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Resignation of Secretary-General

Our Secretary-General, **Dr Lotte Rahbek Schou**, has indicated that her academic commitments as well as her own poor health and her domestic situation have regrettably made it impossible for her to continue as ISTE Secretary General.

This is most unfortunate and disappointing for all of us and especially Lotte. I am sure you will join us in wishing her to enjoy better circumstances in the near future.

The four previous Secretaries-General (Colin Mably, Hans Voorbach, Warren Halloway, and myself) have been sharing the lead role on a temporary basis. We are being ably supported by the various ISTE postholders and others in an ISTE Executive Board in order for our Society to function as normal.

As already notified to the membership, there was only one nomination in the recent election and **Dr. Forrest Crawford** will be the next ISTE Secretary-General, subject to confirmation at the ISTE annual meeting in June this year.

Subject to this confirmation and following normal practice, Forrest's term of office should be Secretary-General Elect from June 2009 till the annual seminar in Brazil in 2010 with full responsibility as Secretary-General from 2010 to 2012. However, Forrest has kindly indicated his willingness to pick up the major role from 2009 with the support of other ISTE members that I am sure we will all willingly give.

In the near future, we will also be bringing forward suggestions for changes to the ISTE Constitution for consideration by the membership and discussion at the Weber Seminar.

Janet Powney, Warren Halloway, Hans Voorbach, and Colin Mably

Treasurer's Report

Another year with a turbulent financial market seems to be a reality for the Society.

The interest rates have been changing quite a lot this year and it hasn't been easy to keep cool.

Nevertheless, we are fine, which makes it possible for ISTE to sponsor participants from low-income countries to the 29th Annual Seminar at Weber State University.

ISTE Accounts:

ISTE, JISTE, LeOra Cordis Trust Fund, and the Operating account are all taken care of by JYSKE Bank.

All investments, except the Operating account, are in American dollars.

All investments are in the highest possible interest accounts.

All contracts with JYSKE Bank are renewed two times a year to secure maximum development.

As a Non-Profit Organization, we pay no taxes, as long as all interests and incomes go in the Trust Fund.

Again, this year we hope to have a lot of new members to welcome and so I will provide a brief explanation of each account.

- **LeOra Cordis Trust Fund** is our international investment trust fund; all interests used for the purpose of the fund.

- **ISTE account** is a high interest account used for running the Society; interest income goes to the LeOra Cordis Trust Fund.

- **JISTE account** is a high interest account used for the production of the journal; interest income goes to the LeOra Cordis Trust Fund.

In 2007, we printed 150 copies of JISTE, vol. 11.1, and in 2008, 350 copies of JISTE, vol. 12.1.

Institutional subscriptions are \$50 US per year. Individual membership fee includes the year's copies of JISTE.

Sponsors who pay \$1000 US will have their logo imprinted on two volumes of JISTE. Volume 12 had University College Sjaelland, Park University, and Brock University

The university hosting the seminar from which articles emerge will have its logo on that issue as well.

- **Operating account** is for running small daily business matters in Danish Kr.; interest income goes to the LeOra Cordis Trust Fund.

- **Newsletter account** has, up to now, been in Australia but, with this issue, the newsletter will be produced and disseminated by the editors at Weber State University.

Membership

Membership fee is \$75 US a year that is paid as part of the annual seminar registration fee or separately for those members not attending the seminar.

The membership fee is dispersed as follows: 45 USD for JISTE, 20 USD for ISTE, 5 USD for the Operating account, and 5 USD for the LeOra Trust Fund.

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NOTE from the Secretary-General Elect



I would like to express my regrets that Dr. Lotte Rahbek Schou (Denmark) has stepped down from her post. I am sure I join hundreds in wishing her continued strength. In the midst of it all, Lotte is a great scholar, loyal member to ISTE, and friend—these things will not pass.

As for the opportunity to serve, I am excited and grateful for your emailed support and wishes for success despite the unanticipated transition time. While you will hear much more from me on my anticipated vision of how I think we should move forward, I intend to work closely with the previous Secretary-Generals and others to solidify this Society as a viable source for innovation, leadership, and mutual exchange.

To that end, it goes without much discussion that our first priority is to have a successful ISTE 2009 at Weber State University (Ogden, Utah-USA). Many of you have met the team of my colleagues who are planning various aspects of your visit. We have much to do at this juncture and despite our global economic downturn, I think we have a positive trend of registrations and have preserved the original spirit of the Society's deliberative mode. In addition, we have incorporated some new features that I think will strengthen our image as an international unit.

