



Greetings from the Secretary-General

Belated Happy New Year to one and all! May the new year continue to bring peace, joy, and happiness!

Call for Papers--- Bhutan Seminar

If you haven't done so already, be sure to submit your abstract for consideration soon. General registration will close on **31 March 2012**.

The conveners of the seminar will manage registration by post/fax. All the information about and registration for the Bhutan Seminar is available at:

<http://www.pce.edu.bt/isfte2012.html>. You may also submit your abstract directly, isfte2012academic@pce.edu.bt.

Please plan your arrangements for travel accordingly. Conveners suggest flights to Paro, Bhutan from the following connecting cities: Delhi, Bangkok, Kathamandu, and Singapore (opening in April 2012).

The visa will cover a two-week period that includes the days of the seminar. Therefore, you can plan early arrivals and/or later departures. Druk Airlines is now accepting reservations according to the conveners. Be on the lookout for travel advisories from the conveners.

We are looking forward to having a great seminar this year at the home of Gross National Happiness!

Attention ISfTE Executive Board

Current members of the ISfTE Executive Board are advised to plan their arrival to Paro, Bhutan in time to attend a meeting on Sunday, 20 May 2012. Time and place of the meeting will

be made available upon your arrival. Agenda will be forthcoming. If you have any agenda items, please contact Forrest.

Election for Secretary-General and Executive Board members

This year, we will be conducting an election for Secretary-General-Elect who will assume that position in 2013 at the Hong Kong Seminar.

Information on nomination and the election process will be posted in this newsletter. Sybil Wilson (Canada) will serve as the chair of the Elections Committee.

We will also be conducting an election for two (2) Executive Board members serving a three-year term following the Bhutan Seminar. Do be thinking about nominating yourself and/or other members of ISfTE for these positions.

Developing Nations Scholarships

Members of ISfTE from Developing Nations (as defined by the United Nations) are eligible to apply/potentially receive financial assistance to attend the annual seminars. If you are of this status, contact the conveners of the Bhutan Seminar directly for information (see below).

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Election of Secretary-General-Elect

It is time for the ISfTE members to select the next Secretary-General for the organization. The person elected will be Secretary-General-Elect for a year and will take office at the Hong Kong Seminar, 2013. As stated in the Constitution (§3.B) the term of office is three years, renewable once. The duties of the Secretary General are also set out in the Constitution (§2.C). The Call for Nominations along with a Nomination Form for this leadership position will be posted on the ISfTE website on **March 31, 2012**. Hope this early information will be helpful should you be thinking of offering yourself for the position or nominating someone.

Expectations of Candidates (Nominees)

Candidates must be current members (i.e., membership is paid up); must be nominated by a current member; and will be asked to provide a brief biographical sketch, a personal statement regarding qualities, beliefs, and vision for the organization that she or he would bring to the leadership post; and a photograph. All this information will be posted on the ISfTE site (<http://isfte.org>). Candidates should plan to attend the Bhutan seminar (May 21-25, 2012) and be prepared to address the membership at a designated time/place during the Seminar. If interested in running but unable to attend, please contact Sybil Wilson.

Expectations of Nominators

If you are nominating someone, please ensure that he or she is willing to serve in this active leadership role. Please check the Constitution sections referred to above and reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter. Please check the ISfTE website for the Nomination Form and further information. You may also contact the chair of the Elections Committee (swilson@brocku.ca) for a nomination form and for more information.

More Information

If, as nominator or nominee, you wish to know about the details of the role of Secretary General, you may talk with Forrest Crawford (U.S.A), the incumbent, or any of the past office holders: Warren Hallaway, Australia; Colin Mably, U.S.A; Janet Powney, Scotland; Lotte Rahbek Schou, Denmark; Hans Vorbach, Germany. Check the ISfTE directory for email addresses.

Voting online for all paid up members will take place shortly after the Bhutan seminar.

Some Guiding Principles

The above process is in consideration of the following principles:

- candidates to become known online
- candidates to be met and heard in person at the Bhutan Seminar
- the whole membership to participate in the process by voting online.

