

PIRLS 2016

Progress Report

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54th IEA General Assembly
October 2013, Lisbon

Progress Since Last General Assembly...

- Launched ePIRLS – new assessment online reading
 - Disseminated ePIRLS video demo
- Assessment Frameworks Completed
 - PIRLS, prePIRLS, ePIRLS
- Reviewed and selected passages for field test
- Drafted 600 field test items
- Developed four ePIRLS tasks
- Updated questionnaires for PIRLS
 - Home, School, Teacher, Student

PIRLS 4th Grade - Participants

Austria*
Barbados
Bahrain*
Belgium (Fl)
Belgium (Fr)
Belize
Botswana
Bulgaria
Canada
Chile
Chinese Taipei*
Colombia
Czech Republic
Denmark*
England
Finland
France
Georgia
Germany*
Hong Kong SAR
Hungary*

Iran
Ireland*
Israel*
Italy*
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kuwait
Lithuania
Malta*
Morocco
Netherlands
New Zealand*
Norway*
Oman
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Singapore*

Slovak Republic
Slovenia*
South Africa
Spain
Sweden*
Trinidad & Tobago
Turkey
United Arab Emirates*
United States*

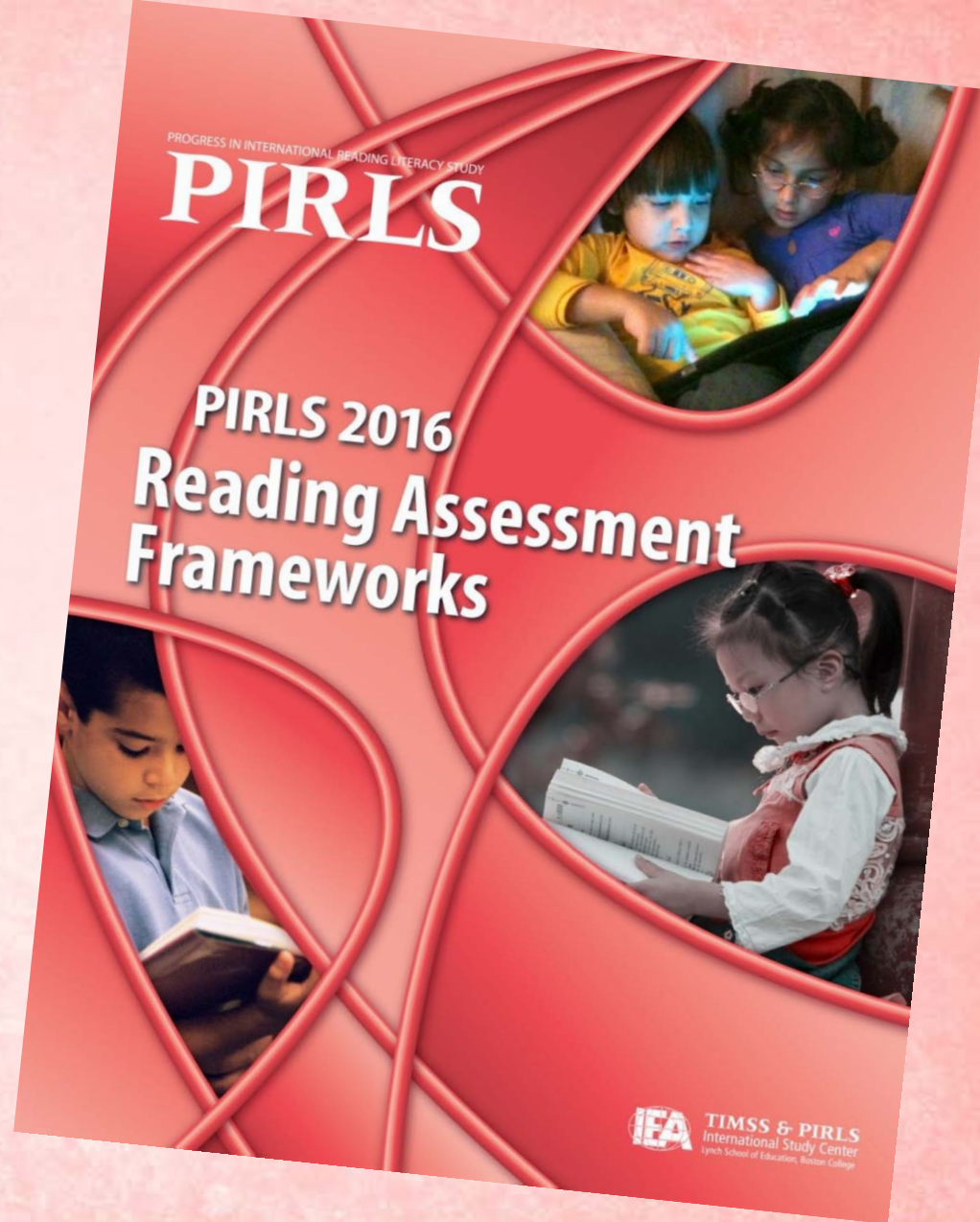
Benchmarking Participants

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Ontario, Canada
*Quebec, Canada**
Caribbean CXC
Maltese – Malta
*Eng/Afr – RSA (5th)**
Andalusia, Spain
*Abu Dhabi, UAE**
*Dubai, UAE**

