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# ISFTE NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings from the Secretary-General

By Susan Tilley

At the moment, we are living in precarious times in the shadow of the Corona virus (COVID 19). Our members are situated in a variety of countries, with each country focused on dealing with the ramifications of COVID 19 in their specific contexts. In Canada, while COVID infections vary in severity across the provinces, current life is far from what we would normally be experiencing.



At Brock University in Ontario, we are planning a fall term with courses to be taught mainly online. Faculty members are working from home and are required to keep a distance from our campus. This is similar to what is happening in other universities across the country. Research with human participants has become even more challenging with health and safety measures in place in light of COVID19 and requirements of physical distancing.

I expect many of you are also experiencing challenges as you plan the current academic year in your respective countries. I hope you are able to meet your teaching and research challenges, but more importantly, that you and your families are able to keep safe and healthy during this turbulent period.

Sadly, we were informed that Colin Mably passed away in May, 2020. Colin was the Co-founder of our Society and instrumental in the establishment and success of ISfTE over its 40-year history. On behalf of our members, the Executive Board sent condolences and a dish garden of plants to Colin's family. We also made arrangements for a grove of three trees to be dedicated to Colin's memory. We plan to celebrate Colin's life and his contributions to ISfTE when we are together again at a future ISfTE seminar. I have included in this Newsletter, Forrest Crawford's heartfelt tribute to Colin, his long-time friend and colleague. Forrest served as Secretary General from 2009-2013.

Normally this Newsletter would provide a report on our ISfTE 2020 seminar, including many photographs of our time together. As you know, we were not able to proceed with the seminar in Bhutan because of the restrictions across the world, as a result of the Covid19. The conveners have provided a short update on details of ISfTE 2021, in this Newsletter. We will have to wait and see what will happen in the coming months, but hopefully we will be together June 2021 in Bhutan.

Meetings needed for the running of our Society have been continuing online. We held a virtual Executive Board meeting on May 28, 2020 to discuss yearly reports and ongoing business of the Society. Although we would prefer to be meeting face-to-face, we had a productive meeting. The Executive Board will continue to meet virtually in the coming months as necessary.

We have two people finishing their terms this year as Members-At-Large, Ailwei Mawela (South Africa) and Katie Weir (Australia). On behalf of the membership, I thank them both for their willingness to serve and for the contributions they made during their years of service on the Executive Board. I expect they will continue to be involved in the coming years.

As members finish their terms, new members step into positions. Welcome to our new Executive Board members including Members-at-Large: Cornelia Brodahl, Vera Lucia Felicetti and Ugochukwu Agi. Sheryl Rushton has begun her one-year term as Secretary-General Elect.

The Executive Board currently in place for 2020-2021 includes the following members:

<b>Name (Country)</b>	<b>Position</b>
Susan Tilley (Canada)	Secretary General
Sheryl Rushton (USA)	Secretary General Elect
Karen Bjerg Peterson (Denmark)	JISTE Editor
Sheryl Rushton (USA)	Treasurer
Jackie Chan (Hong Kong)	Communications Manager

Kezang Tshering (Bhutan)	Chair, Le’Ora Cordis Trust
Vera Woloshyn (Canada)	Member-At-Large
Cornelia Brodahl (Norway)	Member-At-Large
Vera Lucia Felicetti (Brazil)	Member-At-Large
Ugochukwu Agi (Nigeria)	Member-At-Large
Jackie Chan (Hong Kong)	Member-At-Large

\*Kezang Sherab & Ugyen Choden (Bhutan) Conveners ISfTE 2020--also sit on the Executive as non-voting members.

In the following pages, our Editor, Karen Bjerg Peterson, provides an extensive update on JISfTE business. To produce two issues of our journal per year requires considerable commitment of time and energy from a number of people. On behalf of the membership, I want to extend our sincere gratitude to Karen as Editor, our two new Associate Editors, DeeDee Mower and David Byrd and all the members of the Editorial Board who have been essential in the work of the journal throughout the year, including in the extensive review process for manuscript submissions to the journal.

