Dear SIG4 members,

We are happy to announce the Joint 2020 Conference of the EARLI Special Interest Groups (SIGs) 1 (Assessment and Evaluation) and 4 (Higher Education), which will take place in the Universidad de Cádiz, Spain from June 22th – June 25th 2020.

Conference Theme

The theme of this conference is “Exploring research synergies to learn from each other: SIG1 & SIG4 conference 2020”. Bringing together two long-standing EARLI SIGs provides an opportunity to initiate, foster and consolidate synergies and collaborations in research areas present in both communities. In doing so, we hope the conference opens new perspectives to each other’s interests which are wide-ranging.

SIG1 Assessment and Evaluation integrates research with a thematic focus on classroom assessment, large-scale assessment and program evaluation at all levels of education (from kindergarten to higher education). SIG4 Higher Education encompasses research with a contextual focus on higher education that covers various themes related to learning and instruction as well as academic development.

Objectives & Scope

We invite scholars to share their research and enjoy the special program which aims to encourage interactions between the two communities but also allows for productive discussions within each community and beyond. During the conference, a special program track will be dedicated to those contributions that are at the intersection of assessment/evaluation and higher education and thus highlight potential research synergies. We also invite researchers who are interested in assessment topics outside of higher education and scholars studying other phenomena than assessment in higher education to share their research during the SIG-specific session tracks.
Proposal Formats

In addition to paper and poster presentations, and symposia, the session format of “collaborative spaces”, which was successfully introduced during the last SIG4 conference in 2018, will be incorporated in our schedule. This new format aims to create a platform for exchanging ideas with the potential to explore new research directions and possible collaborations both within and between the two communities.

To make sure that you choose the most appropriate format, please see relevant information provided on the conference website: https://earli.org/SIG1andSIG4-Cadiz2020

Submission

Please submit your proposal (max. 750 words for each contribution) via the conference system at https://conference.earli.org/

Log in with your existing EARLI credentials, and click the green ‘new submission’ button in your EARLI user dashboard. Select the ‘SIG 1 + 4 Conference 2020’, and the submission type you wish to submit. All submitters and presenters will need an active EARLI account. Should you not have an EARLI account yet, you can easily create one (free of charge) at https://conference.earli.org/create-account

*Please note: All submissions should be done completely anonymously, to ensure a fair review process. Please do not include your name in your submission.*

Important Deadlines:
December 1, 2019: Registration opens
January 12, 2020: Final submission deadline
early March 2020: Notification of acceptance
April 1, 2020: Early bird registration deadline
31 May, 2020: Final registration deadline
22-25 June, 2020: Conference
We are looking forward to seeing you in Cádiz!

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