to contact one of the officers of the society or any its constituent societies.

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1. What is the WCCES ?

The WCCES is an international organisation of comparative education societies worldwide. It is an NGO in operational relations with UNESCO, and promotes research involving scholars in various countries. The WCCES is an umbrella body comprising 36 constituent societies.

2. What does the WCCES do ?

The WCCES advances the field of comparative education by bringing together national, regional and language-based comparative education societies in a common forum. It holds periodic World Congresses, and facilitates research through publication, provision of grants, and other activities.

3. Can I join the WCCES ?

Individuals cannot join the WCCES. Instead they are encouraged to join one or more of the constituent societies within the WCCES. Members of constituent societies receive discounted registration rates for World Congresses, and various other privileges. Addresses of the constituent societies are available on the website.

The WCCES President will be very glad to hear from groups who are considering forming or who have already formed comparative education societies, and which would like to become constituent societies of the WCCES.

World Congresses

World Council members normally meet every three years for a World Congress in which scholars, researchers and administrators interact with counterparts from around the globe on international issues concerning education. Previous Congresses have been:

I	Ottawa (Canada)	1970
II	Geneva (Switzerland)	1974
III	London (UK)	1977
IV	Tokyo (Japan)	1980
V	Paris (France)	1984
VI	Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)	1987
VII	Montreal (Canada)	1989
VIII	Prague (Czech Rep)	1992
IX	Sydney (Australia)	1996
X	Cape Town (South Africa)	1998
XI	Chungbuk (Korea)	2001
XII	Havana (Cuba)	2004
XIII	Sarajevo (Bosnia & Herzegovina)	2007



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Constituent Societies

- ❖ Asociación de Pedagogos de Cuba (Sección de Educación Comparada) (APC-SEC)
- ❖ Association Française pour le Développement de l'Éducation Comparée et des Échanges (AFDECE)
- ❖ Association Francophone d'Éducation Comparée (AFEC)
- ❖ Australian and New Zealand Comparative and International Education Society (ANZCIES)
- ❖ British Association for International and Comparative Education (BAICE)
- ❖ Bulgarian Comparative Education Society (BCES)
- ❖ China Comparative Education Society (CCES)
- ❖ Chinese Comparative Education Society - Taipei (CCES-T)
- ❖ Comparative Education Society of Asia (CESA)
- ❖ Comparative Education Society in Europe (CESE)
- ❖ Comparative Education Society of Hong Kong (CESHK)
- ❖ Comparative Education Society of India (CESI)
- ❖ Comparative Education Society of the Philippines (CESP)
- ❖ Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)
- ❖ Comparative and International Education Society of Canada (CIESC)
- ❖ Council on Comparative Education of Kazakhstan (CCEK)
- ❖ Czech Pedagogical Society (Comparative Education Section) (CPS-CES)
- ❖ Egyptian Comparative Education & Educational Administration Society (ECEEAS)
- ❖ Greek Comparative Education Society (GCES)
- ❖ Hungarian Pedagogic Society (Comparative Education Section) (HPS-CES)
- ❖ Israel Comparative Education Society (ICES)
- ❖ Japan Comparative Education Society (JCES)
- ❖ Korean Comparative Education Society (KCES)
- ❖ Mediterranean Society of Comparative Education (MESCE)
- ❖ Nederlandstalig Genootschap voor Vergelijkende Studie van Opvoeding en Onderwijs (NGVO)
- ❖ Nordic Comparative and International Education Society (NOCIES)
- ❖ Polish Comparative Education Society (PCES)
- ❖ Russian Council of Comparative Education (RCCE)
- ❖ Sektion International und Interkulturell Vergleichende Erziehungswissenschaft in der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft (SIIVEDGE)
- ❖ Sezione Italiana della CESE (SICESE)
- ❖ Sociedad Argentina de Estudios Comparados en Educación (SAECE)
- ❖ Sociedad Española de Educación Comparada (SEEC)
- ❖ Sociedad Mexicana de Educación Comparada (SOMEK)
- ❖ Sociedade Brasileira de Educação Comparada (SBEC)
- ❖ Southern African Comparative and History of Education Society (SACHES)
- ❖ Turkish Comparative Education Society (TUCES)

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