

Engineering Education Research Networking Session
Connecting and Expanding the Engineering Education Research (EER) and Engineering Education Innovation (EEI) Communities

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Activity	Time Allotted
Introduction of session and facilitators	5
Brief report on status of EER & EEI	
Update on RREE – CLEERHub.org (Collaboratory for Engineering Education Research)	10
Update on EER – NRC DBER report	5
Update on EEI – ASEE Innovation with Impact & NAE FOEE	10
Participant Networking	
Rapid introductions around guided questions – Four to five conversations in groups of 3 – as a way to meet many people	25
Identification of “intellectual neighborhoods” around research and innovation questions and opportunities – individual reflection and writing	5
Brainstorming on strategies to connect, expand, and sustain the emerging EER and EEI communities	10
Summary of ideas for (1) local, (2) national – conferences, etc. and (3) virtual community	5
Individuals share reflections with the large group, facilitators sum up the session and participants complete feedback forms	10



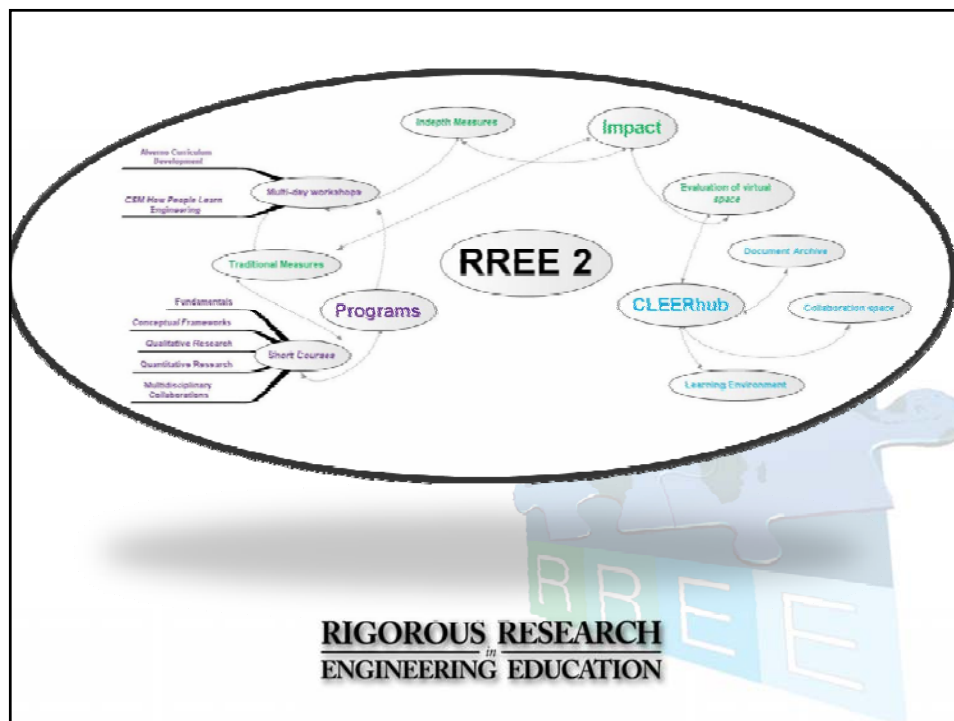
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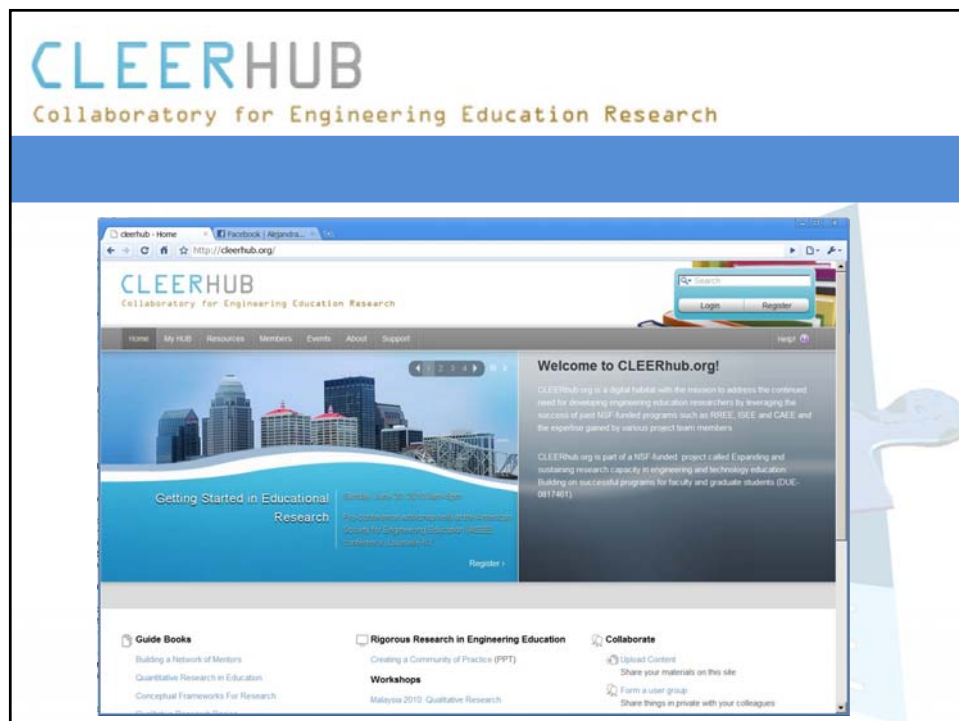
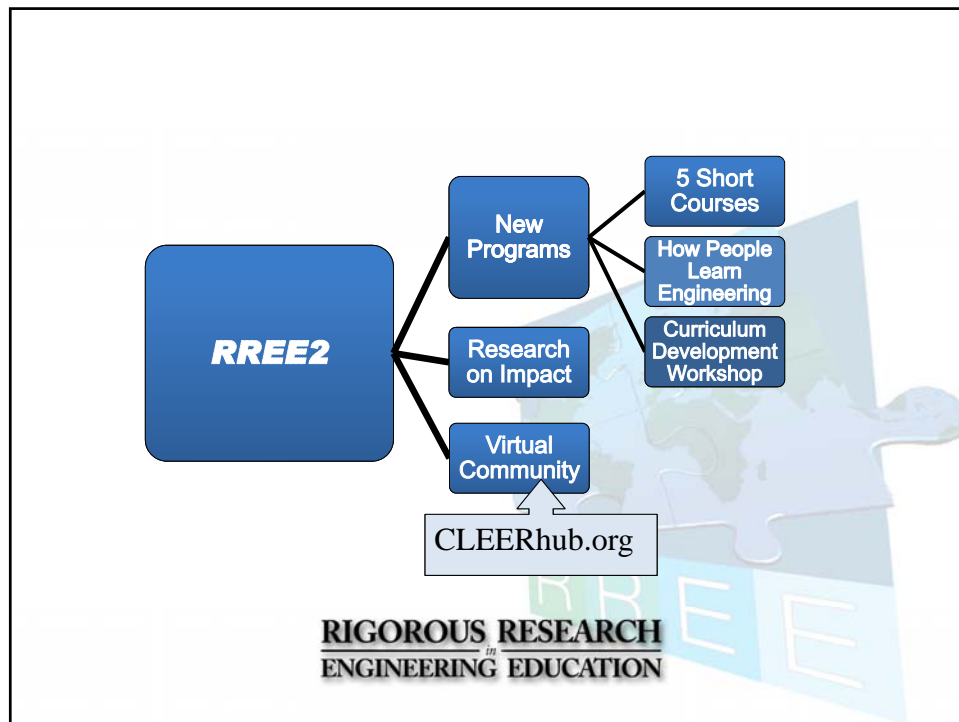



