



Paper prepared for AGM 2019 – to be held 1 July, 2020

Title of Document: **OCIES as co-convenor of 2022 World Congress of Comparative Education Societies**

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Intention: to update OCIES members on 2022 World Congress

Main points:

- 1) Early in 2019 OCIES Exec informed members of discussions about submitting an EOI for hosting the 19th three yearly World Congress in 2022 with Cairns Convention Centre (CCC) as the location. Also proposed was the idea of co-convening the Congress with the Indian Ocean Comparative Education Society (IOCES). The vast majority of members who responded were very supportive.
- 2) Under the leadership of OCIES Co-President Professor Zane Diamond and IOCES President Professor Kanishka Bedi (also WCCES Executive Director) a proposal and budget under the theme of *'Education for Sustainable Water Futures: Comparative Perspectives'* was submitted to the WCCES Executive Committee (EC) for consideration
- 3) Discussion at the EC meeting held during the 18th Congress in Mexico, July 2019, indicated overwhelming support of OCIES/IOCES co-convening arrangement and the proposed theme, objectives etc, but some members expressed concern about the costs involved in holding it at the CCC. Soon after, OCIES Exec learned of CCC's expectation of a sizable deposit that, even if we had the money to meet it, would not be allowed under our constitution.
- 4) OCIES and IOCES leaders agreed that an alternative location, suitable to our existing theme, would be sought. After looking into various global locations, Professor Bedi made contact with Professor Satheesh, Director of the Divecha Center for Climate Change at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bangalore.
- 5) IISc authorities have formally agreed to host and co-convene (with IOCES and OCIES) the Congress in July 2022 (tentative dates 18-22).
- Professor Sitesh requested that, given our theme, the convenors should consider collaborating with the global 'Sustainable Water Futures Programme' (SWFP) which the Divecha Center works within and the secretariat of which is located at Griffith University, Brisbane. Communication has been established with the SWFP director but a meeting planned for March this year did not proceed because of the Covid19.
- It is expected that in the second half of this year further decisions about the Congress organisation and programme will be made.

Action required at AGM:

- 1) Support for a General Committee position for Eve Coxon as liaison person between WCCES and OCIES – as WCCES Vice Pres Eve has a key role convening the Congress
- 2) Support for at least one General Committee elected position to facilitate the inclusion of OCIES vision and mission within the Congress organisation and programme.