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iCERP (International Center for Educational Research and Practice) holds its first Advisory Board meeting. Twenty-four local, state, national and international education thought leaders attend setting the stage for a new model of education research-practice centers. www.icerpglobal.com

iCERP held its first virtual [Advisory Board](#) meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018. Twenty-four education thought leaders joined the 90-minute meeting representing a unique intersection of perspectives and experiences.

Dr. Matt Doyle, Executive Director, initiated the call with welcoming statements and an overview of the iCERP mission. Dr. Doyle introduced representatives of the primary partner organizations. Dr. Amanda Datnow, Dean of the Graduate School of Education at UCSD, Mr. Peter Callstrom, CEO of the San Diego Workforce Partnership and Dr. Salah Al-Sharhan, Interim President of the Gulf University of Science and Technology. Comments by all three leaders were summarized by Ms. Gerri Burton, iCERP Action Council, who spoke to intersectionality of thought, international perspective and innovation, the iCERP guiding principles.

Advisory Board members Mr. Andy Calkins, CEO of Next Gen Learning Challenge, Ms. Brenda Hall of the NC Professional Development Federation, Ms. Emma Scripps of the IDEO Teachers Guild, Ms. Carrie D'Ascoli of Google, Mr. Bou Diarra of Solinks, and Ms. Courtney Reilly of Leap Innovations spoke to the future of education transformation, its future requirements for pedagogy and services, and a changing funding model.

The California Department of Education was represented by Mr. Jason Spencer, Principal Advisor to the State Superintendent of Instruction, Tom Torlakson, and Dr. Kristen Brown, One System Lead, for the California Department of Education. Mr. Peter Callstrom, CEO of the San Diego Workforce Partnership, Mr. Bret Schanzenbach, CEO of the Vista Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Kevin Ham, Director of Economic Development for the City of Vista, and Ms. Tina Ngo Bartel of the San Diego and Imperial County Community Colleges were present and all spoke to the importance of the work of iCERP in meeting the future talent needs of the City of Vista and the broader San Diego County. Action Council Members and VUSD Principals Dr. Eric Chagala, Ms. Laura Smith, and Ms. Kim Morton were joined by Casita Elementary School teacher, Ms. Jenny Chien, California Teacher of the Year.



The meeting [agenda](#) primarily focused on the VUSD-UCSD Edneuroscience project ([Video](#)) currently underway. Ms. Laura Kohn of the San Diego Workforce Partnership Center for Low Income Mobility, CLIMB, presented the Heckman equation offering the ‘why’ of the focus on early education. UCSD Professors Dr. Amanda Datnow and Dr. Tim Brown, Action Council members, provided an overview of the project. Ms. Kiki Bispo explained why this project offers immediate and direct benefits to families creating equity from the earliest of ages. This was followed by an open discussion inclusive of comments about data privacy, efficacy, and international amplifications of the research. Comments by representatives from the Middle East and Africa, Dr. Salah Al-Sharhan and Mr. Bou Diarra, respectively, highlighted the commonality of issues facing education on a global basis, the need for change and common solutions and lessons to be learned beyond borders.

Dr. Heidi Hayes Jacobs and Dr. Bena Kallick offered perspective in the areas of curriculum development and habits of mind, respectively. Dr. Matt Doyle concluded the meeting with a Call to Action asking Advisory Board members to engage in the Edneuro project.

With thanks to the efforts of Mr. Robert Crowell, iCERP Action Council, the iCERP website (www.icerpglobal.com) was well received by the Advisory Board members.