

1. A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

As my first message to ISTE members, I would like to thank you for electing me as your next Secretary General. Although I am uncertain about the title, I am honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility of the post. To date we have been admirably led by Colin Mably (UK), one of the ISTE co-founders, by Hans Voorbach (Netherlands) who brought his UN experience to benefit our society, and then by Warren Halloway (Australia) who has given unstinted service over the last eight years.

These three have enabled ISTE to accumulate experience as an international society dedicated to the improvement of teacher education. Their successes are considerable and have been made possible through the efforts of colleagues throughout the world including those who keep our finances, distant paper groups and this newsletter in order. We have a well-established journal and an international network of colleagues easily accessible through our directory and dedicated email list. These enable members to keep in touch and facilitate exchanges, student placements, co-operation and mutual support. Our website is our public profile. ISTE could not continue these various activities without the support of the many institutions that provide resources and back up facilities. Members are clearly persuasive and convincing about ISTE as a worthwhile investment. The society is most grateful to all the universities and colleges that support our endeavours.

Our annual seminars have flourished as the result of the dedication of all the convenors and their teams. We all know that offering to run the seminar probably seems a good idea at the time and then comes the hard work before, during and after the meeting to ensure that participants (and their accompanying persons) benefit from their experiences in a different culture. And we even have people offering to host a second event!

The emergence of SARS this year was a setback for the society and a disaster for Alex Fung and his Hong Kong team. Hopefully all that effort and hard work was not completely wasted and we are most grateful to Alex, his colleagues and Hong Kong Baptist University for being firm in the decision to cancel the conference despite the resource implications and disappointment it entailed for all of us. Thank you.

It will take a more deliberate effort this year to renew those acquaintance ships that occur so easily at our seminars. It will take a special effort to sustain our links until the next face-to-face meeting.

Despite a slightly inauspicious start, I am looking forward to my term of office. Some of my priorities are:

- to complete the review of our constitution with the working group so that any changes can be in place for the 2004 Minnesota seminar (courtesy of Craig Kissock and colleagues);
- to explore the further use of electronic facilities for the society's business;
- to establish with the help of the JISTE editorial team whether or not professional publication is desirable/feasible;
- and, importantly, to pay more attention to our links with other national and international groups in order to expand the number of people interested in ISTE.

These are largely administrative and managerial matters. The substantive intents are to continue to develop reflective practice among teacher educators and to raise the profile of social justice and injustice as issues that we address in teacher education. I will be delighted to hear your advice and ideas and receive practical help on how these various ambitions might be realised.

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2. PARTNERSHIPS WITH ISTE ?

One of ISTE's great successes is the way in which the society has encouraged personal co-operation and collaborations between members in different countries. These partnerships seem to cover student and staff placements and exchanges, sharing information, ideas and advice, and probably other things as well that we are not all aware of. For example are there any instances of joint authorship between ISTE members? Have members undertaken collaborative research projects?

In preparation for a brief session on collaboration at the 2004 seminar, it would be very useful to document the various kinds of partnerships that have occurred as a direct result of participation in ISTE. Is there someone who would undertake to collect and collate this information? On reflection it would make more sense for there to be 'some bodies' i.e. a partnership who would volunteer. Please contact me if you are interested. I think it is important for newcomers to ISTE to see the potential in ISTE participation.

Janet Powney

3. 24th ANNUAL SEMINAR 2004 – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA USA

From **Craig Kissock** and his team some more details about the 2004 Seminar, to be held later in the year than usual - from 7th to 12th August. Craig has invited **Alex Fung** to be honorary co-host as a way of recognising the work Alex and his helpers put in prior to the sad decision to cancel this year's Hong Kong seminar; they are looking at ways to integrate the two meetings. As usual the intent is that all participants will have a written paper for presentation and discussion in the various paper groups, with a view to a final Society statement emerging on teacher education policy.

At this stage it is expected that the final cost to participants will be less than \$US 900.00 and all participants will be housed on campus at Middlebrook Hall. Further details will be sent to members shortly.