In her report, Karen informs us of her intention to step down from the role of Editor, at the end of 2021. Of course, there are not enough thanks to be given for Karen’s long-time commitment to JISfTE, but we will find a way to celebrate her work face-to-face during our next ISfTE seminar. When Karen steps down, Leanne Taylor will begin her term as Editor. We are very fortunate to have someone with Leanne’s experience with the journal, as a member of the Editorial Board and past Associate Editor, stepping forward to take on this role. I extend appreciation to Leanne on behalf of the membership for her willingness to take up this very important position.

Jackie Pow, Chair of our Research sub-committee, has asked for members assistance in a short request included in this Newsletter. He continues to focus on developing connections across members based on their research interests and providing a means for members to connect with each other to form research networks. Please consider responding to his request so the project can move forward.

Jackie Chan's report as Communications Manager is included in the following pages. The smooth running of our website and Facebook Page are a result of his ongoing work with the Executive Board and the membership. I expect we will continue to communicate online as we move through this COVID19 crisis. Feel free to contact Jackie with any questions or suggestions.

Finally, similar to other members, I was extremely disappointed with the postponement of our 2020 seminar. Central to our Society is the time we have together face-to-face each year participating in our working groups and learning about our host countries and our individual work challenges and visions for the future. I look forward to June 2021 in the hopes we will be together again finding a way to celebrate our 40-year plus history.

I wish you all a fruitful year in your work and family life in spite of the challenges you are facing in light of COVID 19.

All the best to you and your families.

Sincerely, Susan

## **Thoughts on a Colleague, Friend, and the Founder of ISfTE – Colin Mably**

By Forrest C. Crawford

Former Secretary General of ISfTE (2009-2013)

I met Colin in 1998 when a former colleague and I flew to South Africa for my very first International Society for Teacher Education (ISfTE) meeting. Admittedly inept on how the seminar operated, Colin and others explained the logistics of how we navigate the signature "paper group sessions" to which we were assigned. What I remembered most was that we were made to feel comfortable. While it was clear numerous members carved a well-defined place in the Society, Colin, who co-founded the society, pushed us newer members to get involved, to find a place to contribute, and make the organization grow. While I thought he was talking only to me, it was clear he was speaking to others; encouraging them to do the same. Quite frankly, I was mesmerized with the forward thinking of the Society each time a seminar was held.

Several years past as I slowly began to find my voice and place along with others as we networked with our colleagues from around the world who generously offered their perspectives and personal experiences on teaching best practices, innovative strategies, and provocative theoretical constructs they have used. Each time Dr. Colin Mably would show up to our annual seminars, his vision would perfectly frame our charge and challenges facing international education and our role as colleagues. On occasion, he would sit in on paper group sessions to offer his carefully thought out guide for the membership; he was not alone. His other co-founder, Dr. Cornell DaCosta (RIP), would assert similar like-minded charges facing our work as teacher practitioners, policy analysts, and administrators. Colin and Cornell knew exactly what they wanted: To bring together, on an annual basis, great scholars from various disciplines from all parts of the world to exchange ideas on how to advance teaching innovations in a thought-provoking and collegial manner.

In fact, they made that case back in 1981 when both had returned from attending a conference and expressed their disappointment on how teacher education was viewed and implemented and how conferences were designed. It was from this mutual consideration that the first convening of International Society for Teacher Education (ISfTE) emerged. That first seminar was held at the Danbury Park Conference Center in Chelmsford, Essex, England with Colin and Cornell as co-conveners.

Over the years, prolific scholars from a variety of countries like Janet Powney (Scotland); Sybil Wilson and Susan Tilley (Canada); Johan Borup, Lotte Rahbek Schou,

and Karen Bjerg Petersen (Denmark); Warren Halloway and Katherine Sinclair (Australia); Marta Luz Sisson de Castro (Brazil); Anna Hugo (South Africa); Jacky Pow (Hong Kong); Deborah Adeyemi (Nigeria); Jim Greenberg and Craig Kissock (USA) – just to name a few – combined to set tone and context to how we actively move forward as a Society. When the organization asked Weber State University to host in 2009, I was confident in our own educators to join as conveners and construct the passion and leadership necessary for success. In short, Colin was a seed planter; an enabler who would masterfully model how to lead as we found our own best way. Finally, as we stand at the gates of 40 years as a Society, ISfTE has uniquely created itself as a global family of scholars that encourages ways to advance teacher leadership and development. Colin and Cornell created this amazing legacy.

