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**International Adult and Continuing Education
Hall of Fame**

**International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame
2024 Conference and Induction
University of Florence, Italy, 7 – 9 November 2024**

**Revitalising Adult Continuing Education
for Positive Social Changes and Personal Fulfilment**

**Meeting for Co-Creating new Partnerships and Projects
Including International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame Induction of new members**

**Organised by the Hall of Fame, European Chapter (HOFE)
Hosted by the University of Florence, Italy**

Partnering Organisations

- UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning – UIL
- Abt Global
- Adult Education Academy Würzburg
- ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub
- Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning – CR@DALL
- Coalition of Lifelong Learning Organizations – COLLO
- Coalition on Adult Basic Education – COABE
- Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe – EPALE
- European Association for the Education of Adults – EAEA
- European Basic Skills Network – EBSN
- European Lifelong Learning Platform – LLP
- European University Continuing Education network – EUCEN
- German Adult Education Association, International – DVVI
- German Institute for Adult Education Leibniz Network – DIE
- International Adult Education Academy - INTALL
- International Council for Adult Education – ICAE
- International Society for Comparative Adult Education – ISCAE
- Ireland's National Adult Learning Organisation – AONTAS
- Nordic Network for Adult Learning – NVL
- North American Alliance of Learning Cities - NAALC
- PASCAL International Observatory
- Promoting, Interrogating and Mobilising Adult Learning and Education – PIMA

<https://www.hoflorence.unifi.it/vp-33-partnering-organisations.html>

Partnering Journals

- Adult Education Quarterly (US)
- Adult Learning (US)
- Andragogical studies (RS)
- Convergence (MT)
- European Lifelong Learning Magazine - ELM (FI)
- Form@re (IT)
- International Journal of Lifelong Education (UK)
- Journal of Adult and Continuing Education (UK)
- Journal of Educational Sciences (RO)
- Lifelong Lifewide Learning (IT)
- Opus at Educatio (HU)
- Studies in Adult Education and Learning (SI)
- Studies in the Education of Adults (UK)
- The Adult Learner (IE)
- The Resource for Adult Education (COABE, US)

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The IACE Hall of Fame Conference will benefit from simultaneous translation services in all languages of participants. The service is offered by Worldwide Tech Connections and University of Oklahoma. Instructions available at <https://www.hoflorence.unifi.it/>



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Palazzo Budini Gattai
Piazza Santissima Annunziata, 1 (Florence)
ROOM - Sala delle Carrozze

12:00 pm - 12:10 pm	Registration
12:10 pm - 12:40 pm	Networking and Welcome Coffee - Meeting Area
12:40 pm - 1:00 pm	Multilingual service for participants Worldwide Tech
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Openings Alessandra Petrucci, Rector of the University of Florence Belinda Biscoe, Acting Executive Director of the IACE Hall of Fame Vanna Boffo, Director of Forlilpsi Department, University of Florence
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Keynote Speaker European and Global CONFINTEA VII Follow-up Isabell Kempf, Director of UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning Chair: Arne Carlsen, Co-Chair of Hall of Fame Europe
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Presentation of Thematic Parallel Workshops on Research and Transnational Collaboration Proposals Éva Farkas, IACE Hall of Fame Francesca Torlone, University of Florence Funding and Support Enhancing Transatlantic Cooperation Giorgia Giovannetti and Giovanna Del Gobbo, University of Florence
2:30 pm	Transfer to the meeting rooms

Parallel groups will be set up in the Meeting Rooms in Palazzo Budini Gattai and at the Forlilpsi Department.



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**Palazzo Budini Gattai
Piazza Santissima Annunziata, 1 (Florence)
and
Forlilpsi Department
Via Laura, 48 (Florence)**

Parallel group sessions I-II. Networking and inspiration for project preparation

2:45 pm - 4:30 pm Parallel group session I.