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Expanding and sustaining research
capacity in engineering and
technology education: Building on
successful programs for faculty and
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CLEERhub June 2012 Update

Objectives

- Explore available resources for your use.
- Share information about upcoming improvements.

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CLEERhub's Vision & Mission

Vision:

- To be the leader in engineering education research content and collaborative opportunities.

Mission:

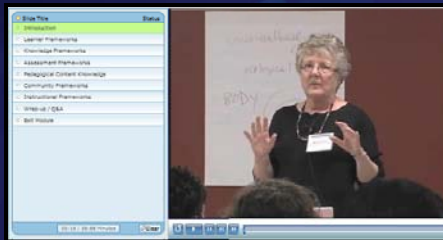
- Partnering with the community to develop engaging and useful content.
- Continually improving user experience with regards to information availability, platform ease of use, and tools that enable collaboration.

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What's Available Now

Some of our most popular resources:

- Fundamentals of Engineering Education Research
- Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods
- Exploring How People Learn Engineering



Example of a Learning Module.

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What's Coming Up

- Expanding accessibility by adopting the HTML 5 standard.
 - This enables users to access content via tablets and mobile devices.
- Self-scoring quizzes to help you gain insight into your understanding.

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Self-Scoring Quizzes

- Many of our resources will have self-scoring quizzes to help you gain insight into your understanding.



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Getting Started in Engineering Education Research Fundamentals of Engineering Education Research

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Levels of Engineering Education Inquiry

- **Level 0 Teacher**
 - Teach as taught (“distal pedagogy”)
- **Level 1 Effective Teacher**
 - Teach using accepted teaching theories and practices
- **Level 2 Scholarly Teacher**
 - Assesses performance and makes improvements
- **Level 3 Scholar of Teaching and Learning**
 - Engages in educational experimentation, shares results
- **Level 4 Engineering Education Researcher**
 - Conducts educational research, publishes archival papers

Source: Streveler, R., Borrego, M. and Smith, K.A. 2007. Moving from the “Scholarship of Teaching and Learning” to “Educational Research:” An Example from Engineering. *Improve the Academy*, Vol. 25, 139-149.

Research can be inspired by ...



**Understanding
(Basic)**

		Use (Applied)	
		No	Yes
Yes	Yes	Pure basic research (Bohr)	Use-inspired basic research (Pasteur)
	No		Pure applied research (Edison)

Source: Stokes, D. 1997. Pasteur's quadrant: Basic science and technological innovation. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.



Guiding Principles for Scientific Research in Education

1. **Question:** pose significant question that can be investigated empirically
2. **Theory:** link research to relevant theory
3. **Methods:** use methods that permit direct investigation of the question
4. **Reasoning:** provide coherent, explicit chain of reasoning
5. **Replicate and generalize** across studies
6. **Disclose** research to encourage professional scrutiny and critique

National Research Council, 2002

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Discipline-Based Education Research (DBER)

Understanding and Improving Learning in Undergraduate Science and Engineering



http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13362

Undergraduate Science and Engineering Education: Goals

- Provide all students with foundational knowledge and skills
- Motivate some students to complete degrees in science or engineering
- Support students who wish to pursue careers in science or engineering

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Undergraduate Science and Engineering Education: Challenges and Opportunities

- Retaining students in courses and majors
- Increasing diversity
- Improving the quality of instruction

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What is Discipline-Based Education Research?

- Emerging from various parent disciplines
- Investigates teaching and learning in a given discipline
- Informed by and complementary to general research on human learning and cognition

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Study Charge

- Synthesize empirical research on undergraduate teaching and learning in physics, chemistry, engineering, biology, the geosciences, and astronomy.
- Examine the extent to which this research currently influences undergraduate science instruction.
- Describe the intellectual and material resources that are required to further develop DBER.

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Structure of the Report

- Section I. Status of Discipline-Based Education Research
- Section II. Contributions of Discipline-Based Education Research
- Section III. Future Directions for Discipline-Based Education Research

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Section I. Status of Discipline-Based Education Research

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Status of DBER: Goals

- Understand how people learn the concepts, practices, and ways of thinking of science and engineering.
- Understand the nature and development of expertise in a discipline.
- Help to identify and measure appropriate learning objectives and instructional approaches that advance students toward those objectives.
- Contribute to the knowledge base in a way that can guide the translation of DBER findings to classroom practice.
- Identify approaches to make science and engineering education broad and inclusive.

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Status of DBER: Types of Knowledge Required To Conduct DBER

- Deep disciplinary knowledge
- The nature of human thinking and learning as they relate to a discipline
- Students' motivation to understand and apply findings of a discipline
- Research methods for investigating human thinking, motivation, and learning

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Status of DBER: Conclusions

- DBER is a collection of related research fields rather than a single, unified field. (Conclusion 1)
- High-quality DBER combines expert knowledge of:
 - a science or engineering discipline,
 - learning and teaching in that discipline, and
 - the science of learning and teaching more generally.(Conclusion 4)

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Section II. Contributions of Discipline-Based Education Research

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Contributions of DBER: Conceptual Understanding and Conceptual Change

- In all disciplines, undergraduate students have incorrect ideas and beliefs about fundamental concepts. (Conclusion 6)
- Students have particular difficulties with concepts that involve very large or very small temporal or spatial scales. (Conclusion 6)
- Several types of instructional strategies have been shown to promote conceptual change.

