



## Greetings from the Secretary-General

May 2013 be a happy, fruitful, and gratifying year for all of you!

Congratulations to **Dr. Dorji Thinley** (Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan) and **Mr. Kezang Sherab** (University of New England, Australia) who were elected to serve a 3-year term on the Executive Committee of ISFTE. We look forward to having them contribute their skills and abilities to the betterment of the organization.

As a gentle reminder to all members of the Executive Committee, do remember to plan on arriving earlier in Hong Kong as we will have our **Executive Committee meeting on Sunday, 26 May 2013**. Jacky and I are preparing the agenda that will be sent to you soon.

### Hong Kong Seminar

**Jacky Pow** and his committee are working to get everything ready for your arrival in May. As we draw closer to the dates of the seminar, Jacky will be sending out travel advisories, suggestions, and recommendations to make your travel to and from as convenient as possible.

### Administrative Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

As some of you may recall, as a result of the Bhutan Seminar, a number of you were asked to serve on a Standing or Ad Hoc Committee (see previous newsletter for committee assignment).

A few of the committees had an opportunity to convene at the Bhutan seminar. Representatives from those committees (Convener's Guidelines, Site Selection, and Cordis Foundation) that did meet will have the opportunity to share updates and recommendations during our upcoming program.

The remaining committees are still coming to fruition however, general messages have been received requesting assistance in defining a clearer scope for future activities. As I have worked toward that end, you will have an opportunity to begin that task with additional information in Hong Kong in preparation for later reports to the Executive Committee beyond our seminar timeframe.

### **Future Sites for ISfTE Seminars**

In 2014, the ISfTE Seminar is scheduled to meet in Turkey. **Professor Dr. Nuray Senemoglu** and her colleagues will present more information in Hong Kong during the General Business meeting.

In the meanwhile, we are still in the process of determining future sites. Those who have expressed interest in the past in hosting are strongly encouraged to submit formal letters and applications as soon as possible to me ([fcrawford@weber.edu](mailto:fcrawford@weber.edu)). See the <http://ISfTE.org> for the link to **Guidelines for Submissions of Proposals to Host and to Manage a Seminar**.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The finances of ISfTE are continuing to grow and prosper specifically as a result of the significant increase in membership at the Bhutan seminar.

Johan Borup (Denmark) will make a full report at the Hong Kong seminar.

The LeOra Cordis Foundation met and approved distribution of funds to Hong Kong to support members from developing nations. Jacky Pow and his committee have made awards to individuals who applied.

We recognize **Mokhele Madise** (South Africa) who will be assuming the responsibilities of ISfTE's treasurer position. Following his formal installation as treasurer, Mokhele will be providing reports of the financial activities of ISfTE.

### **Continued Gratitude to Ethan Quirt, Webmaster**

There's not enough that can be said in expressing our appreciation and thanks to Ethan Quirt (USA) who has diligently maintained the infrastructure of the ISfTE website (<http://isfte.org>). It's through his efforts that have established the professional look and feel of the website!

Also, don't forget about ISfTE's Facebook link: <http://facebook.com/isfte>, initiated by Khamsum Kinley (Bhutan)

## **Election of Members to the Executive Committee**

As it has been the case after each seminar, we will be accepting nominations for election to the Executive Committee. The positions currently held by **Peggy Saunders** (USA) and **Ikechukwu Ukeje** (USA) will be eligible for election following the Hong Kong seminar. Please consider nominating yourself and/or others for consideration to serve a 3-year term.

## Report about JISTE from the Editor

Since our last update about *JISTE* (August 2012), the second open issue of ***JISTE* Vol. 16.2** was published and uploaded as an electronic journal on the website of ISfTE in December, 2012. The theme of this issue was: *Cultural and Country-Based Concerns of Teacher Education and Teaching – Insights for a Global Society*.

In ***JISTE* VOL. 16.2**, there were eleven (11) articles written by authors from different continents and countries. On one hand, common to the articles was a concern about conditions of teaching and teacher education in the locally, often single country based context. On the other hand, in reading and seeing the articles in this issue as a whole, we hope that our readers will find it interesting to gain knowledge, insight, and information at a global level about local concerns in teacher education and teaching in different areas of the world. In *JISTE* 16.2, perspectives and concerns in teaching and teacher education from the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe, and America were presented.

The final editing process for ***JISTE* Vol 17.1** (issue featuring papers from the Bhutan seminar) has begun. We have received 25 submitted articles for this issue and plan to publish many of these articles in the forthcoming publication. We expect *JISTE* 17.1 to be published by the end of April or beginning of May 2013.

As the editor I want to thank the many reviewers, who have not only reviewed articles for *JISTE* 17.1. Many of our English-speaking members and reviewers have furthermore helped us to English-edit some of the articles, submitted by non-native English speakers to *JISTE* 17.1. It is a very huge job to English-edit the articles and I am very glad for the help provided by many of our members.

As the editor of *JISTE* - and non-native English speaker as well - I too want to thank the associate editor, Peggy Saunders, Weber State University (USA). Peggy has done a very impressive work for *JISTE* 16.2 and she is working on the final editing on *JISTE* 17.1 at the moment. It takes many hours to do the final English-editing and layout for our electronic journal. We could not have done this work without a major effort from the side of Peggy! Thanks also to Jacky Pow (Hong Kong) and his team for taking care of the printing and distribution of the paper versions of *JISTE*.

We have started to receive articles for the open issue of *JISTE* 17.2. We encourage our members to submit articles and to encourage colleagues to submit articles. We expect the second issue of this year's volume of *JISTE* to be published by the end of December 2013.

### Funding for JISTE:

Weber State University, Utah, USA has been funding six issues of JISTE for the past 3 years. The logo of the university can be found on the front page.

The Baptist University of Hong Kong is supporting *JISTE* with the printed copies of the journal. JISTE 16.2 has HKBU logo on the front page.

The two issues of JISTE 17 to be published in 2013 will have the logo of the Royal University of Bhutan, and Paro Department of Education on the front page.

The Department of Education, Faculty of Arts, University of Aarhus (Denmark) will have its logo on the two issues of *JISTE* 17.

Members of ISfTE are encouraged to ask their universities for financial support for *JISTE*. In return, the university's logo is prominently displayed on the front page of the issues of *JISTE*.

March 2013 – Editor Karen Berg Petersen

# ISfTE Seminar 2013—Hong Kong



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**See you there!**