But as Colin would easily ask... "What will your legacy be?"

I would like to end with a poem that I have thought about since learning of Colin's untimely death.

## **Sleep Sweet**

by Ellen M. Huntington Gates

Sleep sweet within this quiet room,  
O thou, whoe'er thou art,  
And let no mournful yesterdays  
Disturb thy peaceful heart.

Nor let tomorrow mar thy rest  
With dreams of coming ill:  
Thy Maker is thy changeless friend,  
His love surrounds thee still.

Forget thyself and all the world,  
Put out each garish light:  
The stars are shining overhead —  
Sleep sweet! Good night! Good night!



**Updates JISTE –**  
**Journal of the International Society for Teacher Education**  
August 2020 by Editor Karen Bjerg Petersen, Denmark

On June, 4th 2020, the Editorial Board of JISTE held its annual meeting online. Usually, the annual Editorial Board meeting takes place during the annual seminar of ISfTE. Due to Covid-19 and the cancellation of the ISfTE seminar in Bhutan, - as all members of ISfTE know - it was not possible to meet face-to-face. Instead, we met virtually. Our Editorial Board meeting is documented below in the picture taken by David Byrd.





## **Acknowledgement**

It was a pleasure for me as the Editor of JISTE to chair the June 2020 Editorial Board meeting and to again be reminded about how dedicated the members of our Editorial Board and our Associate Editors are. I thank all of the members of the Editorial Board—leaving and newcomers - for their participation in discussions in the Editorial Board meetings and for the ideas, input, and reflections they have contributed over time to the journal. Their contributions are reflected in the journal issues published.

In particular, I would like to thank our new Associate Editors, DeeDee Mower and David Byrd for their great work with English editing the newly published issue of JISTE, volume 24 issue 1. They have put a lot of effort into this issue, which is their first issue as Associate Editors of our journal.

All the reviewers – among them usually also the members of the Editorial Board – contribute to JISTE with their work and support. I am grateful for the reviews, evaluation forms and comments from the reviewers, which help to improve the submitted articles.

I know that Peggy Saunders as our former longstanding Associate Editor has mentored DeeDee and David. Our webmaster Jackie uploads the journal to our website and disseminates the issue to the members of our Society. I would like to thank Leanne Taylor, who has agreed to take over the position as the Editor of JISTE with the publication of JISTE 26.1. The Editorial Board and I are very pleased that Leanne agreed to eventually take over this position, and we are sure that JISTE will be in very good hands in many years from now. In the meantime, Leanne will take over more and more jobs in collaboration with me. Finally, yet importantly, our Secretary General Susan Tilley stands behind us and supports the Editorial Board and JISTE with her wise input and suggestions. Thanks a lot to all of you.

Everybody affiliated with JISTE is carrying out an important job. In contrast to most other journals, all the comprehensive work that results in publishing the two issues of JISTE per year, is completed on a solely voluntary base by all the individuals involved. As the Editor of JISTE, I am very proud of the collaborative work and of our publications.

## **Editorial Board members 2020-2021**

Anne Selvig Ask, Norway; Cornelia Brodahl, Norway; David Byrd, USA; Ingebjørg Aarek, Norway; Karen Bjerg Petersen, Denmark; Kemma Tsujino, Japan; Leanne Taylor, Canada; Modupe Osokoya, Nigeria; Nuray Senemoglu, Turkey; Sheryl Rushton, USA; Vera Lucia Felicetti, Brazil; Vera Woloshyn, Canada.

*Ex. Officio members: Secretary General, Susan Tilley, Canada; Jackie Chan, Hong Kong, Communication Manager.*

## **JISTE publications**

**JISTE 23.2** was published in December 2019 as an open issue. The title of issue 23.2 including seven articles is *Approaches to Teacher Education: Professional Development, Philosophy and Subject Teaching* an open issue.

