Dear colleagues,

FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS
EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH IN ADULT DEVELOPMENT (ESRAD)
IV SYMPOSIUM 21-23.5.2014, HELSINKI

What exceptional capabilities are needed for prospering in the 21st century?
It is our pleasure to invite you to the Adult Development IV Annual ESRAD Symposium, Helsinki , Finland, May 21-23.5. 2014.

THEME
This call for proposals is for all scholars of different disciplines who are interested in positive adult development. Positive adult development refers to development starting through late adolescence and adulthood that enhances human capacities in a beneficial and enduring way. The focus for this symposium is on expanded and exceptional capabilities that can be developed and improved throughout life.  The aim of the meeting is to provide a forum for the exchange of research findings and new ideas on the theme of “What exceptional capabilities are needed for prospering in the 21st century?” The focus of this meeting is to examine adult development from various viewpoints, focusing especially on psychological development and opportunities and challenges in adulthood. Special attention will be given to the challenges of the 21st century: which kinds of developmental competencies are needed now and in the future? How are these abilities fostered or trained in education? How do cognitive, emotional and social intelligence have to be integrated for successful adaptation to challenges, or is cognition enough? The Symposium includes empirical and theoretical presentations on a variety of topics relevant to positive adult development, including: stages, levels and other concepts connected to development; cognitive, socio-emotional, personality, biological-neurological development, wisdom, gero-transcendence, spirituality, psychotherapy and other topics which are closely involved in positive adult development. The ESRAD has a particular interest in encouraging research, discussion and presentations on populations that have not been traditionally studied.

21.5. 2014 Pre-conference workshop with Prof.  Michael Commons (University of Harvard), Prof. Patricia Miller (University of Suffolk), Dr. Kristian Stålne (University of Lund). The Model of Hierarchical Complexity (MHC) pre-conference workshop will be given on Wednesday afternoon (12.00-16.00).

Preliminary schedule
Venue: House of Sciences and Letters (Tieteiden talo), Kirkkokatu 6, 00170 Helsinki, Finland,  <http://www.tieteidentalo.fi/>
21.5. Wed, room 505, 12-16 MHC  pre-conference workshop
21.5. Wed, room 504, 18-20 Get-together meeting
22.5. Thu, room 404, 9-20 Symposium (20.00 onwards, conference dinner after symposium at the place to be announced later)
23.5. Fri, room 404, 9-20 Symposium

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Andreas Demetriou (University of Nicosia, Cyprus)
Jarkko Hautamäki (University of Helsinki, Finland, Centre for Educational Assessment)

DEADLINES
January 15, 2014.  Deadline for submission of proposals.
March 1, 2014. Notification for acceptance of proposals.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS
The conference organizers encourage oral presentation and poster proposals.   Abstracts of oral presentation or poster proposals should not exceed 300 words and may be submitted until January 15, 2014 to the following e-mail address: esradinfo@gmail.com. Please put "ESRAD abstract Helsinki 2014" into the subject heading and attach the abstract in .rtf-format to email, and please also tell if you prefer presentation or poster. Participants will be notified of acceptance by March 1 2014.  Oral presentations during the symposium should not exceed 20 minutes and PPT presentations can be posted online on the ESRAD website <http://www.europeadultdevelopment.org>) after the Symposium. Begin the abstract with the title of the presentation in capitals, followed by the names and affiliations of the presenters.

CONFERENCE FEES
For ESRAD members, both the conference and the pre-conference workshop are free of charge. ESRAD membership fee: € 100 (40 euros for students) per year. Payment includes: conference attendance, coffees, lunches and Get-together meeting. (Conference dinner has to be paid by each participant on one’s own).
Payment and registration is made by transferring the respective fee(s) to ESRAD's PayPal-account at: <http://www.europeadultdevelopment.org/membership.html>

ACCOMMODATION
Helsinki offers a good range of accommodation at affordable price. Accommodation should be booked personally via internet. We recommend the following hostels and hotels:
For budget participants and students:
Eurohostel (address: Linnankatu 9) <http://www.eurohostel.eu/rooms>. It is recommended to book a room as soon as possible, as the hostel is usually pretty booked in May.  NOTE. The best option is to do it as soon as possible by e-mail.
Omena Hotels have three hotels at the 15-20 minutes walking distance from the symposium venue (addresses: Yrjönkatu 30, Eerikinkatu 24, Lönnrotinkatu 13).  Omena hotels do not have a reception; instead you receive the room number and room access code by email and sms on the day of arrival. You can check in to your room from 4pm, and the check-out time is 12am noon.  Omena Hotels

Hotels at affordable price at the walking distance from the symposium venue:
Hotel Arthur (address: Vuorikatu 19) 120 €/single room Hotel Arthur
Others:
Hotel Cumulus Kaisaniemi (address: Kaisaniemenkatu 7) Hotel Cumulus Kaisaniemi
Original Sokos Helsinki (address: Kluuvikatu 8) Original Sokos Helsinki
Hotel Scandic Grand Marina (address: Katajanokanlaituri 7) Scandic Grand Marina
For location of the hostel and hotel, please see map of Helsinki: <http://kartta.helsinginseutu.fi/index_en.html>

CONFERENCE CHAIR: Eeva Kallio, University of Jyväskylä and Tampere, Finland
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FURTHER INFORMATION
Further information is available on the conference website, which will be regularly updated – <http://www.europeadultdevelopment.org/> If any questions, please feel free to send a query to address esradinfo@gmail.com

SPONSORS
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