

ABOUT LOUISVILLE AND KENTUCKY

Louisville is the largest city in Kentucky and is located on the Ohio River. Its early economy developed through the shipping and cargo industries, but today Louisville is best known as the location of the Kentucky Derby, the oldest continuously held horse race in the country.



Like many urban cities in the United States, Louisville has experienced significant residential and retail growth in recent years, including the conversion of waterfront industrial sites into Waterfront Park and the development of a bustling pedestrian entertainment complex called *Fourth Street Live!*

Several museums are located downtown on Museum Row, including the Kentucky Science Center with the interactive *The World We Create* hands-on exhibits, the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory that manufactures the famous wooden baseball bat, and the Muhammed Ali Center highlighting the Louisville native's boxing memorabilia.

Kentucky is known worldwide for its bourbon whiskey with one third of all Kentucky bourbon produced in Louisville. Louisville also serves as host for the world-class *IdeaFestival* each fall, which brings together global thinkers and innovators bound together by an intense curiosity about what is impacting and shaping the future.

Louisville natives are known for their friendliness, and conference goers are guaranteed to find the world conference venue a comfortable and easy place to explore. We encourage you to attend the World Conference in 2013 and discover the beautiful Bluegrass state.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF GIFTEDNESS AND CREATIVITY 2013

The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children invites you to be part of the *International Year of Giftedness and Creativity 2013* held in connection with the World Conference in Louisville. The year is based around the theme "Stories and Story Sharing." The first *International Day of the Gifted* was successfully celebrated in August 2011 during the Biennial World Conference in Prague. Building on the sense of community that was formed by celebrating gifted children and honoring gifted and talented efforts worldwide, it was decided to expand the day to a year during the 2013 World Conference. This is an opportunity for gifted children and the people who care and work with them to share and celebrate through their experiences and creativity born out of the essence of their giftedness and talent. World Council Executive Committee member Leslie Graves is coordinator of the International Year event. You can link to her blog at <http://innreach.wordpress.com>



20TH BIENNIAL WORLD CONFERENCE

Celebrating Giftedness and Creativity

**AUGUST 10-14, 2013
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY USA**



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Dear Colleagues,

The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children (WCGTC) is very pleased to invite you to participate in its 20th Biennial World Conference, the official

international event of the World Council. 2013 is the International Year of Giftedness and Creativity (IYGC). This conference is designed to increase public awareness, increase the investment in gifted and creative students, and generate enthusiasm for the future of this field of knowledge.

In 2013 the conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in partnership with representation from many of the groups active in gifted education and research in Kentucky and the United States. The World Council Headquarters is currently located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, so this conference will be a homecoming and celebration of gifted education in the region where the World Council now calls home.

This conference will provide a programme with the highest calibre of keynote speakers, scholars, presenters, and exhibitors. It brings leaders in gifted education together to share their knowledge, expertise, and practices from many cultures. The venue provides a perfect scientific platform for gifted education, professional dialogue, and peer networking aimed at strengthening our services and practices that fulfill our mission.

We look forward to seeing you in Louisville, Kentucky, August 10-14, 2013.

Taisir Subhi Yamin
President, WCGTC
Chair, World Conference

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Galt House Hotel and Conference Center will be the site of the 2013 World Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The Galt House is in the heart of Louisville on the Ohio River and is the largest downtown meeting and convention hotel in the region. All of the meetings will be held at the Galt House.

The Galt House Hotel is centrally located along the popular I-65 corridor between Indianapolis and Nashville in the Midwest United States. The hotel and conference center is only seven (7) miles from the Louisville International Airport. Once you are on site you can walk, trolley hop, or catch a cab ride to nearby attractions, restaurants, museums, and live entertainment.

The 2013 World Conference will include several diverse strands that have been developed to allow for a full exploration of our theme: "Celebrating Giftedness and Creativity."



Important Dates

ONLINE PROPOSAL ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPENS	OCTOBER 2012
ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS	NOVEMBER 2012
PROPOSAL ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CLOSES ..	MAY 25, 2013
NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE ENDS	JUNE 1, 2013
EARLY REGISTRATION CLOSES	JUNE 10, 2013
PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REGISTER BY	JULY 10, 2013
FINAL PROGRAM PUBLISHED	JULY 20, 2013

Members of the WCGTC receive a discount on conference fees. See www.worldgifted2013.org for more details.

The strands are:

- Giftedness: Theory, Research, Practices, and Future Trends
- Creativity: Theory, Research, and Practices
- Innovation Education
- Partnering Globally for Success
- Assessment, Screening, and Identification: Approaches, Models, and Tools
- Social-Emotional Needs of the Gifted, Creative, and Talented
- Twice-Exceptional Learners
- Guidance and Counseling
- Giftedness, Gender, and Cultural Differences
- Moral Education, Values, and Social Conscience
- Homeschooling, Parenting, and Parent Matters
- Advocating for the Gifted
- Developing Future Leaders
- Educational Technology
- Curriculum and Classroom Practices



We encourage you to submit a proposal that fits one of these strands to present at the World Conference at www.worldgifted2013.org