

Election of ISfTE Members-at-Large (March, 2020)

The ISfTE 2020 Election committee has completed its work. As of the deadline of March 6th 2020, the Election committee received nominations for three people. Candidate statements for Member-at-Large positions were submitted by the individuals nominated.

The three candidates are:

- 1. Ugochukwu Agi**, Associate Professor, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, nominated by Leanne Taylor, Brock University, Canada.
- 2. Vera Lucia Felicetti**, Professor and Dean, Universidade La Salle, Brazil
- 3. Cornelia Brodahl**, Associate Professor, University of Agder, Norway.

Below find nominations, Candidate statements and recommendation from the Election committee.

Candidate: Ugochukwu Agi, Associate Professor, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

Nomination:

I would like to nominate Ugochukwu Agi for a 3-year position as Member-at-Large on ISfTE's Executive Board. I first met Ugochukwu at the ISfTE Seminar in Denmark (2017) and had the privilege of getting to know him further during the Japan Seminar (2018). In my experience as a former ISfTE Executive member, past Associate Editor of JISTE, and Co-convenor of the 2019 ISfTE Seminar in Canada, I have witnessed first-hand Ugochukwu's ongoing commitment to our Society. Since he first became involved with ISfTE, Ugochukwu has been an engaged and dedicated supporter of the Organization. He regularly submits his scholarly work to (and has published in) ISfTE's journal (JISTE). He has also been committed in his efforts to attend ISfTE meetings each year and continues to build valuable connections with members of the ISfTE community. Ugochukwu's strong administrative record and experience as Acting Dean of Student Affairs in Nigeria would also be assets to the ISfTE Executive Board (including its smaller sub-committees) and would be of benefit to ISfTE as a whole. I offer him my full support.

Leanne Taylor, Associate Professor, Brock University, Canada

Candidate statement:

I am Ugochukwu K. Agi, an Associate Professor of Educational Administrator. I am currently a lecturer at Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

My first contact with ISFTE in 2016 was when I missed attending the Seminar in South Africa due to visa issues but had my paper presented by a friend who was there. Subsequently, in 2017 and 2018, I was in Denmark and Japan respectively. However, due to visa issues, I could not make it to Canada in 2019 contrary to my expectation.

I am very interested in becoming a Member-at- Large with ISFTE Executive board. My ambition is to join others who will be coming to the board to strengthen the Society to:

- (1) increase its global visibility by encouraging members to do their part to bring the Society to the knowledge of departments/faculties of education of universities in their regions or countries ;
- (2) seek ways to enhance its financial capacity to support its numerous activities;
- (3)seek ways to establish a strong unit that need to liaise with hosting countries to tackle visa and traveling issues often the bane of some members especially from developing nations ;
- (4) seek ways to establish ties with ministries/departments of education of countries of the world to participate and benefit from the seminars to enrich their teacher's department;
- (5) seek ways to continue to improve the society generally.

Thank you all. This is also to wish everyone luck as we strive to make ISFTE an important instrument for the bettering of Teacher education with the aim of improving the understanding of practice, and issue confronting practice globally.

Ugochukwu K Agi

Statement from candidate Vera Lucia Felicetti, Professor and Dean, Universidade La Salle, Brazil

I am interested in being elected to the ISfTE Executive board.

I have been part of ISfTE since 2010, when the seminar took place in Brazil at the Pontifical Catholic of Rio Grande do Sul. I was a doctoral student at the time. I have attended ISfTE regularly since 2010 and have learned a lot about education, research, culture and friendship. I would like to continue contributing to the success of this Society, helping in its growth and in its contributions to improvements in education. I look forward to occupying a seat on the Executive Board as a Member-at-Large and serving the Society for a 3-year term.

Statement from candidate **Cornelia Brodahl**, Associate Professor, University of Agder, Norway.

Personal and professional Profile

Dear Colleagues, I am delighted to be considered for a Member-at-Large position.

I assume that my dedication for ISfTE, experience in two countries' educational traditions, practice in two different academic disciplines, and current academic position, will allow me to represent some of the diversity within European teacher educator-researchers.

Born German and grown up near to the Benelux countries, I studied Mathematics and Education Sciences in Germany. In Norway, I completed studies in Informatics and German as a secondary language, and have had my entire professional life, as teacher in elementary, lower and higher secondary school, and now, finally, as teacher educator.

As an Associate Professor at University of Agder in Norway, my time is balanced between research, online education and mentoring undergraduates and master students.

I am holding a professional doctorate in ICT and learning, focused on applying research to complex issues, and designing effective professional practices within the field. My former research and teaching interests included learning and teaching with collaborative practices and by use of Web 2.0 technologies, developing and implementing didactical animations and mathematics video podcasts.

I am proud of joining a strong team of experts in mathematics and mathematics education, awarded the status of Priority research centre at the University of Agder and the national status of Norwegian Centre of Excellence in Education. The research pursued seeks to explore and understand in depth issues of teaching and learning mathematics. My current research projects focus on in-service teachers' learning.

ISfTE Engagement

I have been very fortunate to attend the wonderful ISfTE conferences in Skukuza/South Africa, Aarhus/Denmark, Joetsu/Japan and Niagara Falls/Canada, and honoured to serve as group facilitator and member of the Editorial Board for JISTE. My wish for ISfTE is to reach out to young teacher educators to show that this international society is for them, just as it is for me. The growth of membership is a priority, and young teacher educators are important people in the future. We need to promote ISfTE as one of the few conferences where writers can come and get respectful feedback on their work from their peers, as well as get feedforward. There is work to do to challenge members to bring in younger colleagues, for example, by including them in article writing. There is a job to do to address institutions to support especially young teacher educators so that they can travel to the conference. One of my planks is free and universally accessible availability of members' scientific research for everyone, both to be able to refer to fresh publications and to be referred to.

In summary, I hope to contribute to the society in the position of Member-at-Large in the Executive Committee who will act with care for our members and regard for the mission of ISfTE.

Recommendation of the Election committee

The three people running meet the criteria, for positions of Members-at-Large. Because there are four positions available, the Election committee hereby recommends that

- Uguchukwu Agi, Nigeria
- Vera Lucia Felicetti, Brazil
- Cornelia Brodahl, Norway

be declared as the newest Members-at-Large of the ISfTE board beginning at the conclusion of ISfTE 2020 (or June 2020).

March 2020,

Election Committee:

Karen Bjerg Petersen, Aarhus University, Denmark, Anne Merete Selvik Ask, Agder University, Norway and Ingebjørg Aarek, Agder University, Norway.