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KUWAIT SEMINAR

As this newsletter goes to press, preparations are well in hand for the 21st Annual International Seminar for Teacher Education. It is particularly exciting that this seminar will be held in Kuwait, the first seminar to be held in the Middle East. This is a cause for celebration, as ISTE believes strongly in a global approach to this vital area of education. The theme is 'Educating for Better Teachers: International Perspectives.' Late registrations are still possible, so if you would like to come contact the Convenors for further information. They are:

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THE 2002 ISTE SEMINAR IN COPENHAGEN

Lotte Ralbeck Schou, the Convenor for the ISTE 2002 Seminar has advised that because of the reorganization of teacher education in Denmark the Seminar will now be held near Copenhagen instead of Aarhus as originally planned. We suspect that ISTE members will be quite excited at spending some time in 'wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen'. Lotte is being well supported by a local committee including Spaet Henriksen, Svend Hesselholdt, John Kreysler, Hohann Borup and Niels Kryger. She hopes to distribute the brochure during the Seminar in Kuwait. You can contact Lotte at the Danish University of Education, Rudolfgaardsvej 1, Demark. Her E-mail address is: lrs@aarhus.dlh.dk

HONG KONG FOR ISTE 2003

Members are reminded that a great ISTE Seminar is planned for 2003 in Hong Kong. Alex Fung is the Convenor and is being assisted by Kwan Yu Wong and William Y Wu as co-convenors. Rebecca S Y Lam will assist as Program Co-ordinator. The provisional dates are April 22-29, 2003. You can obtain further information from Alex Fung, Faculty of Education, Hong Kong Baptist University, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, China. E-mail: alexfung@hkbu.edu.hk.

SEMINARS 2004 AND BEYOND

The Steering Committee meeting in Kuwait will make a decision about the Convenor and venue for the 24th Annual Seminar, to be held in 2004. Any ISTE member can make a proposal for this or

any Seminar beyond 2004 by providing a brief expression of interest in writing to our Secretary General, Warren Halloway. Details should include your name, the proposed venue and an indication of institutional support. Warren can be contacted as follows:

School of Curriculum Studies, University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351, Australia. Ph: 61 2 6773 3874 (W), 61 2 6772 4750 (H), Fax 61 2 6773 3284, E-mail: whallowa@metz.une.edu.au

ISTE DIRECTORY

John Maurer has shouldered the responsibility for keeping the ISTE Directory up to date. This, unfortunately, is turning out to be a more difficult task than it could be, partly because we haven't always obtained accurate and complete lists of participants at Seminars. The annual seminar is the best opportunity we have to obtain member details which are accurate and up-to-date, and Convenors are urged to compile for John, at the conclusion of each Seminar, a complete list of participants, with mailing addresses, institutions, phone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses. A list of names alone is quite useless. The address and contact details are essential if we wish to have a useful Directory. Members are asked to provide these details on an information sheet during the Seminar; usually this is done through the paper groups. Between seminars please remember to provide John with any changes in details, such as address and phone number changes. John can be contacted at 54 Faulkner St, Armidale, NSW 2350, Australia, pH: 61 2 6772 5440, Fax: 61 2 6773 3350. E-mail: bmaurer@metz.une.edu.au

Meanwhile we seem to have 'lost' the following people. Can you help us find them?

Australia: Peter Meere, Brazil: Nestor L. J. Beck, Chile: Maria Leonor Conejeros, England: Alan Penny, South Africa: Oranje Huygen, Leon Light, Vietnam: Tuan Vu.

If you have information that can help us contact these 'missing' members, please let John Maurer know. John's contact details are above.

AN ISTE TRUST FUND

The idea of creating an ISTE Trust Fund was put forward at the 1999 Seminar at Canterbury, England. The purpose of establishing a Trust Fund is to provide some assistance for fellow teacher educators from countries that have limited travel funds for attending overseas conferences such as the ISTE Seminar. Bob O'Brien took on the task of creating the details necessary for the establishment of the fund. The Steering Committee is now examining the formal document which details how the fund is to be established and operated.

The document also suggests that the fund be established as an endowment fund and that only the interest be used. Obviously this will require a substantial amount of money in the fund to generate the necessary level of income. At this time the general opinion is that the wisest course would be to register the fund in the United States and hold the funds in US Dollars. Such a Fund would most probably not be tax exempt, for to be tax exempt ISTE would have to be registered as a non-profit organization, subject to all of the laws involved. The positive side is that ISTE has greater control of how the funds are spent. The negative side is that we would need to pay income tax on the interest received. If you have any comments or suggestions on this important matter, please address them to George Churukian at: gchuruk@titan.iwu.edu

MANUSCRIPTS FOR OUR JOURNAL

Our editor, Corey Lock, is seeking manuscripts for future issues of the ISTE Journal. Publication Guidelines and submission requirements are provided in the back of each issue of JISTE. Here is an opportunity to share your Seminar Paper with a wider audience by publishing in JISTE, and please encourage other members to submit papers also. Further advice can be obtained from:

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DISTANCE PAPER GROUPS FOR 2002

Five ISTE members from developing countries have prepared papers for the Distance Paper Group (DPG) for this year's Seminar in Kuwait. The DPG enables many of our ISTE members who find it very difficult to obtain the means to attend and participate in our Annual Seminars to continue their scholarly activity in ISTE. They wish to express their appreciation for members who kindly review their papers and provide valuable feedback.

ISTE members in developing countries who wish to submit a DPG paper for the 2002 Seminar in Denmark should send an abstract of 200-300 words to:

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THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ISTE

At the Annapolis Seminar in April 2000 we commenced a review of certain aspects of ISTE's operations. The review is intended to ensure that, in the changing world of teacher education, ISTE maintains an appropriate direction and method of operation. Those carrying out the review would welcome your thoughts. The co-ordinators are:

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

In an organization such as ours where we physically meet only once every year, keeping in touch

by other means is of great importance. We have three ways of doing this, apart, of course, from using the telephone or fax. These are outlined below.

The E-mail Network: This is organized by Corey Lock and is intended as a vehicle for discussing any issues that members think important. To join the discussion group send an e-mail to: listserv@listserv.uncc.edu and word it 'subscribe ISTE-L Your name'. Alternatively, e-mail Corey Lock at crlock@email.uncc.edu and ask to be included.

The E-Mail Addresses of Members: The July 2000 Newsletter contained green page which was an update of the ISTE E-mail Addresses of Members for whom E-mail addresses are known. This is NOT the ISTE E-mail Network but simply a list of E-mail addresses of members who have supplied the details. A further update will be included in the next Newsletter. To get on the ISTE E-mail Network (discussion group) please see the item above.

The ISTE Web Site: Alex Fung looks after the ISTE Web Site which contains much useful information about our organization and our Journal. Alex can be contacted at the Dept of Education Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, P.R. China. Ph: 852 2339 5679, Fax: 852 2339 7894, E-mail alexfung@hkbu.edu.hk The web address for our site is <http://teachernet.hkbu.edu.hk>

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