



International Conference
Differentiation of instruction for teacher professional Development and
students' Success (DiDeSu)

26 - 27 May 2017

Cleopatra Hotel,
Nicosia, Cyprus

<http://didesu.cy.net>

CALL FOR PAPERS

New Deadline for submission 31 March 2017

Academic diversity typifies classrooms today, more than ever before. Attempting to bridge the achievement gap between students of different abilities, educational systems have throughout the years attempted various interventions and programs. Within all these interventions, differentiation of instruction has a prominent position, since it helps teachers deal with diversity on a daily basis. As research indicates, differentiation of instruction promotes equality, enhances learning and narrows the achievement gap in mixed ability classrooms.

The conference will bring together experts, academics and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines across the globe to discuss options and strategies for effective differentiation of instruction in contemporary classrooms. The aim is to link scientific research and practical implementation and to consider and compare various strategies and approaches that could help not only in the application of differentiation but also in teacher professional development, learning and support towards sustainable inclusion of differentiation in everyday practices.

This international conference is organized in the framework of the project *Differentiation of instruction for teacher professional Development and students' Success (DiDeSu)*, a project funded by the EU (Erasmus+KA2). DiDeSu aims to help teachers acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively apply differentiated instruction, thus being able to respond to the needs of all students in mixed ability classrooms. The project is coordinated by the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute and its partners are "Vasile Alecsandri" University of Bacau Romania, Universitario de Cartuja, Granada, Spain and the Educational Research Institute of Slovenia.

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The conference can be attended by academics, researchers, teacher trainers, teachers as well as education policy makers/stakeholders interested in the topic. Participation in the conference includes oral presentations, posters, workshops, symposiums or roundtable discussions. The conference will be held in both English and Greek, supported by translation services where needed. Enrollment, admission and participation to the conference is free, however the maximum number of participants has been set to 200; therefore for the selection of attendees a strict order of priority will be applied.

Keynote Speakers at the conference

- Dr. Mary Koutselini, Professor at the University of Cyprus
- Dr. Richard Cash, Educator, International Education Consultant and Award Winning Author

The conference will address the following themes:

- Differentiated instruction in pre-primary/primary/ secondary education: Research and practice.
- Strategies and Techniques for Differentiated Instruction
- Differentiation, educational effectiveness and school improvement.
- Teachers and differentiation: opportunities and challenges.
- Models/Schemes and practices for teacher support (training/ professional development/ professional learning) for the application of differentiation of instruction.
- Differentiation, assessment and evaluation.
- Differentiation and school leadership.

All information regarding the conference can be found on the conference website:

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SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

for Papers, Posters, Symposium, Workshop, Round Table Discussion

To participate at the Conference in any form (oral presentation of a paper, poster, symposium, workshop, round table discussion) **authors may submit a summary of their proposal (up to 500 words) until March 31th, 2017** by completing their details in the attached form ("SUMMARY SUBMISSION FORM"). The abstract of the paper, together with the attached form should be sent to the email address <http://didesu.cy.net>

Authors, whose abstracts will be evaluated, approved and selected, and are interested in publishing their article in the conference proceedings, must send their full final paper no later than June 11th, 2017. Full papers (of no more than 3000 words) will also be evaluated and authors will be notified via email. More details regarding the procedure to be followed for full papers will be announced at a later stage. Please note that only papers presented at the conference may be included in the conference proceedings.

REGISTRATION TO THE CONFERENCE

All conference participants, either presenting a paper, workshop, poster (*presenters*) or just attending the conference (*participants*) must register for the conference in order to reserve a place.

- **All presenters (from Cyprus and overseas), all overseas participants and participants from Cyprus without access to www.pi-eggrafes.ac.cy** must register through the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/MmTdfaD6W0qQGTmH3>. The platform will be open for registration until the 24th of April 2017.
- **Participants from Cyprus who have access to the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute Platform (CPI)** can reserve their place by registering through the www.pi-eggrafes.ac.cy. The CPI platform will be open for registration from the 7th till the 20nd of May 2017. *Please do not register in both platforms.*

Note that registration does not mean that your participation has been accepted. The conference administrator will contact you by email to inform you accordingly.

Important Dates

- Deadline for submission of proposals: *March 31th 2017*
- Notification of accepted proposals: *April 7th 2017*
- Deadline for registration for all presenters, overseas participants and participants without access to www.pi-eggrafes.ac.cy: *April 24th 2017*
- Registration for Cypriot participants with access to www.pi-eggrafes.ac.cy: *7st - 20th May 2017*
- Conference: *26th – 27th May 2017*

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