

21st PECERA Annual International Conference
July 3rd – 5th 2020
Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

Visionary navigators: Advocating for children, families and early childhood education.

Conference news and update

Kia ora tatou – Greetings everybody

In this conference news update, please find information on the following:

- Website update – refreshing your URL.
- Only 3 weeks to go to submit your abstracts for poster and paper presentations
- Conference registrations are open
- Visa and NZ Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) requirements

Website update

Our conference organisers have had a recent update of their website platform that, among other improvements, will make the website more mobile friendly. If you have been logging into the website up until now and your computer has bookmarked or cached the URL, you will need to update this. Please click on the link here – www.PECERA2020.com – or type the address into your browser in order to access the updated website.

You'll see that we have added new information to the website, including details about the two pre-conference activities we are offering:

- Visits to ECE centres
- He Kōrerorero Tiaki Taiao: Sharing Sustainability Stories

Both of these events have limited numbers so register quickly to ensure your participation.

We have also added a “Latest news” tab that you can use to keep up-to-date with the conference developments and planning.

Only 3 weeks to go to submit your abstracts – closing date: 29 February 2020

Submissions for abstracts for both poster and paper sessions close on Saturday 29 February 2020 – just three weeks away. For more information about the abstract submission and review process, please see our abstract page on the conference website: <http://www.pecera2020.com/abstract-submission/>

Conference registrations are now open

Conference registrations have now opened: <http://www.pecera2020.com/registration-1/>. Our early bird registrations are open until 30 April 2020. Please note that all registration fees are in New Zealand dollars to comply with New Zealand tax laws. There is a currency converter on the registration page that enables you to see what the registration fees are in your home currency. To access the PECERA member rate, you must be a current member of PECERA – information on joining PECERA can be found here: <http://www.pecera.org/member/login>

You can also register for the two pre-conference optional activities:

- A visit to an ECE centre, Friday 3rd July, 9am – 12noon (Cost NZ\$45)**

Conference participants are able to register for a visit to one of our local ECE centres. If you are interested in taking part in a centre visit, you will be asked during the main Conference registration to make a choice of the type of service you would like to visit. As there will be limited numbers of places for the different service types, we may not be able to accommodate all first choices.

Lunch will be provided for those attending a centre visit.
- He Kōrerorero Tiaki Taiao: Sharing Sustainability Stories, Thursday 2nd July, 10am – 3pm (Cost: NZ\$40)**

We welcome you to join us for this session in which we will share our experiences, our research and our teaching that focuses on early childhood education for sustainability in line with the aspirations of UN Sustainable Development Goal 4.7.

We look forward to having this opportunity for discussion, for reflection and for learning from one another.

Lunch will be provided.

Passports, visas & electronic travel authority (ETA) – Information for international registrants

To make sure that there are no hiccups for your travel to New Zealand, please make sure that your passport is valid for at least three months beyond your intended departure date, and if required, that you have a valid New Zealand visa.

New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority

Visitors from [visa-waiver countries](#) must request a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) prior to coming to New Zealand. You may also have to pay an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). For more information on the ETA and IVL, [click here for an information sheet](#) and also visit [Immigration New Zealand](#).

NZeTAs can be requested via the free app downloadable from the Apple Store or Google Play for \$9 NZD, or from the [INZ website](#) for \$12 NZD.

If you have a biometric ordinary passport (or electronic passport) and are over 12 years old, you may be able to use New Zealand Customs eGate service. This allows you to complete your Customs and Immigration checks faster so you can get on with enjoying your visit to New Zealand.

Not Eligible for electronic travel authority (ETA)

If you are not eligible for an ETA - [CLICK HERE](#) to view the information that you will be required to provide. We recommend that you begin this process early as the time taken to issue a visa can be several months.

You will need to provide evidence via a letter issued by the Conference Convenor that you are attending the Conference. To obtain the letter you will need to register for the Conference and then pay the registration fees prior to the letter being issued.

If you have registered and paid for the Conference and require a letter for your visa, please [email the conference organisers](#).

Finally, we are continuing to add information to our conference website: www.PECERA2020.com. If you have any questions or if the information you need is not yet on the website, please contact our event manager, Lu Budden, on lu@cmnzl.co.nz or +64 (0) 21 407 158.

Please also feel free to pass this update on to your networks across the ECE sector.

Ngā mihi nui

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