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**World Education Leadership Symposium 2019**  
**25-27 September 2019, Zug**  
**WELS-Info-Email 6 (May 2019)**

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### **1. WELS-registration status: Already more than 600 participants from more than 40 countries**

600 participants from over 40 countries have already registered for the Symposium. Benefit from their expertise and extend your own network with participating principals, teachers, representatives of authorities, ministries, universities, support institutions as well as of foundations and the economy.

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### **2. International Participation and Travel Grants: last Call**

Thanks to the generous support by three foundations, the grant scheme for participants from middle- and low-income countries was increased for this year's conference. Applications can be submitted online **till May 15** in English. Please feel free to forward this information to colleagues in your professional networks who might be interested.

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### **3. Program online: More than 200 speakers**

The WELS program is available now. As in past Symposia, it combines findings from research and practice and is unique with this format. Organize your personal conference schedule choosing from over 100 exciting presentations, workshops and discussions with about 200 speakers.

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#### **3.1 Plenary Program: Responsible Leadership - a topic with many perspectives**

The Plenary Program (September 25 and 27) will feature presentations by renowned education experts and researchers from Switzerland, Europe, America and Asia, who will highlight "responsibility for education" from a variety of

perspectives. Among them is, for example, Dr. Sobhi Tawil from UNESCO, whose organization has taken over the patronage of the Symposium for the first time this year in addition to the SERI.

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### **3.2 Parallel Program: Many different strands in English, French and German**

Within the Parallel Program (September 26) you can focus on one particular theme over four 90-minute sessions (workshops and presentations) or switch between different themes (thematic strands). Choose among German-speaking, French-speaking and English-speaking strands. The English-speaking Parallel Program (26th September) offers the following themes: Educational Change, Evaluation and Improvement - Educational Networks, Cooperation and System Leadership - Digitalization in Education - Inclusion, Equity and Equality in Education - Migration, Democracy and Citizenship in Education - Health and Resilience in Education - Professionalization of School Leaders, Leadership Learning - Educational Policy, Reform and Governance - Responsible Leadership in Education (Theme of Plenary Program).

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### **3.3 How does art get to school? - Experience cultural education first hand**

On the first main conference day (September 25, starting at 6:00 pm), take a "cultural walk" through the Casino Lounge's aperitif through three projects that bring art and culture to the school, foster interdisciplinary teaching and learning, and relieve the burden on teachers: 25 school classes become 25 museums / art in the canton: "Wunderkammer" Switzerland / art in the canton: Environmental School - Rainforest and Henri Rousseau.

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### **3.4 Pre- and Post-Conference: „International Seminar“ and „Science Forum“ as supplements to the main program**

During the Pre-Conference, the International Seminar addresses international participants who want to connect and initiate partnerships (such as student exchanges) or joint projects (such as school development). On September 24 the focus is on the various experiences across the countries and the critical discussion of challenges in education and schools. On September 25 participants will have the opportunity to visit schools (and educational authorities) in the canton of Zug. The conference language of the International Seminar is English.

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During the Post-Conference a workshop on research methods is offered in mixed methods research combining qualitative and quantitative methods. The workshop language is German.

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## **4. Information from partners: Best booking flexibility with SWISS**

Please note: Swiss International Air Lines as Official Carrier for the WELS 2019 offers all participants up to 10% discount on the standard fares.

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For the last 12 years the Symposium has been the largest international congress in Europe on education leadership. 800 experts working in different fields of practice and research from around 50 countries worldwide discuss challenges and solutions for education and schools for

tomorrow. In 2017, 1100 experts from 76 countries around the world discussed what tomorrow's schools should be like in 100 speeches, paper presentations, and workshops with around 200 speakers. The conference languages are English, French and German; simultaneous translation is provided for the entire plenary program. The parallel program is either in English or German. There will be sessions in French and Spanish, too.

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