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THE LEORA CORDIS MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Another important moment in the evolution of ISTE took place during the recent gathering of members in Kuwait. The Steering Committee recommended that the LeOra Cordis Memorial Trust of the International Society for Teacher Education be instituted. The proposal was agreed to and Bob O'Brien returned home to begin a final revision of the deed of trust before circulation to the Settlor, the Secretary General, and the three trustees appointed by Warren Halloway.

In Newsletter No. 11 we outlined the basic ideas of the trust and these were accepted by the Steering Committee. The objectives of the trust are:

- a) the advancement of the objectives of ISTE;
- b) the maintenance and management of funds or real estate or other property transferred to the trust by the Settlor;
- c) application of the LeOra Cordis Memorial Trust funds for the benefit of beneficiaries and not for the private pecuniary benefit of any individual person.

In the coming months, trustees Anne-Marie Bergh (South Africa), Louisa Kozey (Canada) and Bob O'Brien (New Zealand) will consider policy relating to the building of the Trust and guidelines for seminar convenors and their planning committees about any distribution of income that may accrue.

You are invited to make a contribution to the Trust Fund. The ISTE Treasurer, George Churukian will process the transaction. His address is 1102 Elmwood Road, Bloomington, Illinois 61701-3317, USA. Phone: 1 309 828 6437, Fax: 1 309 556 4311. E-mail address is: gchuruk@titan.iwu.edu

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KUWAIT TEAM

The 21st International ISTE Seminar was held in Kuwait, February 10-16, 2001. The Convenors, Dr Jasem Y. Al-Kandari and Dr Ahmed A. Al-Bustan and the Organising Committee at the College of Education, Kuwait University are to be congratulated on the excellent seminar they arranged. New and old members from many countries attended and gave papers on the theme, 'educating for Better Teachers: International Perspectives'. This was the first time ISTE has met in the Middle East and in a Muslim country, further fulfilling our goal to reach out to all cultures and parts of the world. In addition to the stimulating keynote addresses and papers which were provided, participants learnt much about schools in Kuwait, the oil fields and industry, reconstruction in the aftermath of the invasion, and traditional and modern life in Kuwait.

ISTE ANNUAL SEMINARS

2002 - DENMARK - MAY 11-17

The Theme of the Seminar is 'Humanity and Efficiency in Teacher Education. The Danish University of Education in Copenhagen will host the Seminar and the venue is the LO-School in historic Elsinore. The LO-School is a combination of a traditional Danish folk high school, a conference centre and a centre for education. Besides following the traditional ISTE format the organisers have planned interesting visits to different kinds of schools and a college of education. The deadline for paper abstracts is February 1 2002. Brochures are in the process of being mailed to members. They include a registration form which is also available on the ISTE web site at <http://teachernet.hkbu.edu.hk>

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2003 - HONG KONG - APRIL 22-29

Keep in mind our 23rd Annual Seminar to be held in Hong Kong. The dates are still provisional but the team working with the Convenor, Alex Fung, guarantee an Olympic standard Seminar. Yeung Siu-wing, a colleague of Alex at the Hong Kong Baptist University, attended the Kuwait Seminar in February. He brings youthful enthusiasm to the Hong Kong team and we welcome him to the ISTE family.

2004 - MINNEAPOLIS USA

The Steering Committee accepted the proposal to hold the 24th Annual Seminar in the USA at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Craig Kissock is the Convenor and promises a stimulating educational experience with a strong international emphasis. He has already formed a widely representative advisory committee to assist in organising the Seminar. Craig has had a long association with ISTE as well as vast international experience in education. He represented ISTE at the NGO meeting, July 12-14, in Bangkok, Thailand.

2005 AND BEYOND

Members are reminded that they are welcome to make a proposal to convene an ISTE seminar. All proposals are considered by the Steering Committee at the annual seminars, and the aim is to have seminar decisions made for three years in advance. While we have now agreed on the next three seminars, in 2002 in Denmark the Steering Committee will need to decide on the 2005 seminar venue and convenor. Accordingly, proposals are requested in writing in time for consideration next year; proposals should indicate the host institution, the convenor, proposed dates and the venue. Other details such as a theme and any special features of the proposed seminar could also be included, if available, with, of course, the understanding that such details are provisional at this stage. Please send your proposal to the Secretary General, Warren Halloway, School of Education, University of New England, Armidale, NSW, Australia. Ph: 61 2 6773 3874, 61 2 6772 4750, Fax: 61 2 6773 3284, E-mail: whallowa@metz.une.edu.au