The time is running short, so for those of you who have your letters of acceptance, please send in your registration and anticipated arrival times. This will help Team WSU-ISTE2009 to organize for your visit and accommodations. Finally, we will continue to send updates/bulletins as plans continue to progress.

In closing, I want to thank and assure you that this organization will continue to be a rich source of talent and committed people. During this period of change, we must not lose focus on how this group came to be just short of three decades ago—a notable miracle in and of itself.

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Our thoughts go out to **Warren Halloway**, ISTE's third Secretary-General, and his wife **Maureen** who is currently battling a serious illness. We wish them strength with the challenge they are facing and offer concern and support from ISTE members everywhere for her speedy recovery.

Please note, Warren is taking a break from his various ISTE interests and only picking up email communications intermittently in the next few weeks.

Our website is about to change! The new site, now under construction, will be **isfte.org**. Its first task will be to send you a message announcing its arrival. Our sincere thanks to **Alex Fung**, soon to retire, for creating and managing the first ISTE website over the last ten years.

LeOra Cordis Memorial Trust

The LeOra Cordis Memorial Trust has been calling for applications from among members living in low GDP countries who wish to be considered for the payment of their seminar registration fee at the 2009 ISTE Seminar.

The Co-Convenors for ISTE 2009, Peggy Saunders, Kathy Herndon, Jack Rasmussen, and Forrest Crawford, have been receiving and processing all applications on behalf of the trustees, using the model tried successfully at Armidale in 2008. Warren Hallaway and John Maurer developed a list of criteria that they invited applicants to address once they had submitted an expression of interest. These criteria were:

- submit an abstract of a paper to be presented at the ISTE Seminar
- provide a CV
- indicate the extent and duration of their involvement with ISTE, and
- provide some information on the benefit support would provide to the applicant and their country.

All applicants were informed that the LeOra Cordis Memorial Trust Grant covered Seminar Registration fees only. Each applicant had to make his/her own arrangements to cover:

- Fares
- Accommodation, and
- The ISTE annual membership fee.

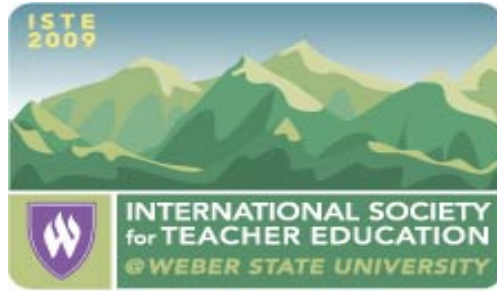
In spite of the current international financial cycle now being in a deep trough, the ISTE Treasurer, Johan Borup has been able to allocate a similar amount of Grant money to the Trustees, as was the case in 2008.

Each year the Trustees re-state the current criteria for the GRANTS, advise the seminar convener(s) how much interest is available in a particular year, and remain at arms length from the decisions about who gets the grant(s) (i.e., leave it to the convener(s) who will consult with the Trustees via the Chair of the Trustees before a grant is confirmed).

The Convenors of the 2008 Armidale Seminar, by November 2007, had received enquiries from four ISTE members from Papua-New Guinea, Thailand, Kiribati, and Romania concerning the funds available from the Trust to support their attendance at ISTE 2008. These applications were from members, and met the criteria as coming from "low GDP countries".

The expectation is that a similar outcome will be achieved in 2009.

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Rocky Mountain Rendezvous: Trading Ideas in Teacher Education for the 21st Century

A rendezvous is an appointment at a specified time and place. In the old American West, a rendezvous was a time when trappers, Native Americans, and traders would come together for a few days annually to exchange goods and services. It was a time when ideas were shared, when new relationships were formed and old ones renewed. The 2009 ISTE conference is an opportunity for professionals from around the world, interested in the betterment and enhancement of teacher education, to come together to share and exchange ideas on how teacher education is facing challenges in the 21st century.

There is still time to submit an abstract and register for this first meeting of ISTE west of the Mississippi River in the United States. The conveners and planners have decided to extend the “early bird” registration to all. That means that each delegate will only pay US\$1,100 for the seminar. The housing costs are reasonably priced at US\$180/6 nights with a shared bath or US\$350 for either 1 person with a private bath or 2 persons with a shared bath. (Please keep in mind all bedrooms are single rooms equipped with one single bed.) Extra nights before and after the seminar can be arranged at the same low cost.

We realize that these are difficult financial times but would like this 29th seminar to be a success. Now more than ever, teacher education and its funding and support are at a crossroad. It is important that the members of ISTE remain steadfast in sharing our experiences, stories, and research to maintain quality teacher education around the world. It is time to rendezvous.

