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SREE Congratulates Larry Hedges on Winning the 2018 Yidan Prize for Educational Research

The Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) congratulates co-founder and Board member, Larry Hedges for receiving the 2018 Yidan Prize for Education Research for “his ground-breaking statistical methods for meta-analysis.” The award comes with a \$4 million prize in recognition and support of his work.

Hedges is known for his work developing statistical methods for meta-analysis in social, medical, and biological methods and for developing innovative methods for synthesizing research findings. This work has made it possible for policy makers and practitioners to access evidence-based research findings and see what works in education.

“Larry is so very deserving of the Yidan Prize,” notes current SREE President, Rebecca Maynard. She continues, “Not only is he a pre-eminent scholar and heavy weight in education research, but he also is a talented teacher, an exceptional mentor, and an amazing friend of education, educators, and education researchers. His role as founder and long-time President of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness is only one example of the breadth and depth of his contributions to strengthening methods for conducting, synthesizing, and communicating educational research to improve policies and practices that matter for children.”

Hedges continues to promote causal education research forward through his field-building work at SREE. Currently, he is spearheading the creation of an online professional development video library that researchers around the world can use to learn new research methods. Hedges has also played an integral role in the creation of SREE’s Registry of Efficacy and Effectiveness Studies, which will launch October 31, 2018. The Registry will provide timely information on causal inference studies in education and related fields in an effort to increase transparency and access to information about ongoing and completed studies.

SREE has honored Hedges’ outsized contributions to the field by establishing the Hedges Lecture in 2016. The Hedges Lecture is an endowed lecture given at the organization’s Spring conference by an individual who has been a leader in methods development and in advocacy for scientific rigor.

The Yidan Prize, established in 2016, is the largest prize in education. Hedges was selected from nearly 1000 nominations spanning 92 countries. The purpose of the prize is to create a global conversation in education and to actively participate in education philanthropy.

SREE, incorporated in 2010, is a community of students, researchers, practitioners, and policy makers committed to advancing research on policies, programs, and practices that cause educational and related outcomes. The Society publishes the Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness (JREE), and holds a Spring research conference each year. The Society also provides resources to advance research relevant to practice, from early childhood through the transition to higher and continuing education. These resources include a professional development video library and the Registry of Efficacy and Effectiveness Studies. To learn more, visit www.sree.org or email contact@sree.org.