

Newsletter Number 6, July 1998
International Society for Teacher Education

Send news items to the Newsletter Editor, Bill Driscoll, 17 Reginald St, Armidale NSW 2350, Australia

Fax: 61-2-6772-1349

E-mail: wdriscol@metz.une.edu.au

0 TO BE IN ENGLAND ISTE 1999

A great ISTE Seminar is being planned by Cornel DaCosta, Convenor, and his team for the period 10- 17 April 1999. This, the 19th Annual Seminar, will be the fourth time that we have gathered in England. The very first Seminar was at Danbury Park in 1981, the second in London in 1984, and the third in Chiches-ter in 1988. Our host institution will be the University of East London but economics have led to a different actual venue, the University of Kent in the beautiful city of Canterbury. The theme is 'Teacher Education and Professional-ism for a New Millennium; Opportunity and Contradictions in a Risk Society.' Cornel promises a scholarly emphasis in the Seminar and invites paper propos-als on several sub-themes. Abstracts should reach him by January 15 1999. Participants are promised a stimulating and forward looking professional experience with an opportunity to enjoy the ambience of the garden county of Kent in the ancient city of Canterbury. Obtain your brochure and send your registration form soon to:

Cornel DaCosta, Convenor
19th Annual ISTE Seminar
Department of Education and Community Studies
University of East London
Longbridge Road, Dagenham, Essex, RM8 2AS, England
Tel: 44-181-849-3509 or 44-181-590-7000 ext. 2269
Fax: 44-181-849-3582
E-mail: DaCosta@uel.ac.uk

ABSOLUTELY NO ISTE PARTICIPANTS EATEN BY LIONS

This was not the only reason why the 18th Annual ISTE Seminar, held in South Africa in the Kruger National Park in April of this year, was a huge success. With 120 participants and 40 accompanying persons it was by far the largest ISTE Seminar yet held. Bill Fraser and his tireless team are to be congratu-lated on the unique and memorable experiences enjoyed by all fortunate enough to attend (not, unfortunately, including your editor). Mr M. D. Mabunda, Di-rector of the Kruger National Park, welcomed ISTE members and hoped that similar educational conferences would become a regular feature at the Skukuza Camp. Excellent papers responding to the theme 'Challenging Teacher Educa-tion'were discussed in paper groups, and their authors are urged to consider submitting them for publication in our Journal (see below for details).

As expected all attending were thrilled to see magnificent wild animals at close quarters during morning and evening tours into the hinterland. Lions, giraffe, impala, leopards, elephants, monkeys and crocodiles were seen in their natural habitats. The visits to Hoxana College of Education and several schools were greatly appreciated as were the wonderful hospitality and cultural exposure to South Africa.

ANNAPOLIS, USA, IN 2000

Colin Mably, Convenor of the 20th Anniversary Seminar in the USA in 2000, reports that the organising team have had a planning meeting at which several innovations were considered. One is to turn one day over to interactions between teacher educators (us!), teachers and school students. With the help of Jim Greenberg and Maurice Erly it is hoped that international teachers and students will participate. Colin is urging us to bring our kids (or grandkids?). The theme is likely to be a timely one, the politics and economics of teacher education. The venue has been booked and we can look forward to a lively experience in Annapolis on the lovely Chesapeake Bay.

Colin can be contacted at either of two addresses:

USA Address:

Colin Mably, Educational Visions
10369 Andrea Lane, La Plata, MD 20646, USA
Tel: 1301934 2374 Fax: 1301934 0580

London Address:

Colin Mably, Educational Visions
2 Rayford House, 2A Dartmouth Rd,
Forrest Hill, London, SE23 3XU, England

E-mail is the same for both:

100422.1760@CompuServe.com

KUWAIT IN 2001

The ISTE caravan rolls on. Ahmed AI Bustan has been appointed Convenor of the ISTE Seminar to be held in Kuwait in 2001 - the first year of the new millennium (no arguments!). This will be our first Seminar to be held in the Middle East, an exciting new development that confirms our commitment to international teacher education.