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Coffee break

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Parallel group session II. (continuing
the Parallel group session I.)**

**1. Marrakech Framework for Action: Towards an inclusive data collection process
ROOM – Sala del Banano (Palazzo Budini Gattai)**

Promoter:

UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning and DVV International

Chair of Panel:

Isabell Kempf, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

Nicolas Jonas, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

Discussant:

Uwe Gartenschläger, DVV International, Germany, Hall of Fame Member

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Katarina Popovic, International Council for Adult Education, Serbia, Hall of Fame Member

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Elizabeth Roumell, Texas A&M University, United States

Alan Tuckett, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom, Hall of Fame Member

Elsy Wakil, ICAE, Lebanon

Hall of Fame Mentor: Arne Carlsen, Denmark, Hall of Fame Member



2. University LLL and inter-university partnerships **ROOM – Aula Altana (Forlilpsi Department, Floor 3)**

Promoter:

European Universities Continuing Education Network (Eucen)

Chair of Panel:

Pascal Pachoud, Eucen

Discussants:

Balázs Németh, PASCAL International Observatory, Hall of Fame Member

Heribert Hinzen, Promoting, Interrogating and Mobilising Adult Learning and Education, Hall of Fame Member

Contributors:

András Benedek, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary, Hall of Fame Member

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Nattachet Pooncharoen, University of Naresuan and Social Studies Association, Thailand

Peter Psaras, WWTC, University of Oklahoma, United States

Jost Reischmann, International Society for Comparative Adult Education, Germany Hall of Fame Member

Margaret Shanahan, NAALC, Lowell City of Learning, United States

Atchara Shriphan, University of Naresuan and Social Studies Association, Thailand

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Prachuab Tongsri, Srinakhrinwirot University, Thailand

Chandrapal Yadav, Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, India

Hall of Fame Mentor: Simone Conceição, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, United States, Hall of Fame Member

3. Adult Learning and Education in Immigrant Settlement and Integration **ROOM – Sala delle Carrozze (Palazzo Budini Gattai)**

Promoter:

University of British Columbia and the German Institute for Adult Education

Chair of Panel:

Thomas J. Sork, University of British Columbia, Canada Hall of Fame Member

Discussant:

Alexandra Ioannidou, German Institute for Adult Education, Germany



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Hall of Fame Mentor: Simona Sava, West University of Timișoara, Romania, Hall of Fame Member

4. Understanding and integrating adult learning principles into learning settings and Professionalization of the field **ROOM – Sala Rossa (Palazzo Budini Gattai)**

Part A: COABE: Celebrating 25 Years of Adult Education Leadership in America

Promoter:

Coalition On Adult Basic Education, COABE

Chair of Panel:

Sharon Bonney, COABE, United States

Discussants:

Shaketta D. Thomas, COABE, United States
Don Finn, COABE, United States

Part B: Building Professionalism and Learner Success in Adult Learning and Education

Promoter:

European Basic Skills Network and Abt Global

Chairs of panel:

Judith Alamprese, Abt Global, United States
Zoltán Várkonyi, European Basic Skills Network, Hungary

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Wayne James, Hall of Fame Member, United States
Don Olcott, Universal Learning Systems, Romania
Marta Pampaloni, University of Florence, Italy
Zvonka Pangerc Pahernik, Slovenian Institute for Adult Education, Slovenia
Meilu Sun, East China Normal University, China
Zsolt Vincze, European Basic Skills Network, Hungary
Vandana Chakrabarti - SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, India

Hall of Fame Mentor: André Schläfli, Switzerland, Hall of Fame Member

5. Micro-credentials and Individual Learning Accounts **ROOM – SM2 (Forlilpsi Department, Floor 3)**

Promoter: Norwegian Competence Association - Kompetenceforbundet

Chair of Panel:

Viola Pinzi, European Association for the Education of Adults, Belgium

Discussants:

Antra Carlsen, Nordic Network for Adult Learning, Denmark
Paolo Federighi, University of Florence, Italy, Hall of Fame Member
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Nicoleta Olcott, Liceul Tehnologic Matei Basarab Caracal, Romania
Morten Flate Paulsen, Nordic Open Online Academy, Norway
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Hall of Fame Mentor: Sturla Bjerkaker, Norway, Hall of Fame Member

7:00 pm

Dinner on your own or organised by the project groups



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024 **Istituto degli Innocenti, Piazza Santissima Annunziata, 12 (Florence)**

IACE Hall of Fame Meetings

8:30 am – 10:30 am

ROOM – Poccetti (Istituto degli Innocenti)

8:30 am – 9:30 am Hall of Fame Members Meeting*

9.25 - 9.45 Coffee break (for Hall of Fame Members)

9:30 am – 10:30 am Board of Directors Members Meeting**

*only Members of the IACE Hall of Fame (including new inductees) are allowed to join

**only Members of the IACE Hall of Fame Board of Directors are allowed to join

Registration Desk for the Working Groups in Istituto degli Innocenti - Piazza Santissima Annunziata, 12 and Forlilpsi Department – Via Laura, 48

