The University of Arizona College of Education and the Department of Mathematics, will host the 38th Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education (PME-NA 2016). This conference brings together mathematics education experts from around the world to share research on how students learn mathematics, how teachers teach mathematics, and how mathematicians, teachers and students do mathematics.

The conference will be held at the Marriott Starr Pass Resort from November 3-6, 2016 and will be attended by over 550 researchers, faculty and graduate students from around the world including the US, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, Australia, Chile, Puerto Rico, Israel, Trinidad and Tobago, and Germany.

The conference theme is Sin Fronteras: Questioning Borders with(in) Mathematics Education. Presenters will talk about research on learning and teaching mathematics that involve different kinds of borders. More than 436 presentations will be offered including Spanish/English bilingual sessions. Plenary speakers include Sandra Crespo, (Michigan State University), María Trigueros Gaisman (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México), Chris Rasmussen, (San Diego State University), Julia Maria Aguirre (University of Washington, Tacoma), Lisa Lunney Borden, (St. Francis Xavier University) and Olimpia Figueras, (Cinvestav).

A significant aspect of this year’s conference is that for the first time in PME-NA, there will be some presentations in Spanish, as well as simultaneous translation (English and Spanish) for some sessions, thus embracing the theme of the conference, Sin Fronteras / Without Borders. It is the hope of the organizers that this would a model to follow in future PME-NA conferences.

PME-NA is a chapter of the larger organization, International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education. PME-NA’s first conference was in 1979 in Evanston, IL. The organization has held a conference every year for the past 37 years. The conference was last in Tucson in 2000.

A one-day rate for local attendees (non-presenters) is available. More information can be found at http://pmena2016.org/