



## Second Call for Papers ISFIRE 2009

### International Symposium for Innovation in Rural Education

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University of New England  
Armidale, Australia

We are very pleased to announce that the ISFIRE website is now open to authors wishing to upload papers or abstracts. Researchers and educators are encouraged to submit papers or proposals by 18 August, 2008. Full papers will be peer reviewed by our Scientific Committee and published in the symposium proceedings. Members of the Scientific Committee are listed on the website.

<http://www.une.edu.au/simerr/ISFIRE>



**ISFIRE Keynote Speakers** We have been fortunate in attracting six prominent keynote speakers from six countries:

**Associate Professor Patricia Hardré** of the University of Oklahoma is Chair of the National Research Committee for the National Rural Education Association, and Program Co-Chair, American Educational Research Association (AERA) Rural Special Interest Group. Associate Professor Hardré will be presenting on 'Nurturing the Rural Teacher Experience', including the issue of attracting, retaining and sustaining rural teachers in the US.

**Professor Karl Jan Solstad** of the Nordland Research Institute, Norway, co-authored the influential UNESCO Handbook *Making Small Schools Work* (2001), as well as the 2005 INTERSKOLA report, *Small Rural Schools*. Professor Solstad will draw on his extensive experience in Scandinavia, Europe and North Africa in presenting a keynote on the 'Impact of Globalisation on Small Rural Schools'.

**Professor Wang Li** is Deputy Director of the UNESCO International Research and Training Centre for Rural Education (INRULED) in China. He has worked extensively in rural community planning, resourcing and development, as well as in comparative education and sustainable rural development. Professor Li will address 'Quality Improvement in Rural Education in Asia-Pacific', including some insights on rural education policy in China.

**Professor Dennis Mulcahy**, from the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, is Chair of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Rural Special Interest Group (SIG). He has published extensively on rural school education in Canada and is also familiar with the Australian context. Professor Mulcahy's keynote will address 'Developing Government Policies for Successful Rural Education', with a secondary focus on the role of ICT in rural education.

**Professor Young-Kee Im** is Head of the NURI Teacher Education Innovation Center and Director of the Educational Research Institute at Kongju National University, South Korea. Professor Im is Co-Chair of ISFIRE 2009, and will be addressing key issues in rural education in Korea.

**Professor John Pegg** is Director of the National Centre for Science, ICT and Mathematics Education in Rural and Regional Australia (SiMERR Australia), University of New England, Australia. Professor Pegg is Co-Chair of ISFIRE 2009, and will present his vision for rural school education in Australia in the next decade.

Further details about the keynotes and presentations will soon be available on our website. Guidelines for authors can be found in the Presenters' Area of the website.