



EARCOS Leadership Conference October 2020 Postponed until April 2021

It is my unfortunate responsibility to announce that the Annual *EARCOS Leadership Conference*, scheduled for Bangkok during the final week of October, has been postponed.* Considering the uncertainties about travel, the many challenges our schools are facing, as well as ongoing concerns about health and safety, the Board of Trustees and I concluded that the October conference was simply not viable. I doubt that this comes as an enormous surprise within the context of all that has been happening, but it does come as an enormous disappointment.

We are hopeful that what was promising to be an outstanding Leadership Conference can still be offered next April in Bangkok. We have just reached an agreement with the Shangri-La Hotel to move all plans forward to the week of *April 27 to May 1, 2021*. We are also working with speakers and consultants to ensure their availability for the revised dates.

Pre-conferences will be on Tuesday and Wednesday April 27 and 28. The main conference will now be held on *Thursday, Friday and Saturday April 29, 30 and May 1*. We hope that this change of date—over 11 months from now—will make it possible for many to attend the ELC. Additional details about registration for the event and the hotel will be forwarded near the end of the summer. For the time being, I would like to encourage you to simply *save the dates*.

The *deadline for proposals* for ELC presentations and workshops, previously extended to May 15, has been moved forward to *September 1*. There has never been a more important time in international education to engage in conversation and to share ideas with one another. Proposals are welcome whenever you can find time to send them to us. We need to hear from one another!

All best wishes to you, your families and your school communities from all of us in the EARCOS office and from the Board of Trustees.

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**Please note that the EARCOS/SENIA Teacher Conference (ETC 2021) scheduled for Kota Kinabalu on March 25-27, 2021 is expected to go ahead as planned.*