FUTURE SEMINARS

ISTE tries to plan for its annual seminars three years in advance to enable Convenors and prospective participants adequate time for organisation. In Canterbury in 1999 the International Steering Committee will consider the appointment of the Convenor and venue for the 2002 seminar. The field is open to any member to make a proposal, preferably in writing before the ISC meets next April. For further information contact Secretary General, Warren Halloway, Department of Curriculum Studies, University of New England, Armidale, NSW, 2351, Australia. Tel: 612 6773 3874 (work) 612 6772 4750 (home). Fax: 61-2-6773-3284 E-mail: whallowa@metz.une.edu.au

DISTANCE PAPER GROUP

ISTE has provided an opportunity for its members from developing countries who cannot attend a seminar to submit a paper for comment by volunteer participants. The Distance Paper Group (DPG) has worked well for the past three years and has helped many members to continue their scholarly endeavours and keep in touch with ISTE. There may be some participants who took DPG

papers in South Africa and have yet to return their comments to Warren Halloway. Please do so soon. If anyone is interested in submitting a DPG paper for the 1999 Seminar would you please contact Warren. The deadline for abstracts is 15 January 1999.

SECRETARY GENERAL

The election of a Secretary General for the 1999-2003 term took place in South Africa during the 18th Annual Seminar. Thanks go to Jim Greenberg, LeOra Cordis, and Hans Voorbach for conducting the election. There were four candidates: Craig Kissock (USA), Sybil Wilson (Canada), Lotte Schou (Den-mark) and Warren Halloway (Australia). Warren was elected for a second term.

JISTE

Editor of JISTE, George Churukian, Associate Editors Craig Kissock and Corey Lock, reviewers, authors and supporters of the Journal are to be con-gratulated on the successful completion of the three issues of Volume 1. The first issue of Volume 2 is available and the second issue is in press. ISTE mem-bers and Seminar participants are invited to submit manuscripts to George for publication. In addition to articles, Book Reviews (one Journal page) and Re-cent Publications Submissions (50 words - publications within the last three years) are requested. Please send all these to George; address details can be found on the enclosed Membership Form.

UPDATE ON OUR NETWORKS

ISTE Directory:

Bob Meade continues the endless job of keeping the Direc-tory up-to-date. Please let Bob know if your address, telephone, fax or e-mail have changed. Bob can be contacted at: 1401 W Holly St., Bellingham, WA, USA, 98225-2951. Tel: 1 360 733 3388. Fax: 1 360 650 7305. E-mail: rdmeade@henson.ce.wvu.edu

ISTE E-mail Network:

Corey Lock reports that our International Educa-tors Discussion List now has 158 subscribers! Great progress! Get in touch with Corey and join the network. An important change has occurred to the net-work's web address. The new address is: ied-l@email.uncc.edu (the fourth let-ter is an L, not a one). Corey's own address is: Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of North Carolina - Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, 28223 USA. Tel: 1-704-547-3754. E-mail: crlock@email.uncc.edu

At the South Africa Seminar, the plenary session agreed to circularise all ISTE members with a list of members with E-mail addresses. This is enclosed with this Newsletter. Please let me (Bill Driscoll) know if you have an E-mail ad-dress and wish to be included on future lists. Some of the addresses we cur-rently have are 'bouncing, that is refusing to accept messages, so perhaps these addresses need checking. The members affected include: Anna Hugo, Cecille Deposs, Ray Chodzinski, Suend Hesselholdt, Annelise Koehelhoffer, Maria Helena Barreta Abrahao, Margareth Drakenberg, Wendy Crebbin, Reid Riggle, Kheenarhu Gokulsing, Gonzale Blocks, Lee Gold, Roz Palmer.

Web Site:

Alex Fung has been expanding the ISTE web site. We are considering the possibility of including the Abstracts of papers delivered to the previous Seminar so that browsers may contact authors for

a copy of their paper. Institutional and E-mail addresses will also be included. The Brochure and Registration Form for the 1999 Annual Seminar have also been included on the Web site. To access current information use the web address: <http://teachemet.hkbu.edu.hk>. Alex can be contacted as follows: Dept of Education Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, China. Tel: 852-2339-5679. Fax: 852-2339-7894. E-mail: alexfung@hkbu.edu.hk