

Announcement

CIES International Travel Award for Distinguished Service in Educational Reform

We are pleased to announce that George Soros and the Open Society Institute have initiated an endowment that will allow us to attract distinguished researchers and practitioners from developing countries to present at CIES conferences. The newly established *CIES International Travel Award for Distinguished Service in Educational Service* attempts to increase the presence of educational experts who serve in countries where international projects are implemented. Other international organizations are invited to contribute to this inter-agency endowment fund, initiated by CIES and OSI.

The 53rd Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society marks the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the beginning of a new era in education and development. Arguably, OSI was the largest and most influential NGO in the post-socialist region and has left a deep mark on educational development in these thirty and more countries. In 1992, OSI funded travel and accommodation for fifteen ministers of education from the newly established countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States as well as from Eastern Europe. Since this historic moment, OSI has provided numerous scholarships and travel grants for residents from the post-socialist region and, more recently, from other countries that dependent on external financial assistance.

The establishment of the endowment will be launched at the 2009 CIES conference. It is anticipated that other international organizations, agencies, and foundations will match this initial contribution to support the continuation of the travel award.

Conference participants with more than five years of professional experience in educational development are eligible to apply. A travel award in the amount of \$1,000 will be given provided that their proposal has been accepted for presentation at the conference. The awardees will be notified by January 10 and announced on the conference website as well as in the *CIES Newsletter*.

Henry M. Levin, President CIES
Gita Steiner-Khamsi, President-Elect CIES

Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)
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Application Form

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CIES Conference participants with more than five (5) years of professional experience in educational development are eligible to apply. A travel award of \$1,000 will be given provided that your proposal has been accepted for presentation at the conference.

The **deadline** for submitting the application is **November 15th, 2008**. Awardees will be notified by December 15, 2008.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Organization: _____

Job Title/Position: _____

Number of years in current position: _____

Number of years in educational development: _____

Current country of residence: _____

Title of submitted abstract to CIES 2009: _____

Date Submitted: _____

(*Please note that your proposal abstract should be submitted online via the CIES 2009 Website)

Please write a personal statement (maximum of 500 words) about your educational service in your country. Do note that if you are awarded a grant, this information will be published in the CIES newsletter and on the CIES website.

Along with this application, please attach the following:

- 1) A copy of your CIES Proposal Abstract
- 2) Resume/ CV
- 3) Personal statement

The entire application should be forwarded to CIES2009@tc.edu, with "CIES 2009 INT'L TRAVEL GRANT" in the subject line.

Thank you for your interest!