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The President's Corner *Akihito Kamata*

If you haven't marked your calendars for **November 19-21**, FERA's 2008 Annual Meeting, please do so immediately. This year, the Annual Meeting will be at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, right on International Drive. Our Program Chairperson, Wendy Dickinson, has been diligently working to put together an exciting meeting, highlighting presentations on timely topics and current research in education.

In addition to paper sessions and a graduate student poster session, we will have five Invited Speakers and one sponsored session. As an Opening Session on Wednesday (November 19th), **Isadore Newman** from Florida International University will give a talk entitled "A Statistical Therapist Approach for Facilitating Communication in Guiding Research and Evaluation". Also on November 19th, **Cornelia Orr** of the Florida Department of Education will offer a sponsored session on Florida's statewide testing programs.

On Thursday (November 20), **Noel Smith** and **Sarah Howard** from Graphicstudio of University of South Florida will present "Institute for Research in Art: New Developments in the Field". Also on Thursday, **Terek Chebbi** of Florida International University will provide a 3-hour workshop on action research. This workshop is open to registered conference participants with no additional fee.

On Friday (November 21) **Luis Miron** of Loyola University will provide a presentation entitled "Lessons Learned, Post-Katrina".

Please remember to check the FERA website at <http://feraonline.org/> for hotel information and updates on our upcoming Annual Meeting. In order to take an advantage of very generous conference room rate at Rosen Centre Hotel (\$99/night), you must make your reservation by **Friday October 17th**. Follow the reservation link from the FERA website or call the hotel (800-204-7234) - mention FERA to receive the special rate.

We are all looking forward to FERA's 53rd Annual Meeting. We hope you will join us in Orlando for another series of excellent sessions and stimulating discussions.

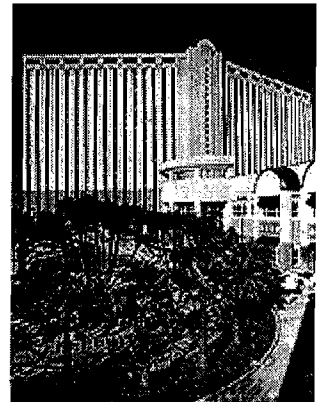
*Did you make your hotel reservations?
Oct. 17th is the deadline to receive the discounted rate!*

The Rosen Centre Hotel has a reservation page set up just for FERA Members. Go to FERAONLINE.ORG and click on the hotel picture. This will take you to a reservation page specifically designed to give you a discount rate! A block of rooms has been reserved for November 19 - 21, 2008. The special room rate will be available until October 17th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. Guests wishing to arrive early may do so starting November 10th and depart as late as November 19th, based on availability.

We are fortunate to host an excellent group of speakers for our annual meeting (see details in the Program Summary on next page). Please plan to attend the Opening Session Wednesday featuring invited speaker, Dr. Isadore Newman, which is now FREE to all registered attendees! Register on-line using our secure PayPal system (if an additional receipt for registration is needed it will be available at the conference registration desk).



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The hotel is located in the heart of Orlando. The November FERA meeting in Orlando is the perfect place to catch up on all that is happening in the “world” of educational research, measurement, and evaluation. And, it’s an ideal setting for bringing the family along and enjoy the many area attractions – including Disney World, Universal Studios Florida, Disney’s Hollywood Studios, SeaWorld Orlando, and Cirque du Soleil’s La Nouba.

The FERA Executive Board
would like to extend a very special

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for their longtime support and generous donation of
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2008 FERA Program Summary

Wednesday, November 19, 2008				
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Registration @ Desk 4			
12 noon – 1:30 p.m.	1.0 Opening Session Invited Speaker: Dr. Isadore Newman, Florida International University <i>A Statistical Therapist Approach for Facilitating Communication in Guiding Research and Evaluation</i> Coffee and light refreshments			
1:45 – 3:15 p.m.	1.1 paper session	1.2 paper session	1.3 paper session	1.4 paper session
3:30 – 5 p.m.	2.1 paper session	2.2 paper session	2.3 paper session	2.4 paper session
5:30 - 6:45 p.m.	3.0 DOE Session Invited Address: Dr. Cornelia Orr			
7 – 9 p.m.	4.0 <i>Welcome Reception</i>			
Thursday, November 20, 2008				
8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.	Registration @ Desk 4			
9:30 - 11 a.m.	5.0 <i>Invited Address:</i> Noel Smith, Curator of Education and Sarah Howard, Research Associate Graphicstudio: University of South Florida <i>Institute for Research in Art: New Developments in the Field</i> coffee and light refreshments			
11:15 - 12:45	6.1 Graduate Student Meeting	6.2 paper session	6.3 paper session	6.4 vendor session
12:45 -1:45	<i>Lunch on your own</i>			
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	7.1 paper session	7.2 paper session	7.3 Action Research Workshop Dr. Terek Chebbi, FIU	7.4 graduate student poster session
3:45 - 5:15 p.m.	8.1 FATA – Sponsored Session	8.2 paper session	8.3 paper session	8.4 graduate student posters on display
5:30- 7:30 p.m.	<i>Reception</i>			
Friday, November 21, 2008				
8:30 – 11 a.m.	Registration Desk 4			
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	9.1 paper session	9.2 paper session	9.3 paper session	9.4 paper session
10:15 - 11:30	10.0 <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Dr. Luis Miron, Loyola University <i>Lessons Learned, Post-Katrina</i>			
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.	<i>FERA Members Luncheon and Presentation of Awards</i>			
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<i>FERA Board Meeting</i>			