We invite all conference attendees to submit an expression of interest for presenting a research poster at the 2017 IB Global Conference, The Hague.

We know that many IB teachers, programme coordinators and school heads do fantastic practitioner research or undertake research as part of their Master’s or Doctoral studies. To share this research with the IB community, we invite you to be part of the research poster session during the 2017 IB Global Conference, The Hague (26-28 October 2017).

How can I participate?
All interested poster presenters must submit an abstract. The abstract should describe original research on IB programme(s) and IB World Schools and should be 150 words or less with sections defined. Please do not use tables, charts, or graphs in your abstract submission.

All submissions must be sent by email. Please submit your abstract to Eloisa Ramos (Eloisa.ramos@ibo.org). The deadline for abstract submission is 29 September 2017. Applicants will receive a decision notification on or before 13 October 2017. You may submit your proposal (and if selected, display your findings) in English, French or Spanish.

What is a research poster presentation?
A research poster summarizes your research concisely and attractively to help publicize it and generate discussion. The poster itself is usually a mixture of brief text combined with tables, graphs and pictures to capture key aspects of the research. The researcher stands by the poster display, discusses the information it contains and answers the questions of interested viewers. To learn more and see photos, read the IB blog on “Tips for sharing your research in a poster”.

Poster sessions are a great way to tell others about your research, in a format that is informal and highly interactive, and to connect with other people and schools with similar research interests. As noted above, the occasion is the IB Global Conference that will be attended by approximately 1,500 education leaders, decision makers and practitioners from schools, universities and governments.
Is my study a good fit for the research poster session?
Posters can report research that is in-progress or completed. There are no restrictions on the types of studies that can be presented; posters can highlight practitioner research undertaken in a single classroom, a school, or an entire dissertation. The only requirement is that the poster presentation should focus on IB programme(s) and/or schools.

What will happen after an abstract is accepted?
After acceptance, presenters must format their abstract into an A1 size (height = 594mm, width = 841mm) poster. Presenters will be provided with an individual A1 display board. Posters work best when their design engages a viewer and communicates information ‘at a glance’. For helpful advice about what makes a good research poster, these university resource contain useful information (Penn State, University at Buffalo, NYU).

Research poster guideline and specifications
Posters can report research that is in progress or completed. There are no restrictions on the types of studies that can be reported and these can cover practitioner research undertaken in a single classroom or an entire school or for a thesis or dissertation.

• Poster presentation must be of original research on IB programme and IB schools.
• Poster size should not exceed A1 size (height = 594mm, width = 841mm). For reference, you may refer to http://www.papersizes.org/a-paper-sizes.htm.
• A poster stand and board will be provided to each presenter. Further details will be provided at a later date.
• There are no definite rules for the different sections of your poster, however, we suggest that it should at least contain the following sections and/or information:
  o Title (with authors and affiliations)
  o Introduction / Background
  o Objectives / Aims / Goal / Problem
  o Method/s
  o Result/s
  o Conclusions
  o References (if any)
• Please make sure that your name and institution are clearly visible on the poster.

Additional information
• The research poster session will be held during the 2017 Global Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands. As there is no additional cost involved in joining this poster presentation, we advise presenters of the following information:
  o Any cost incurred in relation to poster presentations will not be reimbursed by The International Baccalaureate.
  o Certificates of attendance will not be issued in relation to this poster presentation.
• If you are accepted to do a poster presentation, you will need to register for the conference and pay the conference attendance fee (see conference website).

If you would like further information about research poster presentations, please contact Eloisa Ramos (Eloisa.ramos@ibo.org).
We look forward to seeing your research poster presentation!