Parallel group sessions III. **Networking and inspiration for project preparation** **Friday, November 8** **10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

Parallel group sessions IV. **Networking and inspiration for project preparation** **(continuation on Saturday, November 9, 9:40 am – 11:25 am)**

1. Learning Cities **ROOM – Poccetti (Istituto degli Innocenti)**

Promoter:

North American Alliance of Learning Cities - NAALC

Chairs of Panel:

Annalisa Raymer, North American Alliance of Learning Cities-NAALC

Margaret Shanahan, North American Alliance of Learning Cities-NAALC

Discussants:

Balázs Németh, Pécs Learning City, Hungary, Member of the IACE Hall of Fame

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Karen Evans, University College London, United Kingdom



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Hall of Fame Mentor: Arne Carlsen, Denmark, Hall of Fame Member

2. Journals Cooperation

ROOM – Aula Altana (Forlilpsi Department, Floor 3)

Promoters:

Journal of Adult and Continuing Education, United Kingdom and Form@re Journal, Italy

Chair of Panel:

Bonnie Slade, Journal of Adult and Continuing Education, United Kingdom

Discussant:

Simona Sava, Journal of Educational Sciences, Romania, Hall of Fame Member

Contributors:

Federico Batini, Lifelong Learning Journal, Italy

András Benedek, Opus at Educatio Journal, Hungary, Hall of Fame Member

Don Finn, The Resource for Adult Education Journal, United States

Glenda Galeotti, Lifelong Lifewide Learning Journal, Italy

Edith Gnanadass, Adult Education Quarterly, United States

Nalita James, Studies in the Education of Adults Journal, United Kingdom

Peter Mayo, Convergence Journal, Malta, Hall of Fame Member

Borut Mikulec, Studies in Adult Education and Learning Journal, Slovenia

Marcella Milana, International Journal of Lifelong Education Journal, Italy

Silvia Mugnaini, University of Florence, Italy

Ekkehard Nussli, Journal for Research on Adult Education, Germany, Hall of Fame Member

Katriina Palo-Närhinen, European Lifelong Learning Magazine, Finland

Morten Flate Paulsen, the Nordic Open Online Academy, Norway

Giuliana Peña, The Adult Learner, Ireland

Katarina Popovic, Andragogical Studies Journal, Serbia, Hall of Fame Member

Maria Slowey, The Adult Learner Journal, Ireland, Hall of Fame Member

Hall of Fame Mentor: Paolo Federighi, Form@re Journal, University of Florence, Italy, Hall of Fame Member



3. Gender Equity, Leadership and Ageing ROOM - SM2 (Forlilpsi Department, Floor 3)

Promoter:

University of Florence, Italy

Chair of Panel (on Gender Equity and Leadership):

Francesca Torlone, University of Florence, Italy

Chair of Panel (on Gender and Ageing):

Vanna Boffo, University of Florence, Italy

Discussants:

Malgosia Malec Rawinski, Stockholm University, Sweden

Janet Poley, University of Nebraska, United States, Hall of Fame Member

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4. Education and social action to implement forms of bottom-up counter actions against organised crime ROOM – San Giovanni (Istituto degli Innocenti)

Promoter:

University of Florence, Italy

Chair of Panel:

Antra Carlsen, Nordic Network for Adult Learning, Denmark

Giovanni Esposito, Libera/Social Cooperative Macramé, Italy

Discussant:

Elisa Orlando, Libera. Associazioni, nomi e numeri contro le mafie/Libera. Associations, names,
numbers against mafias, Italy

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5. Cooperation and stakeholder engagement for ALE **ROOM – Salone Brunelleschi (Istituto degli Innocenti)**

Promoter:

European Association for the Education of Adults, Belgium

Chair of Panel:

Gina Ebner, European Association for the Education of Adults, Austria, Hall of Fame Member

Discussant:

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Hall of Fame Mentor: Alfredo Soeiro, University of Porto, Portugal, Hall of Fame Member

12.00 pm - 1.00 pm *Lunch on your own or organised by the project groups*



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

IACE Hall of Fame Symposium and Induction Ceremony
Istituto degli Innocenti, Piazza Santissima Annunziata, 13 (Florence)
ROOM – Salone Brunelleschi

Open events for all registered participants

Registration Desk for participants to Symposium and Induction Ceremony in Istituto degli Innocenti –
Piazza Santissima Annunziata, 12

