

The [`Consejo Mexicano de Investigación Educativa \(COMIE\)](#) is one of the institutions that are exploring ways of deepening international liaison to promote educational research. TLRP is contributing to this process as part of its commitment to knowledge production around the world.

COMIE is, in fact, the national educational research association in Mexico. Founded in 1993, COMIE is integrated by 269 professional researchers, most of them with at least one postgraduate qualification, all of them with published work and half of them awarded by the National Research System. This group of researchers represent 61 public and private institutions in 21 states, whose main activity is educational research.

COMIE's aim is to promote educational research of the highest quality. As a consequence, COMIE has contributed consistently to the pursuit of quality education in the country, not only conducting research, but also contributing to knowledge dissemination with diverse actors involved in education, like policy makers and teachers.

For example, COMIE has actively collaborated in teacher education and in educational researchers' education. Additionally, it has participated in developing parameters and quality standards for educational research; it has constantly worked in the dissemination of findings among practitioners at different levels, and among diverse institutions along the country, through different events and activities and through publications, and now with international relationship with recognised institutions around the world.

Three are COMIE's main permanent activities:

1. The organisation of the biannual National Conference of Educational Research. This year, the 9<sup>th</sup> Nacional Conference of Educational Research will take place in Mérida, capital of the Mayan state of Yucatán, in November.

The thematic research areas are:

- a. Learning and human development
- b. Curriculum
- c. Environmental Education
- d. Education, Science and Technology
- e. Education and Discipline's Knowledge
- f. Education and Values
- g. Virtual Learning Environments
- h. Philosophy, Theory and Education
- i. History and Historiography of Education
- j. Education and Society
- k. Research about Educational Research
- l. Multiculturalism and Education

- m. Policies and Management
  - n. Educational Practice in School Spaces
  - o. Teacher Education
  - p. Subjects in Education
2. The publication of the quarterly refereed journal *Mexican Journal of Educational Research*, available electronically at [www.comie.org.mx](http://www.comie.org.mx), that appeared in 1996 and is recognized by the National Committee of Science and Technology in Mexico as a quality research journal in the country.
  3. The production and dissemination of the state of the art in educational research in Mexico every 10 years. Three of these compendia have been published: in 1982, during the First National Conference of Educational Research; in 1992, with 9 volumes entitled: *La investigación educativa en los ochenta perspectivas para los noventa (Educational Research in the 80s, perspectives for the 90s)*; and in 2002, with 15 volumes under the title *La investigación educativa en México (1992-2002) (Educational Research in Mexico 1992–2002)*, that involved the work of 433 academics of which 146 were COMIE members.