

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT !!
46th EARCOS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (ELC 2015)
October 28 (Preconference)
Oct. 29 - 31
Shangri-La Hotel Bangkok

INTRODUCTION The East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS) is proud to announce its **46th EARCOS Leadership Conference (ELC 2015), Oct. 29 - 31, 2015, Shangri-La Hotel Bangkok.**

EARCOS invites you and your administrative staff as delegates to this conference. We have a host of excellent keynote speakers and workshop presenters. Our keynoters are: **CATHERINE STEINER-ADAIR** on "**Lost in Connection: How the Tech Effect Puts Children's Development at Risk,**" **LOUNG UNG** on "**Upstanding Citizens: Changing the World through Activism, Volunteerism, and Travels,**" and four 10-minute '**Leadership Stories**' presented by heads of EARCOS schools.

CONFERENCE THEME **"Think Globally, Learn Locally"**

VENUE Shangri-La Hotel Bangkok
October 29 - 31, 2015

PRE-PRECONFERENCE **October 27, 2015 - Tuesday**
Curriculum Coordinators' Pre-preconference

Title: What are the change demands of a contemporary curriculum - and how might we prioritize and implement these changes in our schools?

Facilitators: PAUL O'NEILL & TEAM

Registration fee: \$75.00

➤ **Leadership Through Partnership (Finding space to think through how heads and board chairs take on the work of governance and leadership of their schools could be the difference between success and failure. Leadership Through Partnership (LTP) offers just such a space. Because the session focuses on the unique board chair-head of school relationship, EARCOS strongly recommends that chairs and heads attend together.)**

LTP is structured to benefit the following people:

- New heads of school and their board chair.
- New board chairs and their head of school.
- Board chairs and heads of school that have not participated in a prior LTP

Presenter: DR. MARC FRANKEL

Registration fee is US\$ 150 per team (includes coffee/tea and lunch for this day).

LTP
(Leadership Through Partnership)

IB PRECON (Tues/Wed)
1st Day

IB 2-DAY WORKSHOP

➡ **IB Workshop - Well-being and Student Leadership, Cat 3 CONTINUUM**

This IB workshop on well-being and student leadership provides schools with a framework to audit their practices on well-being and student leadership, lead advisory groups to inform the decision making process, and continually review expectations, capabilities, feedback, motivation, and opportunities with the school community. This workshop is built around school leaders across the continuum and looks at all areas of well-being when considering school design: spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive, and physical.

This workshop also gives school leaders the tools to develop, plan, and implement an inclusive whole school well-being program. Participants will gain a shared understanding of the different forms of well-being and reflect on a whole-school approach in their current school context using a plus, minus, interesting (PMI) analysis and a self-reflection survey. Participants will further develop an understanding of restorative practices in schools, the benefits of working as a community, and the use of a positive behaviours framework. Strategies for community engagement will be covered, including developing advisory groups (staff, parents, and students) and sharing strategies for working with parents and community members. Finally, participants will consider the common understandings and definitions about bullying and cyber bullying and explore research-based best practices for helping students who experience this type of behaviour.

Target group: School Leaders

Facilitated by: SEAN WATT (who developed this workshop)

Registration fee: \$460.00 (2-day workshop)

For any questions about the IB programme, please email CATHERINE VOGEL <catherine.vogel@ibo.org>

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October 28, 2015 - Wednesday (PRECONFERENCES)

School Board Preconference

- ➡ **SESSION A - DR. MARC FRANKEL**
TITLE: *Getting Governance Right: The Big Questions and Good Practices*
(Targeted for general school board members, especially those attending EARCOS for the first time and who have never had a formal board training seminar. Appropriate also for those wanting a refresher on the essentials of governance.)
- ➡ **SESSION B -JOHN LITTLEFORD**
TITLE: *Board Governance 202: Ensuring Head/Board Solidarity and Strategic Engagement*
(Preconference for school board members, who have previously attended a board training seminar.)

BUSINESS MANAGERS' PRECON

- ➡ **Facilitator: CHRIS GOULD**
(*Business Manager Pre-conference hosted at NIST, inclusive of a school/campus orientation of NIST and Chris' Keeping Students Safe session*)
TOPIC: Child Safety and Protection for Schools
TITLE: Keeping Students Safe

IB WORKSHOP: (2nd day - Cont)

- ➡ **IB Workshop - "Well-being and student leadership, cat 3 CONTINUUM"**

WASC PRECONFERENCE

As usual, there will also be a WASC all-day preconference on Tuesday, October 27 (WASC *Full Day Focus on Learning*), and Wednesday, October 28, 2015 (WASC Chair Training). Members of your administrative staff who wish to register for this in addition to the EARCOS conference should write and register directly with [Dr. Marilyn George](mailto:Dr.MarilynGeorge@acswasc.org), WASC at <MGGeorge@acswasc.org>

Additional **PRECONFERENCE SESSIONS** are also scheduled, **Wednesday, October 28, 2015**. **Registration fee is US\$75.00** (includes coffee/tea and lunch for this day).