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Contributions of DBER: Problem Solving and the Use of Representations

- As novices in a domain, students are challenged by important aspects of the domain that can seem easy or obvious to experts. (Conclusion 7)
- Students can be taught more expert-like problem-solving skills and strategies to improve their understanding of representations.

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Contributions of DBER: Research on Effective Instruction

- Effective instruction includes a range of well-implemented, research-based approaches. (Conclusion 8)
- Involving students actively in the learning process can enhance learning more effectively than lecturing.

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Section III. Future Directions for Discipline-Based Education Research

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Future Directions for DBER: Translating DBER into Practice

- Available evidence suggests that DBER and related research have not yet prompted widespread changes in teaching practice among science and engineering faculty. (Conclusion 12)
- Efforts to translate DBER and related research into practice are more likely to succeed if they:
 - are consistent with research on motivating adult learners,
 - include a deliberate focus on changing faculty conceptions about teaching and learning,
 - recognize the cultural and organizational norms of the department and institution, and
 - work to address those norms that pose barriers to change in teaching practice. (Conclusion 13)

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Future Directions for DBER: Recommendations for Translating DBER Into Practice

- **RECOMMENDATION:** With support from institutions, disciplinary departments, and professional societies, faculty should adopt evidence-based teaching practices.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Institutions, disciplinary departments, and professional societies should work together to prepare current and future faculty to apply the findings of DBER and related research, and then include teaching effectiveness in evaluation processes and reward systems throughout faculty members' careers. (Paraphrased)

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Future Directions for DBER: Advancing DBER through Collaborations

- Collaborations among the fields of DBER, and among DBER scholars and scholars from related disciplines, although relatively limited, have enhanced the quality of DBER.
(Conclusion 15)

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Future Directions for DBER: Research Infrastructure

- Advancing DBER requires a robust infrastructure for research. (Conclusion 16)
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Science and engineering departments, professional societies, journal editors, funding agencies, and institutional leaders should:
 - clarify expectations for DBER faculty positions,
 - emphasize high-quality DBER work,
 - provide mentoring for new DBER scholars, and
 - support venues for DBER scholars to share their research findings

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Future Directions for DBER: Some Key Elements of a Research Agenda

- Studies of similarities and differences among different groups of students
- Longitudinal studies
- Additional basic research in DBER
- Interdisciplinary studies of cross-cutting concepts and cognitive processes
- Additional research on the translational role of DBER

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Status, Contributions, and Future Direction of Discipline-Based Education Research (DBER)

The National Science Foundation has funded a synthesis study on the status, contributions, and future direction of discipline-based education research (DBER) in physics, biological sciences, geosciences, and chemistry. DBER combines knowledge of teaching and learning with deep knowledge of discipline-specific science content. It describes the discipline-specific difficulties learners face and the specialized intellectual and instructional resources that can facilitate student understanding.

This 30-month study will build on two workshops held in 2008 to explore evidence on *Physics* and *Geoscience* in Undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education. It will answer questions that are essential to advancing DBER and broadening its impact on undergraduate science teaching and learning. An interdisciplinary panel of experts will synthesize empirical research on undergraduate teaching and learning in the sciences; explore the extent to which the research currently influences undergraduate instruction; and identify the intellectual and material resources required to further develop DBER.

The final product will be a consensus report that will provide guidance for future DBER research. In addition, the findings and recommendations of this study may invite, if not assist, postsecondary institutions to:

- increase interest and research activity in DBER, and improve its quality and usefulness, across all natural science disciplines
- guide instruction and assessment across natural science courses to improve student learning
- bring greater focus to issues of student ability in the natural sciences that are related to quality of instruction

MEETINGS	LOCATION	RESOURCES
Committee Meeting 1 June 20-29, 2010	Kirk Center, Room 101 500 5 th Street, NW Washington, DC	Appendix
Committee Meeting 2 October 18-19, 2010	Kirk Center, Room 101 500 5 th Street, NW Washington, DC (limited space)	Appendix Includes only to papers and presentations
Committee Meeting 3 December 3-4, 2010	Bedkman Center Orinda, CA	Appendix Includes only to papers and presentations
Committee Meeting 4	Kirk Center, 500 5 th Street, NW Washington, DC (limited space)	Appendix Commissioned Papers
Committee Meeting 5	OmniCenter Woods Hole, MA	This meeting is closed to the public

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http://www7.nationalacademies.org/bose/DBER_Homepage.html

Emphasis on Innovation

- ASEE Innovation with Impact report
 - Excerpt from Presentation by Leah Jamieson, Dean, College of Engineering, Purdue
- NAE Engineering Education Research and Innovation Activities
 - Briefing by Beth Cady, Program Officer, Engineering Education, National Academy of Engineering

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ASEE Reports - A Path Forward



Seven Recommendations for Innovation with Impact

Who

1. Grow professional development in teaching and learning.
2. Expand collaborations.

What

3. Expand efforts to make engineering more engaging, relevant, and welcoming.

How

4. Increase, leverage, and diversify resources for engineering teaching, learning, and innovation.
5. Raise awareness of proven practices and of scholarship in engineering education.