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame Symposium Presentation of the 2024 Inductees Thoughts and visions on adult learning and education. <i>Mistress of Ceremony:</i> Belinda Biscoe, Vice President for University Outreach, University of Oklahoma, Acting Executive Director of the IACE Hall of Fame
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee break
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Induction of the Class of 2024 into the IACE Hall of Fame - Formal event <i>Mistress of Ceremony:</i> Éva Farkas, Chair of the IACE Hall of Fame
6:00 pm – 8.30 pm.	Reception (light appetisers and beverages) for registered participants



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

**Istituto degli Innocenti - Piazza Santissima Annunziata, 12 (Florence)
ROOM – Salone BRUNELLESCHI**

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Keynote Speaker

“If we’d known it would be this difficult...”: Lessons learned - and to be learned - from international collaboration

Thomas J. Sork, University of British Columbia, Canada, Hall of Fame Member

Chair: Ekkehard Nuissl, Germany, Hall of Fame Member

Parallel groups will be set up in the Meeting Rooms in Istituto degli Innocenti and Forlilpsi Department.

Parallel group sessions III-IV. Networking and inspiration for project preparation

9:40 am – 11:25 am

**Continuation of the parallel groups’ sessions started on the day before
(same Working Groups, same Rooms)**

11:25 – 11:45

Coffee break (one in each of the two locations)

Closing session

11:45 – 13:00
Fame Member

Master of Ceremonies: Paolo Federighi, University of Florence, Italy, Hall of

Working Groups Proposals for Future Cooperation

Panel of Realistic Visionaries in Adult and Continuing Education:
Learning without Limits – a new renaissance for lifelong learning

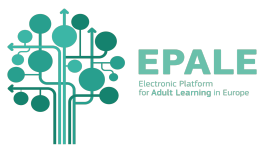
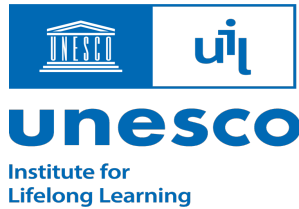
13:00

Lunch on your own

Website of the Hall of Fame Conference and Induction: <https://www.hoflorence.unifi.it/index.html#>

Hall of Fame Europe Meeting will be held on 9 November at 2 pm to 4 pm in Forlilpsi Dep. in Via Laura, 48 – Altana Room, Floor 3. Closed meeting for Hall of Fame Europe Members only.

Partnering organisations



November 7, 2024



Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to share some groundbreaking advancements in communication technology that we recently introduced at the InfoPoverty Conference at the United Nations this past April. These innovations, developed by Worldwide Tech Connections, will be presented this week at the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame conference and induction ceremony in Florence, Italy.

These technologies will allow you to listen to or read the opening session as it is given in real-time by the speaker in your native language. They support over 100 languages and dialects and are built to create a truly inclusive educational environment for everyone, regardless of linguistic background.

Worldwide Tech Connections and the University of Oklahoma Outreach/College of Continuing Education are co-sponsoring this service at the conference. Please come to the opening keynote session 15 minutes early to receive instructions on accessing these technologies. To use these communication tools, bring your mobile devices, headsets, air pods, or earbuds to fully experience what this technology can offer. This will be a great opportunity to see how these tools can support global communication in real-time and enhance our work in education and beyond. We look forward to your participation and are excited to share how these innovations can open new doors in adult and continuing education.

What connects cutting-edge software, robust infrastructure, comprehensive curriculum, and immersive on-site training? The answer lies in the tools themselves and our ability to harness them for universal access to information and learning. In adult and continuing education, real-time speech-to-speech communication is essential—not just as a convenience but as a cornerstone of educational and economic equity. Without this capability, the gap of information poverty continues to widen, leaving many in the shadows of progress.

Worldwide Tech Connections provides a powerful solution to this challenge. Their browser-based Software-as-a-Service platform combines the finest speech technologies, translation software, and artificial intelligence to deliver language interpretation and translation services in over 100 languages and dialects. This solution supports various fields, including healthcare, emergency response, corporate events, education, telecommunications, and more. The platform's versatility allows it to be deployed via phone, text, online environments, live events, documents, and forms.

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We look forward to discussing these innovations with you and exploring how we can collectively leverage them to further our mission of inclusivity in education. Technologies such as these become invaluable as we continue to navigate and shape the future of global learning.

Warmest regards,

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