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# “COMPARATIVE & INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION” CONFERENCE – TEN YEARS IN THE EDUCATIONAL SPACE

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The scientific conference “Comparative & International Education” is held annually by the Department of Comparative Education of the Institute of Pedagogy of the National Academy of Education Sciences (NAES) of Ukraine since 2010.

In 2019, the conference has celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The ten-year term makes it possible to talk about its success. Designed as a chamber of the scholars of the comparative education units of the NAES of Ukraine, the “Comparative & International Education” conference has transformed into the well-known professional event uniting comparative educators with the whole of Ukraine and abroad.

The “Comparative & International Education” conference is represented by various types of institutions, i.e., institutes of the NAES of Ukraine, classical, agrarian, military, economic, medical, pedagogical, technical, law universities, in-service teacher training institutes, secondary schools, etc.

The centres of comparative education from Sumy (the city of Sumy and Hlukhiv), Ternopil, Cherkasy (Uman) and Chernihiv oblasts are the permanent partners of the conference.

The Scientific and Methodological Institution “National Institute of Education” of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus, Institute of Educational Sciences (Romania), North-West University of South Africa, Autonomous University of Zacatecas (Mexico) were among the international partners of the conference in different years.

The last two years the conference has been conducted within the framework of the Erasmus Mundus project “Ukraine – EU: Cross-Cultural Comparisons in Educational Research” implemented by the Institute of Pedagogy of NAES of Ukraine.

The graduates of the scientific school of the Department of Comparative Education of the Institute of Pedagogy of the NAES of Ukraine are invariable participants of the conference.

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The “longevity” of the conference was ensured by its focus on the topical issues of comparative education. In 10 years, the “Comparative & International Education” conference has become a platform for discussing the achievements and challenges of education internationally.

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The development of the methodology of comparative education – discussion of research methods, formats of comparison, approaches to the presentation of the findings, etc. – was equally important. For this purpose, the conference discussed the methodological guidelines of comparative education studies.

The format of the “Comparative & International Education” conference covering the expert council (which brings together leading comparative education scholars), discussion platforms/ world cafes, briefings of comparative education regional centres, etc., has proved remarkably effective in these years.

Expanding the range of for comparison, introduction of cross-country / regional / global comparisons, research focus on the innovations of the education practices and trends in global education demonstrate the evolution of the “Comparative & International Education” conference. An input to conceptual support of the education modernisation, building the foundation for a high-level education, common movement to the European and world education space remain unaltered.