**JISTE 24.1** was published in August 2020 including six articles written by scholars from Bhutan, Norway, Nigeria, Canada and the US. This issue covers the 2019 Canada seminar, held at Brock University, Canada, hosted by conveners Leanne Taylor and Vera Woloshyn and featuring the theme *Teacher Education for the Next Decade: Looking to the Past to Inform the Future*. Our two new Associate Editors, David Byrd and DeeDee Mower have edited and proofread the articles and have taken care of the final design of the issue.

**JISTE 24.2** is an open issue. Deadline for submission was August 1, 2020. Many authors from all around the world have submitted articles to JISTE. The review process has started and the process of revision, English proofreading, editing and finalization for publication will take place over the next month. Publication is expected by December, 2020.

**JISTE 25.1** should have covered the 2020 Bhutan seminar, held at Paro College of Education, Royal University of Bhutan. Due to the Covid-19 virus however, the seminar has been postponed. JISTE 25.1. will be an open issue. Deadline for submission is December 1, 2020. Publication is planned for July, 2021.

We encourage people who were planning to attend ISfTE 2020 to submit their manuscripts for consideration for this issue.

## **Other business**

JISTE is indexed in ERICs databases, in EBSCO, in ULRICHS web and in the national bibliographical academic indexes of Brazil, Norway and Denmark.

I am glad to announce that Vera Woloshyn, Brock University, will be leading a subcommittee consisting of members from the current Editorial Board to develop suggestions for a JISTE ethics policy.



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July 21, 2020

Attention:  
The ISfTE Executive Board Members;  
The ISfTE Family; and  
Anybody interested to attend ISfTE 2021 in BHUTAN.

### **BHUTAN 2021 ISfTE Announcement**

As members are aware, ISfTE 2020 was postponed due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

ISfTE Executive Board, in consultation with the Weber State University, USA (who were booked to host ISfTE 2021) agreed to Bhutan moving forward and hosting ISfTE in 2021.

The Organising Committee at the Paro College of Education, Royal University of Bhutan, is hopeful that the pandemic situation improves, so that we are able to host ISfTE in our beautiful country, June 7-12, 2021.

We will share an update with specific dates for abstract submission soon.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Warmly,

(Kezang Sherab)

(Ugyen Choden)

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## **ISfTE Research Sub-committee**

By Jacky Pow (Research Sub-committee Chair)

### **International collaboration research initiative**

To foster an international collaborative research culture among ISfTE members and strengthen our research network, the Research Sub-committee would like members to provide information about their research interests/areas so that members can identify possible research collaborators.

We are planning to send the form below to ISfTE members to collect their research interests, areas, and keywords of their accepted 2020 abstracts. We will also invite potential members, who had an accepted abstract for presentation in ISfTE 2020, to fill out the form and participate in this initiative.

Based on an analysis of the forms submitted, the sub-committee will generate a list of key words which will be sent to members to help them identify potential collaborators with common research interests. The information collected will only be available to ISfTE members and those invited individuals who completed the form and submitted.

Link to the ISTE international collaboration research initiative form:

<https://forms.gle/3ia2VucAZyRU42XF7>

Jacky Pow

Research Sub-committee Chair

## **Updates of ISfTE Website - We connected as one**

By Jackie Chan

As the Communication Manager of ISfTE, I am responsible for the communications between ISfTE members and the public through three channels, ISfTE website (<http://isfte.org>), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/isfte>) and E-mail. Please feel free to send your latest E-mail address ([isftecontact@gmail.com](mailto:isftecontact@gmail.com)) in order to receive the latest information from us. On the ISfTE website, you have to access JISTE issues published. If you have any inquiries or suggestions about ISfTE, you may also send a message to [isftecontact@gmail.com](mailto:isftecontact@gmail.com) or our Facebook page.

In 2020, several inquiries (about JISTE, finding collaborators, ISfTE seminar and ISfTE membership) have been received through email and Facebook. All inquiries have been forwarded to corresponding ISfTE board members to provide follow up information. I hope and expect everyone received the information they requested.