Seven Recommendations for Innovation with Impact *(continued)*

Creating a Better Culture

To measure progress in implementing policies, practices, and infrastructure in support of scholarly and systematic innovation in engineering education:

6. Conduct periodic self-assessments in our individual institutions.
7. Conduct periodic community-wide self-assessments.



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Engineering Education Research and Innovation Activities

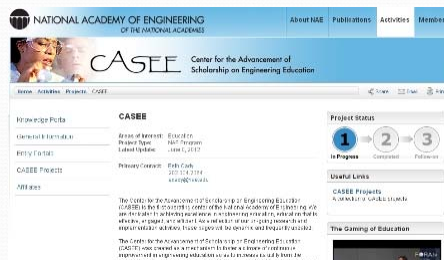
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Center for the Advancement of Scholarship on Engineering Education

- Created to foster continuous improvement
- Extensive set of resources at www.nae.edu/casee
 - Research-to-Practice documents
 - Meeting agendas and reports of CASEE projects
 - Equity-related resources
 - Videos
 - Summaries
- Please help us organize the site!
 - Search terms, categories



Real-World Engineering Education



- Sponsored by AMD
- Innovative programs infusing real-world experiences
- Final publication to be released over the summer
- Includes program description and discussion of barriers/solutions



Frontiers of Engineering Education (FOEE)

- Catalyze a vibrant community of *emerging* engineering education leaders
- Recognize faculty accomplishment, facilitate learning, broaden collaboration, and promote dissemination of innovative practice in engineering education



FOEE (continued)

- Attendees share their work with peers
- Speakers on topics of interest to attendees
- Speakers/Coaches provide mentoring advice
- Opportunities to network with peers and coaches
- 150 alums
- Nominations for 2012 currently open
 - Nominations from dean or NAE member
 - Applications due in July
- Symposium will be October 14-17 in Irvine, CA

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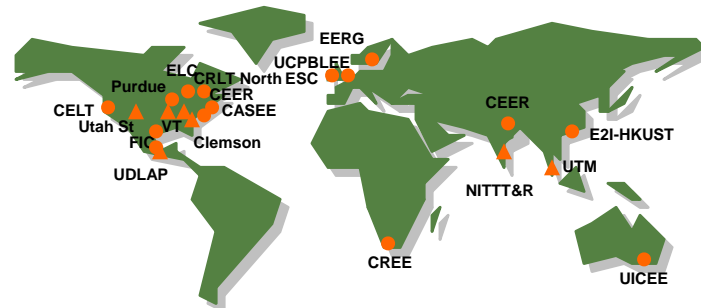
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Groups, centers, departments...



- **Engineering Education Centers** — Australia: UICEE, UNESCO International Centre for Engineering Education; Denmark: UCPBLEE, UNESCO Chair in Problem Based Learning in Engineering Education; Hong Kong: E2I, Engineering Education Innovation Center, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Pakistan: Center for Engineering Education Research, NUST, National University for Science and Technology; South Africa: CREE, Centre for Research in Engineering Education, U of Cape Town; Sweden: Engineering Education Research Group, Linköping U; UK: ESC, Engineering Subject Centre, Higher Education Academy; USA: CELT, Center for Engineering Learning and Teaching, U of Washington; CRLT North, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, U of Michigan; Faculty Innovation Center, U of Texas-Austin; Engineering Learning Center, U of Wisconsin-Madison; CASEE, Center for the Advancement of Scholarship in Engineering Education, National Academy of Engineering; EEIC, Engineering Education Innovation Center, Ohio State University; CEER, Center for Engineering Education Research, Michigan State University.
- ▲ **Engineering Education Degree-granting Departments** — USA: School of Engineering Education, Purdue U; Department of Engineering Education, Virginia Tech; Department of Engineering and Science Education, Clemson U; Department of Engineering and Technology Education, Utah State U; Malaysia: Engineering Education PhD program, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia; India: National Institute for Technical Teacher Training and Research; Mexico: Universidad de las Americas, Puebla

