

CALL FOR PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

The Islamic Schools League of America
and
National-Louis University
present

Principal/Leadership Conference

Sharing the Journey Toward Excellence

WHEN: November 10th and 11th 2006 (Friday and Saturday)

WHERE: National-Louis University, Lisle Campus
850 Warrenville Road Lisle, IL 60532 (Western suburb of Chicago)

WHO: Principals/Directors & All Leadership of Full Time Islamic Schools

- Meet Principals and Islamic School leaders as they share their experiences.
- Learn more about school improvement planning, strengthening school board participation, and team building among all school stakeholders.
- Evaluate the pros and cons of school accreditation with respect to the school improvement process.
- Interact with accreditation team members that have participated in accreditation of other Islamic Schools.
- Network with other school leaders to cultivate mentoring relationships.
- Hear the stories of educators from Catholic, Jewish, Lutheran, and Islamic schools as they struggled with Development & Accreditation.

Islamic schools are at a critical juncture. New schools ask how to begin; others ask how to become accredited, or which curriculum to use. Accreditation is a major phase to consider, a process that can guide our curriculum development, school improvement, institutional planning, and research. This conference is an opportunity to share the stories, process, and journey toward excellence. It is an opportunity to consider the challenges and solutions facing Islamic Schools today with school leaders themselves, and invited experts with decades of educational planning experiences.

CALL FOR PAPER/PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

Islamic Schools League of America
In cooperation with the
Educational Leadership Department
of the
National College of Education
at
National-Louis University in LISLE, IL
present:

The First Annual Islamic Schools Leadership Conference

Islamic School Leaders Sharing the Journey Toward Excellence

Date: November 10th and 11th of 2006

Times: Friday 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and breaks

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. only participants who remain until 3:00 p.m. are eligible for a major gift from drawing.

Proposal Guidelines Form

Please print or type

Part I

1. Title of Presentation: _____

2. Presenter #1, Name: _____
First Name Family/Last Name

Position and/or Title: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Nighttime phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address:

3. Additional Presenters (use space below for 2nd presenter; for more presenters, please copy Presenter #2 form and paste below, continuing numbering ex: Presenter #3, Presenter #4, etc.)

Presenter #2, Name: _____
First Name Family/Last Name

Position and/or Title: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Nighttime phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Part II

1. Please check your type of presentation (preference given to presentations that promote interaction with audience):

- a. _____ Panel discussion (90 minute session)
- b. _____ Paper presentation: Special topic or Research (60 minute session)
- c. _____ Workshop (75 minute session)

2. List the key words or phrases that best describe the session: _____

3. My session is most suitable to a school that is (check all that apply):

- ___ Considering Accreditation
- ___ Planning for Accreditation
- ___ Already Accredited

4. Each presentation room contains an LCD projector, DVD player, CD player, Elmo document projection camera, pull-down screen, and technical assistance.

Please indicate any audio/visual technology you will need for your presentation that is **NOT** listed above: _____

Part III

Abstract

Please submit an abstract of up to 500 words describing the Panel discussion, Paper presentation; special topic or research paper, or Workshop session.

Your abstract should state how your presentation

- relates to excellence in school leadership;
- might guide Islamic schools at a critical juncture - whether embarking on a new school creation, wondering how to become accredited, or selecting curriculum; and
- provides a learning opportunity to others - whether it is the sharing of stories, the teacher evaluation process, team building, the journey toward excellence, or a discussion of opportunity to consider the challenges and solutions facing Islamic Schools striving for excellence.

In addition, your abstract might share your views on why accreditation is a major phase to consider or explain the process that guided your school's curriculum development, improvement, institutional planning, or research.

Part IV

Checklist: (please that you have completed each of the following)

- ___ Form is completely filled out in either print or type.
- ___ Abstract is type written in 500 or less words.
- ___ Deadline of September 1, 2006 is met.

Deadline: **September 1, 2006** (by 5:00 p.m. EST)

Method: Via Email to the following email address

- ___ leadershipconference@gmail.com Islamic Schools League of America

The Program Committee will acknowledge the receipt of the proposal (via return email), will review, select and contact each participant and send an acceptance letter electronically to participant on or before September 15, 2006. All final papers in electronic format using APA style are due to the Program Committee by October 10, 2006. Papers and conference proceedings will be shared electronically (no paper copies).

Information on Registration and hotels will follow.

Suggestions for keynote speakers are being accepted during the month of August. Contact Karen Keyworth <kkeyworth@4islamicschools.org> if you have ideas.