



NORSMA 8 – Second announcement

The main theme of the conference is **Connecting research and practice**, and welcomes researchers and other professionals (Teachers, special educators, psychologists, etc.), who are engaged in increasing the knowledge and teaching of students for whom mathematics education is difficult or cumbersome.

The conference programme will consist of keynote talks, paper sessions, and poster sessions

Invited and confirmed speakers are

- Michèle Mazzocco, Center for Early Education and Development, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA
- Marja van den Heuvel-Panhuizen, Freudenthal Institute for Science and Mathematics Education, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Pekka Räsänen, Niilo Mäki Institute, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- Ulf Träff, Institutionen för beteendevetenskap och lärande, University of Linköping, Sweden

The Programme Committee welcomes both proposals for paper presentations and posters reporting on research or developmental work. The official language of the conference is English, but presentations can also be given in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish. Proposals should be submitted through the conference website <http://www.hkr.se/ruck-norsma8>

Paper sessions are oral presentations of three papers, followed by a discussion with the audience. It is important that empirical papers include both methodology and results, otherwise they will not be accepted. **Session Duration:** 90 minutes, normally with three presenters, who should plan for a presentation of 20 minutes, plus an additional 10 minutes for questions.

Interactive poster sessions involve five or six posters, visually presenting research studies. A short oral presentation of about 5 minutes for each poster is given to an audience gathered as a group. After the authors' brief presentation, an in-depth discussion between them and the audience follows. The poster sessions offer researchers the chance to present their work in a visual format and offer more opportunities for interaction and discussion. **Session Duration:** 90 minutes, following the format above. Materials for fixing posters on the walls will be provided.

Each submission requires

- A title of up to 100 characters
- An extended summary of 600-1,000 words, detailing the aims, methodology, findings, and theoretical and educational significance of the research. This extended summary is the basis for the reviews.
- An abstract of 100-250 words.
- Names and contact information of the author(s) on a separate sheet

Proposals will be blindly reviewed by two referees according to the following criteria:

- Relevance to the conference theme
- Significance for theory, policy and practice
- Theoretical framework, conceptual rationale or pragmatic grounding
- Research method and design for both qualitative and quantitative approaches (research questions, context, participants, data sources, sampling, procedure, ethical issues)
- Clarity of results or preliminary results and conclusions or preliminary data analysis and anticipated results
- Overall quality and scientific originality

Deadline for submission is August 24th 2015.

Notification for acceptance of the proposal will be September 21st 2015.

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We look forward to meeting you in Kristianstad!

The organising committee of the conference 2015:

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