

**World Education Research Association**  
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The World Education Research Association (WERA) is a non-profit, non-governmental association of national, regional, and international specialty associations established for scientific and scholarly purposes. Member associations seek to address such issues as building capacity and interest in education research, advancing education research policies and practices, and promoting the use and application of education research around the world. WERA aims to undertake initiatives that are global in nature and thus transcend what any one association can accomplish in its own country, region, or area of specialization.

Ingrid Gogolin, Professor of Education at Hamburg University, Germany, the Immediate Past President of the European Educational Research Association (EERA) is the Interim President of WERA. Felice Levine, the Executive Director of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) is the Interim Secretary General and Yin Cheong Cheng, Past President of Asia Pacific Educational Research Association (APERA) at Hong Kong Institute of Education is the Interim Vice-President.

The first meeting for formation of World Education Research Association had been held at Chicago in April 2007 hosted by American Educational Research Association (AERA). The second meeting held at London in September 2007 was hosted by British Educational Research Association. The third meeting held at New York on 29-30, March 2008, was hosted by AERA. AIAER participated in this meeting through its General Secretary - Sunil Behari Mohanty and Basanti Dey Chakraborty, an AIAER member now residing at New York, USA. AERA provided accommodation to Sunil Behari Mohanty. The meeting had 40 delegates from 28 education research associations from around the world. Reports of each of the working Groups were discussed. The areas covered were: 1. Information Gathering; 2. Communication Technology Strategies; 3 Organizational Models; 4 Programmatic Activities; 5 Financial Structure, Financing, and funding; and 6. Outreach. The Fourth meeting, held at Singapore on November 24–25, 2008 hosted by the Educational Research Association of Singapore, was attended by 32 representatives from 24 education research associations. The participants had to make their own accommodation. AIAER General Secretary-Sunil Behari Mohanty, member Basanti Dey Chakraborty and one of the AIAER's Vice-Presidents, S.K. Bawa attended this meeting. WERA was officially established on April 18, 2009 by 24 national, regional and international specialty education research associations at a meeting held in San Diego, California, USA, hosted by American Educational Research Association.

The new WERA Council had its first meeting on September 26-27, 2009 in Vienna. Sunil Behari Mohanty, General Secretary, the AIAER representative in the Council attended it. K. Jayaraman, a Joint Secretary of AIAER attended as observer. WERA was hosted by the European Educational Research Association (EERA) during its annual European Conference on Educational Research (ECER) that took place at the University of Vienna, Vienna in Austria from September 25-30, 2009. Special Inaugural events were held on September 29 from 9:00 to 12:00 hours. A symposium on Cumulative Knowledge, the Advancement of Theory and Research Rigor in Education Research took place.

The Founding members of WERA are:

01. All India Association for Educational Research [www.aiaer.net](http://www.aiaer.net)
02. American Educational Research Association [www.aera.net](http://www.aera.net)
03. Associação Brasileira de Pesquisadores Negros [www.abpn.org.br/](http://www.abpn.org.br/)
04. Associação Nacional de Pesquisa e Pós-Graduação em Educação [www.anped.org.br/](http://www.anped.org.br/)
05. Australian Association for Research in Education [www.aare.edu.au/offserv.htm](http://www.aare.edu.au/offserv.htm)
06. British Educational Research Association [www.bera.ac.uk/](http://www.bera.ac.uk/)
07. Canadian Society for the Study of Education [www.csse.ca](http://www.csse.ca)
08. Consejo Mexicano de Investigación Educativa [www.comie.org.mx](http://www.comie.org.mx)
09. Education Association of South Africa [www.easa.ac.za/main/Data/Home\\_page\\_176.asp](http://www.easa.ac.za/main/Data/Home_page_176.asp)
10. Educational Research Association of Singapore [www.eras.org.sg/aboutus.htm](http://www.eras.org.sg/aboutus.htm)
11. Educational Studies Association of Ireland [www.esai.ie/](http://www.esai.ie/)
12. European Association for Research in Learning and Instruction [www.earli.org/home](http://www.earli.org/home)
13. European Educational Research Association [www.eera.ac.uk/](http://www.eera.ac.uk/)
14. European Science Education Research Association [www.naturfagsenteret.no/esera/index.html](http://www.naturfagsenteret.no/esera/index.html)
15. German Educational Research Association [www.dgfe.de/](http://www.dgfe.de/)
16. Hong Kong Education Research Association [www.hkera.edu.hk/eng/index.html](http://www.hkera.edu.hk/eng/index.html)
17. Japanese Educational Research Association [www.soc.nii.ac.jp/jsse4/index-e.html](http://www.soc.nii.ac.jp/jsse4/index-e.html)

18. Korean Educational Research Association [www.ekera.org/](http://www.ekera.org/)
19. Malaysian Educational Research Association
20. Netherlands Educational Research Association [www.vorsite.nl/](http://www.vorsite.nl/)
21. Nordic Educational Research Association [www.nrfp.net/](http://www.nrfp.net/)
22. Pakistan Association for Research in Education
23. Scottish Educational Research Association [www.sera.ac.uk/](http://www.sera.ac.uk/)
24. Sociedad Española de Pedagogía [www.uv.es/soespe/](http://www.uv.es/soespe/)
25. Sociedad de Investigación Educativa Peruana (SIEP) [www.siep.org.pe](http://www.siep.org.pe)
26. Taiwan Education Research Association
27. Turkish Educational Research Association [www.eab.org.tr/english/index.php?go=0](http://www.eab.org.tr/english/index.php?go=0)