4. ISTE 2005 IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the 2005 seminar in Taipei is in the capable hands of convenor **Ken Gai** and his team. Those who attended the 1990 seminar in Taiwan will recall the wonderful hospitality and enthusiasm of our hosts and will already be booking their air tickets in anticipation. Further information can be obtained from Ken at Department of Education, Tankang University, No. 54, 96 Alley, 2-Sec, Hsin-Long Rd. Taipei, Taiwan, email: hfh@mail.tku.edu.tw (attention Ken Gai).

5. ISTE 2006 AND BEYOND

Details of convenor and venue for the 2006 ISTE seminar would normally have been decided at the 2003 seminar. Because of the latter's cancellation the matter is now in the hands of the ISTE Steering Committee. Currently proposals have come from the African continent and the Middle East. However it would normally be the turn of Europe/North America to host the seminar in 2006 and we are awaiting a firm proposal from these areas before finalising the convenor and venue.

6. JISTE

A message from the editor of JISTE, **Cathy Sinclair**.

I would like to encourage you to submit papers for possible publication in next year's JISTE (Volume 8). While ISTE 2003 had to be cancelled because of the SARS virus, I would still encourage all of you who had intended to present papers in Hong Kong this year to still consider reworking your papers and submitting them as soon as possible, in accordance with the guidelines described in each issue of JISTE or published on the web site – <http://teachernet.hkbu.edu.hk> You might like to show 'potential papers' to colleagues or other members of the ISTE family to obtain their suggestions for improvement in the absence of the Seminar. Of course, you can submit other papers of your research, your work or your ideas. I would also like to strongly encourage you to ensure that your paper is within the word limit as this can create the greatest difficulty for authors in the revision stage. Also, I would like to continue to publish as wide an array of articles as possible, and this is just not possible with long articles. Please also encourage your institutions to subscribe to the journal and offer to be a reviewer. I look forward to receiving many interesting papers. You can contact me at the Faculty of Education, University of Western Sydney, Locked Bag 1797, South Penrith, NSW, 1797, Australia, email: c.sinclair@uws.edu.au

7. LEORA CORDIS MEMORIAL TRUST

Our last Newsletter included an announcement of a fund raising drive for the Trust and a f for donating funds to the Trust was enclosed. Just a reminder that this is an important ISTE development which had already provided financial assistance to some of our members from developing countries to attend annual seminars. Your donation can be sent to our treasurer: George Churukian at 1102 Elmwood Road, Bloomington, Illinois, 61701-3317, USA. George can be contacted directly on email at: gchuruk@titan.iwu.edu

8. ISTE 2003 Paper Abstracts now available on the ISTE Website at [<http://teachernet.hkbu.edu.hk>](http://teachernet.hkbu.edu.hk)

The 23rd Annual Seminar of the International Society for Teacher Education (ISTE) was initially scheduled to be held in Hong Kong in April 2003. The theme of the conference was Teacher Education: Meeting the Needs of the New Generation. The conference aimed at promoting educational exchanges in education, with a theme that is both proactive as well as reactive in exploring key issues affecting the processes of education, and in promoting educators as global professionals. But in view of the outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), and an increasing number of cases reported in March, by the World Health Organization (WHO), particularly in the Hong Kong community, the cancellation of the Conference was considered as the only available option in the best interests of all. The Conference has attracted more than seventy paper submissions from people all over the world. Although we missed the opportunity of sharing the papers in person, the Conference Organising Committee has decided to showcase the paper abstracts as an acknowledgement of the effort made by this diverse group of authors. The paper abstracts have been edited for layout and, in some instances, clarity of language. However, in the interest of preserving the originally intended meaning, little attempt has been made to edit the form of English expression used by the authors. The paper abstracts are ordered alphabetically by first author, with the intention of providing the reader with an easily referenced compilation. It is anticipated that readers will gain some views on various issues related to teacher education, covering a diversity of interesting topics ranging from teacher development to curriculum reform. **Alex Fung**, ISTE2003 Conference Organising Committee Chair.

