



Guidelines for proposals for paper sessions, symposia, posters and roundtables

A NERA abstract proposal for presentation must have a maximum of 350 words and indicate the following:

1. Title of paper
2. Author(s) of proposal
3. Research topic/aim
4. Theoretical and methodology framework
5. (Expected) conclusions/findings
6. Relevance to Nordic educational research.
7. Attachment to NERA-network and/or symposium

All presenters in symposia and paper sessions are expected to bring copies of their papers.

Symposia

A symposium session builds on a theme and is proposed and planned by a symposium organizer. The papers focus on a common theme. A symposium has a chair (often the organizer) and one or more discussants, who have read the papers in advance. Some symposia will run over more than one session. The symposium organizer will decide how the symposium is to be organized and the time allotment for each presentation. It is recommended that at least two different countries/national perspectives must be represented in the symposium.

The organizer of the symposium submits a proposal (as *organizer's text*) with a plan for the symposium including:

1. The title of the symposium,
2. An abstract describing the entire symposium,
3. The names of the contributors and titles of their presentations

Supplementary text from the organizer can be forwarded to Nera2012@discongress.com (e.g. with plan for the symposium, names of discussants etc.)

If the symposium is not attached to a network, mark it in the network-box as “not assigned to a network”.

NOTICE: Each presenter must submit the abstract separately (as *symposium presentation*) specifying the symposium title in the box below

Paper Sessions

Paper sessions consist of a presentations and a discussions of papers of an ongoing or completed research project. Time frame of each paper presentation: 25-30 minutes including discussion. 3-4 different papers will be presented in each parallel session.



In the abstract submission it must be specified to which NERA network the presentation is assigned.

For further information about the networks, see more at [NERA's homepage](#) (Notice: network 17 are not active at NERA2012 conference)

Roundtable Discussions

A roundtable session is a forum for the presentation and discussion of developmental work and research plans. Roundtable sessions are intended for focused discussions in small groups of research in progress, practitioner experiences, educational improvement initiatives and issues in institutional effectiveness and improvement

The abstract proposal must describe the focus and purpose of the session and ways in which participants will be engaged. In the abstract it shall be specified to which NERA network the presentation is assigned.

Poster Sessions

Poster sessions offer a more informal opportunity to present a project visually rather than orally by means of one (or very few) posters.

During poster sessions, participants peruse poster stations, a format maximizing interaction between participants and presenters

The abstract proposal must describe the focus of the poster. In the abstract it must be specified to which NERA network the poster is assigned.