ELECTION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL

An Election Committee was formed in Kuwait to conduct the election of the next ISTE Secretary-

General as Warren Halloway's second term will end in 2003. The election will be concluded at the Seminar in Denmark in 2002, the person elected will become Secretary-General Elect and will commence his/her four year term following the hand-over in Hong Kong in 2003. Inquiries about the election should be directed to Jim Greenberg, Co-ordinator of the Election Committee, HRW Benjamin Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA, Ph: 1 301 405 5605, Fax: 1 301 277 7414, E-mail: jg55@umail.umd.edu Other committee members are Helen Woodward, Faculty of Education, University of Western Sydney, PO Box 555, Campbelltown, NSW, 2560, Australia, Ph: 61 2 9772 9297, Fax: 61 2 9772 1565, E-mail: h.woodward@uws.edu.au and Alex Fung, Hong Kong Baptist University, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, China, Ph: 852 2339 5679, Fax: 852 2339 7894, E-mail: alexfung@hkbu.edu.hk

ISTE DIRECTORY

Following the Kuwait Seminar, a thorough review of the Membership Directory was conducted. New member details have been added to the Directory and former members with whom contact has been lost have been deleted from the records. The assistance of George Churukian, ISTE Treasurer and Editor of JISTE, has been invaluable in cross-checking member details. Currently the Directory has 355 members listed. So that we may keep records as current as possible members are urged to forward any addresses or e-mail changes to both John Maurer at bmaurer@metz.une.edu.au and George Churukian at gchuruk@titan.iwu.edu

We welcome new members warmly and trust that the contact that they have through the Journal and Newsletter and the collegiality they experience while attending Annual Seminars will be personally and professionally rewarding. Unfortunately some of our old members have gone missing with their last Newsletter returned to sender. If you have information about any of the following please let John Maurer know:

Australia: Lloyd Logan, Peter Meere, Brazil: Marie do Carmo Galiuzzi, Canada: Mary Beam, Cameron Ross, Shirley Walsh-Hambleton, Chile: Maria Leonor Conejeros, New Zealand: Keith Boswell, Phillipines: Rosalina Bondad, South Africa: Thea DeKock, USA: Susan Garrett-Bullock, Vietnam: Nguyen Van Doan.

PAYMENT OF ISTE MEMBERSHIP FEE

George Churukian has recently sent a reminder to ISTE members about the 2001-2002 annual fee of US\$50. Of this, US\$25 is for JISTE subscription (two issues), \$20 for the ISTE Secretariat and \$5 for the LeOra Cordis Memorial Trust Fund. Those members who attended the Kuwait Seminar paid at that time, other members should send membership fees to George (details above). Our viability depends on your support, so please pay promptly if you have not already done so.

JISTE

George Churukian has resumed the role of Editor of JISTE, with Joyce Castle as Assistant Editor. They invite you to submit manuscripts of papers from previous seminars for possible publication. Guidelines for the various types of material published can be found in each issue of the Journal and on the ISTE web site, including particulars for submitting announcements of recent publications by members and reviews of members' publications. George can also supply back volumes of JISTE at a cost of US\$25 each.

DISTANCE PAPER GROUP FOR ISTE 2002

ISTE members from developing countries who are unable to participate in the 23rd Annual Seminar in Denmark next May are invited to submit a paper in the usual way through the special arrangement of the 'Distance Paper Group'. Your paper will be read privately by a member and comments will be sent to you. If you are eligible and wish to continue your ISTE involvement in this way please contact Warren Halloway (address details above). An abstract of your paper (maximum 300 words) should be sent to Warren by 2nd February 2002.

ISTE REVIEW

The review of ISTE, mentioned in previous Newsletters, is continuing with Colin Mably as the Co-ordinator. Colin and his fellow co-ordinators welcome comments on any of the matters under scrutiny. Contact details are as follows:

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

There are a number of ways by which members can keep in touch with other members and the ISTE organisation. For private communication with other members use the updated E-mail list enclosed with this Newsletter. For group communication you can join the E-mail Network (contact Corey Lock at crlock@email.uncc.edu). To find out details about ISTE use the ISTE Web Site (<http://teachernet.hkbu.edu.hk>) or contact Warren Halloway, Secretary-General.