9. MISSING MEMBERS – CAN YOU HELP?

The following mail has been **Returned to Sender**. If you have any information on the current address of these members please e-mail **John Maurer** <bmaurer@metz.une.edu.au> so that he can update the Directory with accurate member details. Individuals who have mail returned are taken off the mailing list. Your assistance in keeping updating details for these members will be gratefully received. Please remember that if you change address we cannot contact you unless you advise John of the new details.

South Africa: Fanie Pretorius, Johann LeRoux, Leon Light, Susan Schalekamp, Marietha Neiman, Colleen Smith, Thea DeKock, Liz Schaller **Kuwait:** Fahad Al-Ruwaished, Shafi Almahboub, Jasem Yousif Al-Kandari, Laila H Taresh **Kosovo:** Laurie Walker, Zijandi Munishi, Nijazi Zyljiu **Brunei:** Kui Hwa Chua **Canada:** Wilfrid Dube, Wendy Matthews **USA:** Karla Kelsay, Adrienne Gardner **Australia:** Allan Yarrow **Netherlands:** Hans Voorbach **Israel:** Phyllis Kapuscinski **Namibia:** I Shipena, Irma Slabbert

10. DISTANCE PAPER GROUP

The ISTE Distance Paper Group (DPG) is another way ISTE reaches out to its members in developing countries. This year, despite the great disappointment of having to cancel the Hong Kong seminar, The DPG operated with five participants from South Africa, Brazil, and Thailand. Members who read and commented on their papers are thanked for their generous efforts. Other ISTE members who would like to read and comment on DPG papers in the future are asked to indicate their interest to **Warren Halloway**, School of Education, University of New England, Armidale, 2351, Australia, Ph: +61 2 6773 3874 (Work) or +61 2 6772 4750 (Home), Fax: +61 2 6773 3284, E-mail: whallowa@metz.une.edu.au ISTE members in developing countries who are interested in submitting a DPG paper for the 2004 ISTE seminar should contact Warren Halloway at the above address.

11. KEEPING IN TOUCH

ISTE has developed a most effective global network for communicating with members. For private communication use the latest update of the members' e-mail list. Group communication is available using the E-mail Network. If you are not on the network contact **Corey Lock** at crlock@email.uncc.edu Much information about ISTE is available on the Web Site - <http://teachernet.hkbu.edu.hk> or by contacting **Janet Powney**, our Secretary General, at the address above.

12. TONY BARNES

The death of **Tony Barnes**, one of our long-term members has elicited the following Obituary from friend and colleague, **Gordon Fulcher**.

TONY BARNES

Tony had been my friend and colleague for 30 years. He was also a friend to many

ISTE members, who will remember him for his gentle humour, scholarly comments and human concerns. He was genuinely a gentle man. As a member of the Chichester ISTE team he initiated the personal photographs of the delegates and also captured the fun and seriousness of the seminar in its many moods.

Tony read classics for his first degree at Durham and was awarded the Johnson Prize for Greek. He then trained professionally as a teacher, after which he taught classics, mathematics and photography in Brixton, London, in the 1960s. His knowledge of cockney was the basis of our skit in the South African seminar. Whilst in London attending a school speech day he met a young primary teacher, Jean, who in 1963 became his wife. They subsequently added a pigeon pair, Nick and Lesley. Despite the growing demands of a family, but with the full support of Jean, Tony read part time for his M.A. at London, and then a Ph.D., researching the economic and social conditions of Sicily, under the eminent scholar Professor Danilo Dolci.

In 1972 his scholarship and professionalism took him and his family to the Bognor Regis Campus of the now University College, Chichester where he was centrally involved in the training of teachers for 30 years. He also taught New Testament Greek at the Chichester Theological College. He became an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society and found time to advance and enjoy his hobby.

Tony suffered two strokes just before Christmas but his positive attitude aided his recovery and he wrote an article on New Testament Greek in January for the Methodist Church. Tragically and cruelly he had a third stroke in late January and died two weeks later on February 2nd.

My friend had a great zest for life and a commitment to others less fortunate than himself. Tony, we will all miss you.

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