



## Secretary General's Message

### ISFTE 2011

We're two months away from convening in Kristiansand, Norway for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Seminar of the International Society for Teacher Education. The University of Agder, represented by Birte Simonsen and Petter Hangeland, is looking forward to the arrival of delegates from many countries around the world.

We will be looking forward to receiving information in the form of **electronic bulletins** from Birte and Petter regarding suggestions for travel to Kristiansand. Details for **Accompanying Persons** should also be forthcoming so that we can all plan accordingly. Do be sure to check to see if you will need a visa.

### Reminder to Executive Board members

**Members of the Executive Board**, please plan your arrival in Kristiansand so that you'll be able to attend the **Executive Board meeting on Sunday, 15 May**, at a time and place to be determined. Also, inform Birte and Petter of your anticipated arrival time so that appropriate arrangements can be initiated. We have a full agenda of items that need our attention.

### Elections for Executive Board

This seminar will be the final year for the following board members: **"Oupa" Leboloane** (South Africa) and **"Kitty" Kao** (Taiwan). Following the Norway Seminar, we will be conducting elections online for two (2) board members to serve 3-year terms. Naturally, the current members may choose to run again. However, all of you are encouraged to consider running.

The other current board members include: **Catherine Sinclair** (Australia), **Marta Luz Sisson de Castro** (Brazil), and **Peggy**

**Saunders (US). Ikechukwu Ukeje (US)** will fulfill Cornel DaCosta's (Great Britain) term since he received the next highest number of votes in the last election.

**Election of Secretary-General**

The ISfTE Constitution states, "The Secretary-General shall serve for three years...." My term as secretary-general will be coming to an end following the Bhutan Seminar in 2012. Therefore, I am encouraging you all to consider running for this prestigious honor. **Declaration of candidacy will be following the Norway Seminar.** Candidates for secretary-general will be introduced at Bhutan and elections will occur following the seminar.

**Appreciation to JISTE Editors**

With the last issue of *JISTE*, the editor, **Sybil Wilson** (Canada) will be stepping down. Her efforts have greatly enhanced the prestige and quality of our journal. In addition, **Anna Hugo** (South Africa), assistant editor, will be completing her term as well.

In their stead, **Karen Petersen** (Denmark) will be editor with **Peggy Saunders** (USA) as associate editor.

On behalf of the membership, we extend our thanks and appreciation to all who have contributed to the success of *JISTE*.

**Mentors needed**

As many of you know from your own experiences, it is not always easy for new members to assimilate into existing formal and informal groups. Therefore, at each seminar, volunteer veteran attenders of the seminars are encouraged to REACH OUT and make contact with new members. We anticipate there will be a **Newcomers' Orientation** where mentors can greet and meet new members to the Society. Please be willing to assist in welcoming newcomers and new scholars.

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## **Note from Birte Simonsen, Co-Convenor**

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In Kristiansand, we can see the end of a winter with a lot of snow and cold degrees, and we are looking forward to the ISfTE Seminar in May with warm weather and sun (we hope). It will be a pleasure to meet you all.

**More than 50 presenters have had their abstracts accepted, and we can still receive more. The deadline has been extended to the 1st of April.**

In addition to the participants, there will be board members and a large number of accompanying persons. Schedules for both participants and accompanying persons will be updated regularly at the website from the end of March.

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## Clarification on Papers for Norway Seminar

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Please be sure to have twenty (20) copies of your completed paper to share with members of your Paper Group and others. Nothing has changed in the intent and purpose of the seminar in that “completed papers” may certainly be “works-in-progress” that will receive comments, feedback, and recommendations in the paper group. After the seminar, authors may revise and improve their papers for publication considerations in *JISTE* and/or other professional journals.

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## Future ISfTE Seminar Sites

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- 2012—**Bhutan**: Warren Halloway (Australia) and John Mauer (Australia) will providing significant support to the co-convenors (Dr. Kezang S. Sherab, Dr. Phintsho Choden, and Dr. Kezang Tshering). More information and preliminary details about the Bhutan Seminar will be presented at the Norway Seminar.
- 2013—**Bahrain**: Numan Al-Musawi will be working closely with the department chair, Dr. Shamsan Al Mannai, in preparing for the ISfTE Seminar at the University of Bahrain.
- 2014—**Hong Kong**: Jacky Pow has secured the support of Dr. Janet Draper, Head of the Department of Education Studies, HKBU, for our impending visit in 2014.

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## Distance Paper Group

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The Distance Paper Group is a time-honored tradition in ISfTE. ISfTE members from Developing Nations are encouraged to submit papers if their circumstances are such that they cannot attend the upcoming Seminar in Norway.

Send your completed paper to **Forrest Crawford** ([fcrawford@weber.edu](mailto:fcrawford@weber.edu)) who will organize a group of participants who will read and review papers and provide feedback and comments.

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## In Memoriam

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**Spaet Henriksen**, 84, a longstanding member of the International Society for Teacher Education, died on December 22, 2010.

Spaet Henriksen was born in Greenland by Danish parents. Her christen name was Elisabeth Gam. In 1938, shortly before the Second World War, she was sent alone to Denmark for education. In 1945, she was reunited with her parents, her brother, and sister in Nuuk. Back again in Copenhagen, she graduated from a teacher college. A few years later she became a specialist teacher in literature. Being a mother of four children she finished her M.A. in Education and immediately afterwards she became professor of education at The Royal Danish School of Education (now School of Education Aarhus University) until 1996. Until 2001 she had been the president for more than 15 years of the Danish association Paedagogisk Forum.

One of her academic fields was progressive education. Spaet had understood the essence of the child-centered progressive education. Through her writings as well as her work as a teacher she displayed a genuine progressive education with a deep respect and understanding of the child.

She raised a talented and gifted set of children—Peter (project manager), Soeren (stage manager), Karen (interior designer), and Jesper (teacher)—and so was able to personalize her special gift for nurturing and developing children and youth. Anyone she entertained knew of her special culinary skills and left her dinners recognizing her wizardry in cooking. She was preceded in death by her husband Sven Henriksen (former principal of a teacher college).

We who were so fortunate to know and work together with Spaet will miss her generosity, warmth and academic intensity. One of the great personalities of Danish progressive education has passed. Condolences for the family can be forwarded to the address: [edunet@telia.com](mailto:edunet@telia.com)

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16-21 May 2011—mark the dates on your calendar!