Some Relevant Dates

March 31 – April 30, 2012: Nomination period

April 30 – Nominations close

May 25 – June 8: Voting period online

June 15: Announcement of the Secretary General Elect

The Elections Committee Members:

Oupa Lebeloane (South Africa), Janet Powney (Scotland), Sybil Wilson (Canada)

About the Office of Secretary General - from the ISfTE Constitution

2.B. TERMS OF OFFICE

The individual elected to serve as Secretary-General will be Secretary-General Elect for one year and shall become Secretary-General without further election by the membership. The Secretary-General shall serve for three years and can be re-elected for one further term of three years

2. OFFICERS

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The officers shall be the Secretary-General, the Secretary-General Elect (when known), Treasurer, Editor of JISTE, Assistant to Secretary General (chosen by Secretary General annually), Chair of the LeOra Cordis Trust, Manager of Communications, Editor of the ISfTE Newsletter, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary by the Steering Committee. The Secretary-General shall be elected by preferential polling by the ISfTE membership

3.B. TERMS OF OFFICE

The terms of office of the Secretary General, Treasurer, and Editor of JISTE will be three years starting at the end of the annual seminar at which they were elected or appointed. They may be re-elected or reappointed for a further term of office.

2.C. DUTIES

The Secretary-General shall:

- be responsible for the development of ISfTE and its policies;

- preside at all meetings of the International Society for Teacher Education;
- convene, conduct and chair face-to-face or electronic meetings of the Executive Board;
- be a voting member of the Executive Board;
- have overall responsibility for the membership list, finances, and the records of the Society;
- advise the Convener(s) in the preparation of the annual Seminar;
- communicate with the membership and those associated with the Society
- represent the Society;
- appoint members to assist him/her to execute the duties of the office of Secretary-General, such appointments to be confirmed by the Steering Committee;

Other Items of Note

- ISfTE website Appreciation needs to be extended to **Ethan Quirt** (USA) for his creation and maintenance of a very professional website for our organization. While **Ray Wong** (USA), Communications Manager, is able to provide updates to various webpages, Ethan is required for the more complex tasks of website management. Thanks, Ethan!
- Members are encouraged to go to their individual webpage and update as needed, especially with current email addresses.
- Ad Hoc Committees At the Norway Seminar, two (2) ad hoc committees were organized to address two issues: **Emeriti status** for retired members of ISfTE and **future Seminar Site Selection**.
- It is anticipated that recommendations from both ad hoc committees will be forthcoming at the Bhutan Seminar.
- If you're interested in participating in either committee, contact Forrest Crawford (fcrawford@weber.edu).
- Also, an ad hoc committee will be organized in Bhutan to review the ISfTE Constitution and ByLaws to ensure currency and appropriateness. Contact Forrest if you're interested in serving on this committee.
- Submission of Future Seminar Site Proposals Formal **letters of intent** need to be submitted to Forrest Crawford by **27 April 2012**. The letter should include a description of the ability to host a seminar as outlined in the guidelines (available at <http://isfte.org>). Also, it should include acknowledgement of support of the potential conveners by overseeing organizations and infrastructures.
- Hong Kong will host 2013. At present, Bahrain is in line to host in 2014. Therefore, proposals will be considered in Bhutan for 2015.
- LeOra Cordis Fund This charitable fund was created in recognition of a former member of ISfTE. The fund's purpose has been to support potential attendees of the seminars from Developing Nations

(as defined by the United Nations).

Bob O'Brien (New Zealand) has ably chaired the committee that oversees the administration of the fund. However, a new chair is now needed. At the Norway Seminar, a group was organized to review the fund. This group, and anyone interested in serving, needs to organize and elect a new chair. It is anticipated this will occur at the Bhutan Seminar. In the meanwhile, Johan Borup (Denmark) will serve as the interim chair.

JISTE Updates

OPEN CALL FOR PAPERS FOR JISTE 16.2

The call for papers and articles addressing and reflecting scholarly and research work in relation to teacher education worldwide is hereby open. *JISTE 16.2* will be published as an electronic journal in 2012. We ask you to send articles to the editor Karen Bjerg Petersen, Denmark kp@dpu.dk by **February 29th, 2012.**

Only articles following the guidelines for *JISTE* will be accepted.