PIRLS 2016 Assessment Frameworks

- PIRLS
- prePIRLS
- ePIRLS
- Context
Questionnaires
- Assessment Design

- Posting date
- Oct 30



Updating the PIRLS 2011 Assessment Frameworks for PIRLS 2016

Goals

- Update the organization of the framework to better describe the components of the assessment
- Improve the frameworks' utility as blueprints for developing the PIRLS 2016 assessments

Searching for High Quality Passages

High quality passages crucial to PIRLS and prePIRLS

- Cannot have good measure of reading comprehension without good passages
- Must reflect diversity of participating cultures
- Must capitalize on rich resource of passages represented by participating countries
- NRCs responsible for contributing high quality passages
 - Need 16 passages for PIRLS/prePIRLS field test

Preparing for PIRLS 2016

October 2012

- Staff began search for example passages

December 2012

- Held task force meeting to update framework, review passages, and draft passage criteria
- Developed ePIRLS assessment strategy

January 2013

- Posted materials for discussion at NRC meeting

1st PIRLS 2016 NRC Meeting Hamburg, Feb 2013

- Discussed possible updates to PIRLS/prePIRLS 2016 assessment frameworks
- Presented plans for ePIRLS
- Began thinking about national plans for sampling and data collection
- Discussion of and training in applying PIRLS passage criteria
- Reviewed the PIRLS 2011 Questionnaires and Context Scales to see where they needed updating

Process to Find High Quality Passages

- Created online discussion board for NRCs to review passages
- NRCs submitted potential passages for posting
- Passages meeting criteria posted for review
- Many good ideas, but concerns raised
- Revised passages to address concerns

Worked on Developing ePIRLS

- Produced demonstration video using “Polar Bears” task
 - Distributed video and brochure to NRCs
- Began ePIRLS software development
 - “Polar Bears” prototype
- Developed storyboard for four new tasks
 - “Rainforests” and “Mars” - TIMSS & PIRLS ISC
 - “Troy” and “Elizabeth Blackwell” – ACER

1st PIRLS 2016 Meeting of Reading Development Group (RDG)

July 29-31 Copenhagen, Denmark

- Updated PIRLS 2016 assessment frameworks for final NRC review
- Reviewed PIRLS and prePIRLS passages submitted by NRCs and staff
- Reviewed four draft ePIRLS tasks

Reading Development Group (RDG)

- Jan Mejding, Denmark
- Galina Zuckerman, Russian Federation
- Elizabeth Pang, Singapore
- Jenny Wiksted Folkeryd, Sweden
- Karen Wixon, USA
- Don Leu, USA
- Rabaa AlSumaiti, UAE Dubai
- Ahlam Msaiker, UAE Abu Dhabi

Updated Context Questionnaires for PIRLS 2016

- Identified areas for updating based on NRC discussion at Hamburg and 2011 results
- Joint meeting of PIRLS Questionnaire Development Group (QDG) and TIMSS Questionnaire Group (QIRC) – Singapore, June
 - Improved and made new context questionnaire scales
 - Updated questions to keep current – e.g., references to technology and digital reading

Questionnaire Development Group (QDG)

- Joanne Latournelle, Canada
- Hwa Wei Ko, Chinese Taipei
- Marc Colmant, France
- Wilfried Bos, Germany
- Maryam Al-Ostad, Kuwait
- Megan Chamberlain, New Zealand
- Sarah Howie, South Africa

2nd PIRLS 2016 NRC Meeting Portotoz, Sept 2013

- Continued with planning sampling and operations for field test
- Approved assessment frameworks
- Reviewed proposed PIRLS and prePIRLS passages – selected 11 for field test
- Reviewed ePIRLS tasks
- Reviewed questionnaires for field test
- Drafted 600 items for field test passages

Upcoming Schedule Highlights

2013-14

- Oct-Mar NRCs submit more passages and review on discussion board
- TIMSS & PIRLS ISC review and update passages and items
- Continue ePIRLS task and software development, with ACER and IEA DPC
- Apr 14-16 2nd RDG meeting, London (NFER)
- May 25-30 3rd NRC meeting, Dublin



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