

Hosting a SEMPRES Conference

SEMPRE runs a series of one- and two-day conferences at higher-education institutions that cover a range of themes in music education and psychology research. Normally, two one-day conferences are held each year in Autumn (September/October) and Spring (March/April) with a two-day international conference taking place every other year in the Spring slot. These events are arranged by the SEMPRES Conference Secretary in collaboration with local organisers from the hosting institution. All of the events are open to SEMPRES members and non-members, and students are especially encouraged to attend. Programmes normally include spoken presentations, poster displays, keynote addresses as well as other features, such as live performances, workshops, and discussion fora. Student study days are also planned either in conjunction with or in addition to the above events. Please browse the SEMPRES website for details of forthcoming and past conferences, including calls for papers, registration/booking forms, conference reviews and abstracts/presentations of recent events. If you are interested in hosting a SEMPRES Conference please contact one of the SEMPRES Conference Secretaries, Mary Stakelum (m.stakelum@bathspa.ac.uk) or Helen Prior (helen.m.prior@gmail.com). Guidelines for Conference Organisers can be found on the SEMPRES website.

Requests will be considered throughout the year and the committee will notify you of the outcome as soon as possible after receiving the request. SEMPRES will endeavour to support events in accordance with the aims of the Society, which are to provide an international forum for researchers working in the fields of psychology of music and music education; to encourage the exchange of ideas, and to disseminate research findings; and to provide opportunities and support for postgraduate students to present their work at conferences and study days.

About SEMPRES Conference Support

What we can do for you...

- Publicise your conference on the SEMPRES website (www.sempre.org.uk) under our list of SEMPRES Conferences [please supply details to the SEMPRES Conference Secretary as soon as possible];
- Circulate details about your conference to SEMPRES members via our social media channels;
- Offer SEMPRES Conference Awards to presenting delegates [the awards are for full-time students, part-time students and unwaged delegates to assist with the cost of attending the event – registration fees, travel and accommodation. The conference organiser should circulate the SEMPRES Conference Award Application Form to delegates following the release of the conference programme. The application forms can be downloaded from the SEMPRES website. The conference organiser should issue a deadline for receipt of the applications, normally at least 8 weeks in advance of the conference (preferably earlier). The conference organiser should forward the completed applications to the SEMPRES Conference Secretary after the deadline for administering to the SEMPRES Awards Panel. The SEMPRES Conference Secretary will notify applicants about the outcome of the applications (or, if practical, the conference organiser will be asked to do this on behalf of SEMPRES)].
- Offer financial support to cover conference-related administration costs, subject to a presentation of a clear business case being made to the SEMPRES committee.
- Highlight the theme of the conference in our online review of current research (see <http://pom.sagepub.com/site/includefiles/spotlights/Editor%20Choice%20Collections.xhtml>)

What you can do for us...

- Acknowledge SEMPRES in your conference publicity by displaying the SEMPRES logo on your website and any other material for the event, including the programme or conference brochure;
- Include flyers about the Society and SEMPRES Conferences in your delegate packs;
- For those presenters who are in receipt of a SEMPRES Conference Award, display the logo next to the presenters' names in the programme/abstracts;
- If possible, display the SEMPRES banner at your event.
- Provide a short slot (c. 5 minutes) for a committee member to provide a presentation about SEMPRES.
- If applicable, provide a slot for the Society's AGM.

For further information, please contact the SEMPRES Conference Secretary (www.sempre.org.uk).