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*Call for Papers*  
*(Deadline Extended to July 9)*

# Improving Education through Accountability and Evaluation

## Lessons from Around the World

Rome, Italy  
October 3-5, 2012

Confirmed speakers include:

**Roel Bosker**, University of Groningen • **Jane Hannaway**, president-elect, Association for Education Policy and Finance (AEPF) and director, American Institutes of Research's National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research • **Leonidas Kyriakides**, University of Cyprus • **Helen Ladd**, Duke University and immediate-past president of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management • **Diane Ravitch** (invited), New York University and Brookings Institution • **Jean Francois Rouet**, University of Poitiers and research director, National Center for Scientific Research (France) • **Grover Whitehurst**, Brookings Institution and former director of the U.S. Institute for Education Sciences • **Ludger Woessmann**, University of Munich

The main web page for the conference is:  
[http://www.invalsi.it/invalsi/ri/improving\\_education](http://www.invalsi.it/invalsi/ri/improving_education)

Around the world, school teachers and administrators, scholars and researchers, government officials, and the general public are seeking to improve the quality of education. In recent years, two of the most prominent themes have been: (1) using performance measures to hold school systems, administrators, and teachers accountable for results, and (2) conducting different kinds of evaluations to identify and test promising approaches and programs able to improve student outcomes. Much can be learned from these efforts, with lessons applicable in many countries.

In an effort to collect, analyze, and share these lessons, the Istituto Nazionale per la Valutazione del Sistema Educativo di Istruzione e Formazione (INVALSI); the University of Maryland School of Public Policy (UMD); the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM); the Ministero dell' Istruzione dell' Università e Ricerca; and the European Commission Directorate-General of Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion will hold a conference in Rome, Italy, October 3-5, 2012. The conference is designed to attract a worldwide audience, including academics and professionals from universities, think tanks, school systems, government agencies, and the private sector.

Papers are solicited on all aspects of research, evaluation, and policy associated with improving the quality of education through accountability and program evaluation, including, but not limited to:

- *School accountability through performance monitoring;*
- *Improving teacher and administrator/supervisor quality;*
- *Promising innovations inside and outside the classroom;*
- *Building and interpreting scientific evidence; and*
- *Translating research results into practice:*

**Program co-chairs:**

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Chair, International Activities Committee (APPAM)  
Coeditor, International Policy Exchange Series, Oxford University Press

**Post-conference publication:** Papers from the conference will be considered for publication in the Oxford University Press [International Policy Exchange Series](#).

In addition, all relevant conference papers will be considered for publication in the [Journal of Policy Analysis and Management](#) as well as a special issue of the journal [Studies in Educational Evaluation](#).

**Language:** Please note that English will be the official language of the conference. Abstracts, papers, and presentations are expected to be delivered in English.

**Deadline for abstract submissions:** July 9, 2012, at INVALSI website [here](#).

**Registration:** Please register through the INVALSI website [here](#).

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