HARVEY ALVY - *Abraham Lincoln and Successful 21st Century School Leadership: The Power of Personal Example*

MIKE CONNOR - *It's What's Inside that Counts: Head, Trustee, Development, Finance, Admission, and Academic Partnerships to Increase Enrollment and Retention*

ALEC COUROS - *The Promise of Open & Connected Learning*

CHRIS JANSEN - *Designing Middle Leadership Programmes as Strategic Change Management*

KEN O'CONNOR - *Fixes for Broken Grades: What Leaders Need to Know*

Drs. DOUGLAS OTA - *What Mobility Does to People and What International Schools Should Do About It*

ANN STRAUB - *International School Curriculum: Creation and Sustainability (This session is for people NEW to the curriculum position)*

JAMES STRONGE with DR. FANG ZHENG - *Building a Teacher Evaluation for International Schools from the Ground Up*

JAMES WARNOCK - *An Introduction to Analyzing Teaching for Student Results*

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Thursday, October 29, 2015 -

CONFERENCE OPENING

➡ **SCHOOL BOARD PRECON (continued)** - this would be a combine session for both *Frankel's* and *Littleford's* group. The topic will focus on current issues facing boards in EARCOS schools and will be led by **Marc Frankel** and **Abbi Delessio**, School Board Chair from Hong Kong International School.

➡ **BUSINESS MANAGERS' PRECON (continued) - CHRIS GOULD**

October 29 - 31, 2015 (Thursday-Saturday)

SPECIAL WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

➡ Special Presenters doing workshops -- Catherine Steiner-Adair, Harvey Alvy, Chris Betcher, Mike Connor, Alec Couros, Marc Frankel, Dr. Marilyn George, Chris Gould, Bernadette Van Houten, Jim Hulbert, Jane Hyun, Chris Jansen, Mike Johnston, Pearl Kane, John Littleford, Laura Lipton, Ken O'Connor, Douglas Ota, Martin Skelton, Jennifer Sparrow, Ann Straub, James Stronge, Loung Ung, and James Warnock
In addition, there will be breakout sessions led by EARCOS member school leaders and a job-alike session on Friday afternoon. A list of speakers with their titles and descriptions of workshops is available by downloading the Conference at a Glance on our website.

<http://www.earcos.org/elc2015/>

These will be updated as we receive more information. Although we hope for no cancellations or revisions, please note that this is an incomplete list and subject to change.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!

REGISTRATION

Online registration is now available on below links.

https://www.earcos.org/elc-reg/conf_login.php

You are encouraged to register early!!! REGISTER ONLINE!!

FOR EARCOS MEMBERS ONLY - Schools, Associate Inst., Individual:

EARCOS SCHOOL MEMBERS ONLY

For EARCOS schools only: Each school will receive a designated **username** and **password** to access to the registration form online. All required information is self-explanatory. The username and password is given only to school heads or admin assistants so that EARCOS will deal with only one person from each school.

EARCOS ASSOCIATE INST. ONLY

Closed

EARCOS ASSOCIATE INDIVIDUAL ONLY

Closed

NONMEMBER REGISTRATION and FEE

➡ Link - will be posted later
Registration opens - **TBA**
US\$ 540.00 (Limited to 150 delegates only - first come, first served on registration and payment).

SPOUSE REGISTRATION

➡ Spouses of delegates are welcome to register for a fee of **\$175.00**. Spouses are invited to all social activities (coffee breaks, receptions, dinners) and all conference sessions **except preconferences or the Job-alike sessions**.

EXHIBITOR'S TABLES

➡ Fee: **\$250.00** per table or equivalent space
**** We are limiting tables for this year's conference to two maximum for a total of 90 exhibitors' tables on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis. Late registration will also be charged \$300.00 for table request, if there is any.**

REGISTRATION FEES & DEADLINES

- Early Bird fee — US \$390.00 — if PAYMENT received by **August 21, 2015**
- Regular Fee — US \$410.00 — if PAYMENT received by **September 18, 2015**
- Late Fee — US \$440.00 — PAYMENT received **AFTER September 18, 2015**

REFUND, CANCELLATIONS & EXCHANGE POLICIES

➡ **(UNTIL September 18, you may exchange any delegate (for whom you have already paid) for another delegate with NO penalty. AFTER September 18, cancellation penalties and late charges apply. A handling charge of US \$75.00 will be charged for any exchange of delegates. Cancelled delegates receive refunds before September 18.)**

Cancellations by Sept. 18 - gets 100% REFUND
Cancellations AFTER Sept. 18 - gets 50% REFUND
Cancellations AFTER Sept. 25 - NO REFUND

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TERMS OF PAYMENT Check and credit card are the only means available for payment. U.S. \$ checks drawn on foreign banks can be accepted if they are payable to or through a U.S. bank. Payment must be made by a U.S. credit card or check made payable to EARCOS. Please send checks made out to EARCOS directly to the EARCOS office.

REMINDER: *Registration will not be completed until payment is confirmed.*

*If you have payment questions, please contact **Robert Viray** at rviray@earcos.org*

EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES ➡ <http://www.earcos.org/elc2015/elc-exhibitor.php>

PROGRAM ADS/SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ➡ http://earcos.org/form_elc1.php

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION Delegates are responsible in making their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Please find below the hyperlink booking for 2015 EARCOS Leadership Conference by using the group code **GCA271015**.

http://www.shangri-la.com/reservations/booking/en/index.aspx?hid=SLBK&group_code=GCA271015&check_in=20151023&check_out=20151106

The Shangri-La Hotel will hold our room allotment until **September 27, 2015**, so **please reserve early!!** We believe that a "first come, first served" basis is the only fair way to manage the registration process, both for the conference and the hotel. The Shangri-La Hotel has 500 rooms for ELC. *When the number is reached*, we have back up hotels, **The Le Bua Hotel and The Peninsula**. However, please note that the conference hotel venue will be the **Shangri-La Hotel**.

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Registration information and conference at a glance are available on the conference website -