

Keynotes

- **Dr. Eunice Alencar** (Brasil) Creativity in the School Setting: Challenges, Pathways and Strategies of Assessment
- **Dr. Ching-Chih Kuo** (Taiwan) Gifted brains: Studies of Gender Differences
- **Dr. Shirley Kokot** (South Africa), legacy keynote speaker: Planting a garden: A historical overview of Experiences both in WCGTC and Starting a South African School for Gifted Children
- **Dr. Leonie Kronborg** (Australia) Teaching the Teachers to Teach the Gifted: What Have I Learned and What do Teachers Need to Know?
- **Dr. Jonathan Plucker** (USA) Critical Issues and Practices in Gifted Education: What the Research Says
- **Dr. Sylvia Rimm** (USA) From Underachievement to Wondrous Achievement: Practical Strategies for Motivating Gifted Students
- **Dr. Ann Robinson** (USA) What Makes a Practice "Best"? Evidence-based Recommendations in Gifted Education
- **Dr. Margaret Sutherland** (Scotland) A Collaborative Approach to Building the Bridges Between Research and Practice
- **Dr. Henry Terri** (Finland) "The Shift" - giftedness in the 21st century

Invited speakers

Positive Psychology in Education: How fairness, well-being and performance are mutually depending aspects of future education
Hans Henrik Knoop, Associate Professor (Denmark),
 Department of Education (DPU), Aarhus University

The Ecology of Talent Development in Sport
Kristoffer Henriksen, Associate Professor (Denmark)
 Institute of Sport Science and Clinical Biomechanics, University of Southern Denmark

Bridging Physical and Digital - Enabling every student to succeed
Mr. Søren Rågård, Director (Denmark), Digital Experiences,
 LEGO Education



Welcome to Odense

It is with great pleasure that we welcome The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children World Conference in 2015. We consider our city to be one of the centers in Denmark when it comes to knowledge and education, and we support these in every way we can. Odense has a bit of everything: City life and diversity, but also a charming atmosphere and many green sites right in the middle of the city. The river flowing through the city connects the parks and offers unique opportunities to combine city life with relaxation in beautiful green oases.

See you in Odense!

- **Anker Boye**, Mayor of Odense



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Registration

Early registration closes on April 30th, 2015

Regular registration closes on July 31st, 2015

21st World Conference
**Educating Gifted
 and Talented Children**



- Turning Research Into Practice

10-14 August 2015
Odense, Region of Southern Denmark



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Dear Colleagues and friends,

The World Council for Gifted & Talented Children is really looking forward to meeting up with all our members and new attendees in Odense, Denmark in 2015. At the 21st WCGITC Biennial Conference, we can assure you that we will have a truly global representation in our keynote line-up. We will also be paying homage to our past with a keynote from our Legacy speaker.

We invite you to explore a diversity of viewpoints, research and practices from around the globe. The theme- Turning research into practice- will be a very useful thread and will run throughout the conference. The town of Odense will prove to be a truly magical venue and place to visit, especially in August. August is the month of festivals- The Flower Festival, The Smash Words Festival, The Hans- Christian Anderson Festival and last but not least, the Harry Potter Festival.

This conference will provide a programme with the highest calibre of presenters, bringing together leaders in Gifted Education. These leaders will share their knowledge, expertise, and practices from many cultures and countries. These leaders will include researchers, educators, practitioners, psychologists, and parents among others.

I would like to thank our Danish Conference Team for all their on-going hard work as well as the Executive Committee that has been a constant support throughout the development of the conference. I would also like to invite you to encourage those you know as well as yourself to attend as it is going to be a good one. Hoping to see you all in Odense, Denmark 2015!

Leslie S. Graves
WCGITC President



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Focus of the World Conference

With the group of researchers and practitioners in the area of gifted and talented education being relatively small the need to come together on a global scale is essential.

This is why as the focus of this international conference we suggest working together in transforming knowledge from research into practical tools for teachers and other educators to use on an everyday basis. We will urge all participants to take part in this collaboration and networking in order for the gifted area to advance. We might even agree on a joint research project to be carried out on a global scale.

By facilitating a conference where we not only share information but process it through collaboration and cross-border networking, we have the potential to both increase the effectiveness of and validate previously isolated research cells, whilst also forging a much more tight-knit international community. This community is something we refer to as the "Global Village". Through it, we hope to reach a networking milestone from which we may continue to fully unfurl both our intellectual and creative potential, ultimately securing a better future for gifted and talented children everywhere.

Parent day

9 August 2015

Venue: Mødecenter Odense (5 min from the train station)

We have planned this day for everyone, whether you think your child may be gifted, you just realized you have a gifted child or you have been aware of this for years. We have tried to provide both a very full program - but also prioritized long breaks for networking.

For additional information, registration and payment please visit:

www.wgccd.dk

Youth Summit

- Model United Nations (YSMUN 2015)

9 - 13 August 2015

Venue: University of Southern Denmark, Odense

Youth Summit Model United Nations (YSMUN) is a UN roleplay for young adults (16+) willing to discuss global issues of education, poverty, women in LDCs and gifted children.

During the conference, you'll be staying in Odense attending the conference daily as an active delegate and hopefully participating in activities such as the trip to the Danish parliament in Copenhagen.

YSMUN 2015 will present their resolution papers at the World Conference.

For additional information, registration and payment please visit:

www.ysmun.org

