



Mathematics Education and Society

5th International Conference 16 to 21 February 2008 Albufeira, Portugal Second Announcement

Following previous conferences that took place in Nottingham (UK, 1998), Montechoro (Portugal, 2000), Helsingør (Denmark, 2002) and Golden Coast (Australia, 2004), we are now pleased to announce the 5th Mathematics Education and Society Conference (MES5).

Venue and dates

MES5 will be held at Albufeira (Portugal) from the 16 to 21 February 2008. Conference activities, accommodation of participants and meals will be at the Hotel Baia Grande. The Hotel is located in Sesmarias, 3 Km from the centre of Albufeira and on the coast line, overlooking the sea, and 35 minutes drive from Faro International Airport.

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<http://www.hotel-baia-grande.com>

Organisation

The conference is organised collaboratively by colleagues at the Centre for Research in Education of the University of Lisbon (Portugal), University of Algarve (Portugal), the Department of Education, Learning and Philosophy at Aalborg University (Denmark) and the Faculty of Education at University of Technology Sydney (Australia).

Aims

There is a need for a wider discussion of the social, ethical and political dimensions of mathematics education, for disseminating theoretical frameworks, discussing methodological issues, sharing and discussing research, planning for action and the development of a strong research network on mathematics education and society.

MES5 Conference aims at bringing together mathematics educators from around the world to provide such a forum, as well as to offer a platform on which to build future collaborative activity.

It is expected that topics discussed will be wide-ranging. It is also expected that all issues will have clear and underpinning social/political/cultural/ethical themes. The general topics of the conference are:

- The politics of mathematics education
- Cultural and social aspects of mathematics learning and teaching
- The sociology of mathematics and mathematics education
- Alternative research methodologies in mathematics education

International Advisory Committee

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Programme

Following the general model of previous MES conferences, this conference will open on the evening of the 16th February with a reception and will close before lunchtime of the 21st February.

During the five days of the conference there will be invited plenary addresses followed by two invited reactions by a researcher and a teacher; permanent discussion groups which will run all through the conference; symposia; agora; and papers and project presentations.

It is desirable that participants prepare for the conference so that discussion and academic debate be possible. Therefore all accepted contributions will be available at the conference website prior to the conference.

The Programme will be regularly updated on the Conference website and the names of plenary speaker will be announced soon.

	<i>Sat 16</i>	<i>Sun 17</i>	<i>Mon 18</i>	<i>Tue 19</i>	<i>Wed 20</i>	<i>Thu 21</i>
9:00		Plenary 1 W. Groups Plenary response	Plenary 2 W. Groups Plenary response	Plenary 3 W. Groups Plenary response	Plenary 4 W. Groups Plenary response	Closing Plenary Panel Closing
12:30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00 17:30	Registration & reception	Paper / Project discussion	Paper / Project discussion	Visit to the Community Centre	Paper / Project discussion	Departure
18:30	Opening Panel	Networking	Networking		Networking	
20:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner Agora 1	Dinner at the Community Centre	Dinner Agora 2	

Call for Symposia, Papers and Project Presentations

Symposia, papers and project presentations are invited for submission. All submissions will be peer reviewed. A critical evaluation suggesting possible revisions and recommending its acceptance will be provided to authors. Papers should meet the aims of the conference. The deadline for submission is **November 1, 2007**.

Guidelines for submission of Papers, Project Presentations and Symposia

Papers should be submitted in English. All submission should use the template available at www.mes5.learning.aau.dk. Please use this template without modifying it and without exceeding the limit indicated below.

Symposium

The proposal should include the aims of the symposium, a rationale for its relevance to the conference and a suggested plan of how the symposium will be conducted. Extension: maximum 4 pages.

Papers

Papers could be theoretical papers, empirical research reports or discussion essays addressing themes of relevance to the conference. Extension: maximum 10 pages.

Project Presentations

Shorter on-going projects of theoretical, empirical or developmental character are welcomed for discussion during the conference. The project description in written form should address a topic of relevance to the conference. Extension: maximum 4 pages.

The accepted symposia, papers and project presentations will be published in the MES5 web site previously to the conference and in the printed proceedings that participants will receive upon arrival to the conference.

Please submit your contribution electronically in a mail to mes5@fc.ul.pt, as a Word readable attachment.

Registration

The Conference Secretariat will be in charge of handling registrations, payments and receipts. For registering, fill in **the registration form** and send it to the Conference Secretariat. The registration deadline is the 31st of December 2007. After this date an additional rate of €100 will be charged to the registration fee.

The fee before the 31 st of December 2007 is:	Twin room= €550	Single room= €650
Registration after the 31 st of December 2007 is:	Twin room= €650	Single room= €750

The registration fee includes:

- Conference registration
- Set of printed proceedings
- Accommodation at the Hotel Baia Grande (16th to 21st February -5 nights)
- Meals at the Hotel Baia Grande (Dinner on the 16th; breakfast, lunch and dinner from the 17th to the 20th; and breakfast and lunch on the 21st)
- Coffee breaks

The registration fee for one accompanying person staying in a double room with a conference participant is €550 (Accompanying persons staying in single room should pay a fee of €650). This fee includes:

- Accommodation at the Hotel Baia Grande (16th to 21st February -5 nights)
- Meals at the Hotel Baia Grande (Dinner on the 16th; breakfast, lunch and dinner from the 17th to the 20th; and breakfast and lunch on the 21st)
- Access to all the facilities of the Hotel.

We follow the refund policy of the hotel, which is:

Cancellation before 31st of December 2007: 90% refund

Cancellation between 1st of January and 31st of January 2008: 50% refund

Cancellation after 31st of January 2008: No refunds are possible

Payment

You can pay all registration charges using one of the following methods:

International credit card

In this case you have to print the registration form, fill in the information for your card, sign for authorisation and send it by fax or mail to the Conference Secretariat.

Portuguese or international bank check

You can send a check in Euro to the Conference Secretariat for the full amount of your payment. The check needs to be issued to the order of **Fundação FCUL**. In the registration form you need to indicate the bank that issued your check and the number of the check.

Bank transfer

A bank transfer for the full amount of your payment in Euro can be made. The bank information is:

Bank name: BANCO ESPÍRITO SANTO
Account name: FUNDAÇÃO FCUL
Account number: 0840 0119 0009
IBAN: PT50 0007 0084 0000 1190 0098 5
Swift code: BESCPTPL

Please make sure that your name is included in the bank transfer.
Please attach a copy of the bank transfer to the registration form.

Important dates

Registration: until December 31, 2007 (a charge of €100 is applied after this date)
Paper and Symposia submission by email: November 1, 2007
Decisions on acceptance of proposals: December 15, 2007

Contacts and Information on MES5

General information

<http://www.mes5.learning.aau.dk>

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