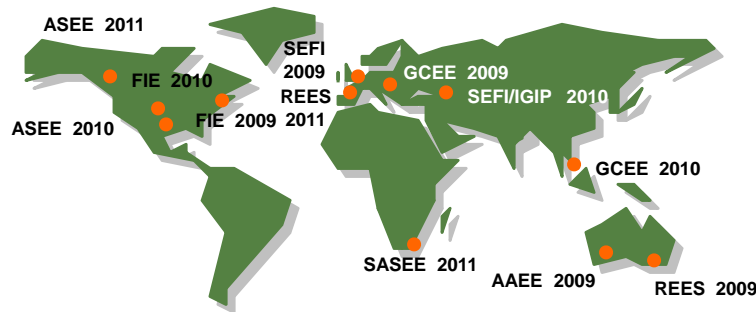
Engineering education societies...



Societies with Engineering Education Research Groups — ASEE, American Society for Engineering Education, Educational Research Methods Division; SEFI, Société Européenne pour la Formation des Ingénieurs (European Society for Engineering Education), Engineering Education Research Working Group; Australasian Association for Engineering Education, Engineering Education Research Working Group; Community of Engineering Education Research Scholars, Latin America and Caribbean Consortium for Engineering Institutions

Societies with Engineering Education Research Interests — Indian Society for Technical Education, Latin American and Caribbean Consortium of Engineering Institutions, Asociación Nacional de Facultades y Escuelas de Ingeniería (National Association of Engineering Colleges and Schools in Mexico), Internationale Gesellschaft für Ingenieurpädagogik (International Society for Engineering Education), International Federation of Engineering Education Societies, South African Engineering Education Association (SASEE)

Forums for dissemination...



Conferences with engineering education research presentations:

- ASEE — Annual Conference, American Society for Engineering Education, see www.asee.org
- AAEE — Annual Conference, Australasian Association for Engineering Education, see www.aaee.com.au
- FIE — Frontiers in Education, sponsored by ERM/ASEE, IEEE Education Society and Computer Society, [/fie-conference.org/erm](http://fie-conference.org/erm)
- GCEE — Global Colloquium on Engineering Education, sponsored by ASEE and local partners where the meeting is held, see www.asee.org
- SEFI — Annual Conference, Société Européenne pour la Formation des Ingénieurs, see www.sefi.be
- REES — Research on Engineering Education Symposium, rees2009.pbwiki.com/
- SASEE — South African Society for Engineering Education,

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Home Engineering/STEM Education Graduate Programs		
Institutions	Programs	Degree Awarded
Arizona State University	Maricopa Valley Technical College Joe A. Patten School of Engineering	M.Ed. Educational Technology Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with concentration in Engineering Education Ph.D. in Educational Technology Ph.D. in Educational Technology with concentration in Learning and Engineering Ph.D. Aerospace Engineering with concentration in Engineering Education Ph.D. Technical Engineering with concentration in Engineering Education
University of California - Berkeley	Studies in Engineering, Science, and Humanities (SESH) Education	U.C. Technology, Science, or Health Education Ph.D. Technology, Science, or Health Education
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Louisiana State University (LSU)	Engineering Education Research Group	Ph.D. Engineering Education Research
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Participant Networking Activity (~25 min)

- Introductions with Guided Format
- Three (~8 min) Conversations in Groups of 2-3
 - Your Name & Organization
 - Status of EER Center or PhD Program/Interest in EER & EEI
 - Suggestions for Starting/Questions About Starting
 - Exchange Business Cards/Contact Information
 - Identify “intellectual neighborhoods” around common research, organization or other questions and interests
 - Talk about ways to follow up
- Bell will ring once after 7 min and twice after 8 min
- Move to a New Group

Connecting, Expanding & Sustaining the Emerging EER Community (~ 10 min)

- **Small Group (2-3) Brainstorming**
 - Ideas for (1) local, (2) national, (3) international Community
 - Ideas for Virtual Community
 - Further Ideas
- **Summarize Ideas and Record**

Next Steps (~ 5 min)

- **Silently reflect on your interests and plans for engineering education research**
- **Jot down**
 - What do you plan to do next?
 - What are your longer range plans?
- **Continue the conversation during the FIE conference and beyond**
 - EER Networks – CLEERhub, REEN, SEFI
 - Meet again at ASEE Conference, June, 2012

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