

**Teacher Education for the 21st Century: Developing teachers with clear teacher identity
who are reflective and inquiring**

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The International Research Network (IRN) was established on 1st December 2012. Professor Oon Seng Tan from *National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore* and Professor Jane Conoley from *California State University, Long Beach, United States* are the conveners of the IRN with Associate Professor Woon Chia Liu from *National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore* as the co-convenor of the IRN. The aim of this IRN is to create an international platform for teacher educators to share and learn about research and practices of teacher education programs with strong inquiry components.

The upcoming IRN meeting will be hosted by the Zurich University of Teacher Education and the University of Teacher Education Zug, Switzerland from 30th to 31st August 2018. The meeting will be represented by members from Switzerland, New Zealand, Denmark and Singapore. Each member from the representing country will share their ideas, perspectives, and thoughts on teacher education curriculum and research to develop future ready-teachers and learners.

During the upcoming meeting, WERA-IRN members will have the opportunity to visit the University of Education Zurich, which is one of the largest teacher education institutions in Switzerland and a leading centre of expertise for educational authorities, schools and teachers. Dr Bee Leng Chua and Associate Professor Woon Chia Liu from the *National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*, Dr Tine Sloan from the *University of California*, Professor Jens Rasmussen, Professor Elsebeth Jensen, Elsebeth Fjord Pedersen and Vibe Thorndal Stafseth from the *University of Aarhus*, as well as Professor Esther Kamm and Professor Dr Christine Bieri Buschor from the *Zurich University of Teacher Education* will participate in the WERA-IRN meeting held at the University of Education Zurich to share about their perspectives and innovative teacher education curriculum for the 21st century teacher education.

In addition, the WERA-IRN members will participate in The European Conference on Educational Research (ECER) to be held at Bolzano, Italy, from 4th to 7th September 2018. At this conference, Dr Carola Mantel and Prof. Dr. Esther Kamm from the *University of Teacher Education Zug* will present on student teachers' learning experiences during their international practicum; Dr Mirjam Kocher, MA Andrea Keck Frei, Prof Dr Christine Bieri Buschor, and MA Simone Biaggi-Schurter from the *Zurich University of Teacher Education* will present on the second career teachers' workplace learning; Mrs Beverley Cooper and Prof Bronwen Cowie from the *University of Waikato* will present two longitudinal research projects that informed the initial teacher education programme design at their university; and Dr Bee Leng Chua from the *National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore* will present on the use of e-Portfolio in the initial teacher preparation programmes in *National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*. These meetings initiated by IRN will

facilitate conversations between teacher educators and researchers from different countries and cultures with a focus on the 21st century teacher education. The collaborations among practitioners and researchers will provide global insights for policy makers to design teacher education programmes that develop teachers with clear teacher identity who are reflective and inquiring.