Invitation to Pre-Seminar Symposium—3 June 2009

The overarching aim of this free-to-the-public program is to give our ISTE members an opportunity to share their expertise from their native country about how teacher training, professional development, and teacher education is viewed and implemented within our world community. The annual ISTE seminar attracts a critical mass of global talent and wisdom that the American public and media rarely witness. This forum will offer an opportunity for ISTE members to share their views on a variety of issues and concerns facing education. Subsequently, all participants will engage in a town meeting-like arena where all can benefit from the discourse and exchange of ideas.

The pre-seminar symposium will take place from 0900-1200 on 3 June (Wednesday). Early ISTE arrivals, be sure to plan to attend, contribute, and network with your American counterparts.

Journal of the International Society for Teacher Education

JISTE, the journal of the Society, continues to be supported by the members of ISTE and is now open to receiving submissions from non-members. Members are encouraged to collaborate with your colleagues and students and in so doing introduce others to the journal and the organization.

Volume 12.2 was distributed recently. It departed somewhat from the usual practice of no theme for the second issue of a volume. Half the number of articles focused on international testing programs (PISA and TIMSS) as a response to the keynote address on international testing that was given at the Stirling seminar (Scotland). Responses came from five countries - Canada, England, Germany, Norway and the USA, all countries that participate in the international testing program. Responses came from both ISTE and non-ISTE members.

Volume 13.1 that will feature articles from the Armidale seminar (Australia) is in process and will be out before the Weber seminar.

Volume 13.2 will return fully to the no-theme focus. Submissions are invited on any aspect of teacher education; theoretical and research articles are needed; the more submissions we have, the more intense is the review process and the more the quality of the journal increases.

Volume 14.1 will feature articles from the Weber seminar. Do remember to make use of your paper group discussion of your paper to review and revise your paper and submit it to the journal.

Volume 14.2 will have a focus: teacher education and social justice. Dr. Tonya Huber-Warring, a member of the journal's editorial board, and presently professor at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, USA, will be guest editor of this issue. Tonya has edited the volume, *Growing a soul for social change: Building the knowledge base for social justice*. Look for a review of this recently published book in the next issue of the journal.

At the Weber seminar, we will have an open session for all participants on "Getting Published in JISTE." Until then, please find publication and manuscript guidelines in any copy of your journal or on the ISTE website, <http://teachernet.hkbu.edu.hk/iste>. You are also invited to communicate with the editor - swilson@brocku.ca - should you have questions about submitting a manuscript.

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ISTE Seminar proposals for 2012

Proposals to host the 2012 ISTE Seminar will be decided in June at the Seminar in Ogden, Utah. It is excellent news that to date expressions of interest have been lodged from:

- The Royal University, Bhutan
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Valparaíso, Chile
- Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong,
- Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, Burdur Turkey,
- Park University, Missouri, USA
- University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, Western Australia

Some of these have been developed into the kinds of full proposals necessary for the appropriate choice to be made in June. Others will need to be more detailed to be considered. If proposers have not already done so, please consult Janet Powney (janet.powney@virgin.net) for advice to ensure your proposal is lodged in time for consideration at ISTE 2009.

ISTE 2010 --- Pontifica Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

April 11-17, 2010 Marta Luz Sisson de Castro, Convenor (mssisson@pucrs.br)

ISTE 2011 --- University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway

TBA Birte Simonsen, Convenor (birte.simonsen@uia.no)

Developing Countries and Distance Paper Group 2009

Many ISTE members living in developing countries have taken the opportunity to submit a paper to an annual seminar through the Distance Paper Group (DPG) over the last 10 years. With the generous assistance of ISTE colleagues they have received written comments on their papers and subsequently some have been published in JISTE. In this way our members in developing countries have been able to continue their scholarly efforts through the ISTE network. Papers have been received over the years from members in many countries including South Africa, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Kenya, Namibia, Cameroon, Kiribati and Slovakia.

If you are an ISTE member living in a developing country and are unable to attend the 2009 ISTE Seminar in Ogden, Utah USA, you may submit a paper through the DPG. The first step is to send an abstract (clearly marked "For DPG") of approximately 200 words (max. 250 words) by 15 April 2009, to the Seminar directly to the DPG Leader, Warren Halloway at whallowa@une.edu.au. The complete paper is due by 15 May 2009. (Postal mailing address is Warren Halloway, University of New England, School of Education, Armidale, New South Wales, Australia.)

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Membership Form

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Membership for the period 2008-09 from seminar to seminar (includes JISTE volume, ISTE newsletter, and ISTE network) USD 75.00

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