On the pathway to 21st century

By Karen Bjerg Petersen (Denmark), editor of *JISTE*

As most members of our worldwide organisation know, our editor through many years, Sybil Wilson (Canada) has given over her task as the editor of *JISTE - Journal of the International Society for Teacher Education* - to a new team - Karen Bjerg Petersen (Denmark) and Peggy Saunders (USA). All of the previous editors (George Churukian, Catherine Sinclair (Australia), and Sybil Wilson (Canada) have done a huge amount of work for the journal, especially Sybil and her editorial team who took *JISTE* on a professional pathway as a journal not only for members of ISfTE but also for the international society.

One issue of *JISTE* is dedicated to the members of the organisation to publish their research work and reports about teacher education presented at the annual seminars. In the open issues of the journal, submissions are invited from teacher education scholars world wide.

Peggy Saunders from Weber State University (USA) as assistant editor and Karen Bjerg Petersen as editor from Aarhus University (Denmark) are proud to take over the professional work on *JISTE* realising during the first year of our editorial stewardship, the standards of excellence that have been established by previous editors.

JISTE as an electronic journal in the 21st century

As new editors, we are taking advantage of the new technology of the 21st century. For example, we have met on a regular basis using Skype meetings to discuss all different sorts of issues and work related to the work on *JISTE*.

Furthermore, it was decided to turn *JISTE* into an electronic journal. The Editorial Board also gave the new editor team the task of researching ways, we – and *JISTE* - could get access to electronic databases in order to achieve a wider

dissemination of *JISTE* on an electronic basis.

Consequently, we are very happy to tell our members that we are about to gain access to one of the most well-known American and Canadian research database services EBSCO. The first electronic issue of *JISTE*, 16.1 was published and disseminated electronically in this database.

For the European public research dissemination, *JISTE* will be published as an electronic journal through the university library of the University of Aarhus, Denmark.

We still need to gain access to databases in all parts of the world. We therefore encourage you to send us information about which databases are mostly used in your parts of the world.

All members of ISfTE should have received an announcement of the availability of electronic version of *JISTE* 16.1. We will furthermore send you the URLs, website addresses, where you can find *JISTE* in the electronic databases.

The task of editing articles is rather arduous, as many of our members do not have English as their first language. Furthermore, the APA referencing system, which we are using in *JISTE*, has to be modified in almost all the revised articles that we have received for publication in our journal. As we are turning *JISTE* into an electronic journal, we are unable to use the templates for the journal utilized by former editors and publishers for the paper version of *JISTE*. We needed to create new templates for an electronic-based layout for *JISTE*. On a personal note, I want to express my warm thanks to our assistant editor Peggy Saunders who has taken over this enormous responsibility for *JISTE*.

At the Editorial Board Meeting in Norway, it was also decided that a few issues of the future issues of *JISTE* need to be printed in paper versions for those members of ISfTE who may not be able to receive the electronic versions of *JISTE*. We are very happy to inform you that Jacky Pow (Hong Kong) has accepted the responsibility of printing and disseminating future paper issues of *JISTE*.

**About our work
with the electronic
version of *JISTE* 16.2**

As the new editor team we have spend most of our time and Skype meetings discussing topics concerning *JISTE* 16.1. We have, however, begun to receive articles for consideration in *JISTE* 16.2. Some of these articles have gone through the peer

review process. However, we have decided to make a further call for articles for *JISTE* 16.2. The call is posted earlier in this newsletter and is on the ISfTE website.

We intended to get *JISTE* 16.2 completed before the Bhutan Seminar 2012. However, in making the transition, especially because of the work with transforming our journal into an electronic version, we will need more time to finish *JISTE* 16.2.

Finally, we encourage our members to send us articles about their research work on teacher education throughout the world for upcoming issues of *JISTE*.

ISfTE Seminar 2012---Paro, Bhutan



21 May – 25 May 2012

See you there!