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BY SHERYL RUSHTON

GREETINGS FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Members:

As I have been visiting with family, friends, and members globally, I am feeling lifted spirits as the world begins to rebound from the pandemic. Though we need to be ever vigilant in taking necessary precautions, it is heartwarming to know the world is coming alive again.

Our seminar held in beautiful Florianopolis, Brazil is evidence of ISfTE starting to come back to life. Vera Lucia Felicetti convened a very successful and enjoyable seminar last May. Read her report on the success of the Brazil seminar on page 3.

Announcement for ISfTE 2023 is coming soon. Please stay tuned.



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Call for Conveners:

ISfTE founders, Colin Mably and Cornel DaCosta, envisioned a gathering where international teacher educators could gather together to explore important professional issues of common concern, go beyond formalities and begin to understand each other while forging lasting friendships, and above all, feel professionally enriched. Barring a couple of worldwide health issues like the recent pandemic, the members of ISfTE have gathered together every year since the society was set in motion. We want to keep this amazing gathering of international friends and educators to continue, therefore, the ISfTE Executive board asks that you **consider hosting the joyous occasion**. We will convene in Asia in 2023 (details coming shortly) followed by a seminar in Utah, USA in 2024. We are in NEED of ISfTE Seminar conveners for 2025 and 2026.

Business Matters:

While at the seminar in Brazil the Secretary-General term for Susan Tilley (Canada) came to an end. Susan served our members with care and precision. She diligently combed through the society's constitution to ensure we were functioning optimally. When the world was faced with the isolating effects of the Pandemic, Susan still kept ISfTE going. The executive board met together under her guidance several times during those tough couple of years. Susan's official term should have ended in the summer of 2020, but she selflessly agreed to stay on until we could again convene together. This added an extra two years to her term. Thank you, Susan Tilley, for leading us these many years.

We would like to welcome Melina Alexander (USA) to the ISfTE executive board. Melina will replace me as the new ISfTE Treasurer.

Early in the new year, we will hold elections for Member-at-Large positions that are open for 3-year terms beginning June 2023. Be thinking about either nominating someone or submitting your own name to the ballot. Only ISfTE members are eligible to run or vote for these positions. Please check to ensure you have kept your membership fees up to date. Everyone who attended ISfTE 2022 in Florianopolis, Brazil are paid members. Membership fees for 2022-2023 were included with the 2022 registration. All other people need to submit their fees to maintain their membership. **To pay your fees, please follow the directions on page 8.**

Leanna Taylor and her editorial board and reviewers are doing amazing things with the journal. See Leanne's report on pages 4-6.

Katarina Pantic is keeping us up-to-date and informed with the website and other communication media. See Katarina's report on page 7.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns that the board should address, please feel free to contact any one of the members of the board so they can bring it to meetings.

I wish all the best to you and your families.

Sincerely,
Sheryl

BY VERA LUCIA FELICETTI

The realization of ISfTE in Brazil in 2022 was the result of a 2-year planning carried out between the coordination of ISfTE and the coordinators of the event in Brazil.

It was a challenge to bring together researchers from different countries after two years of pandemic time around the world.

Even so, ISfTE managed to bring together researchers from 5 continents in Florianópolis, Brazil, who shared experiences and possibilities in Education.

It was a week of many studies and discussions among the teacher-training researchers. These discussions triggered possibilities for joint projects involving different countries and continents.

The ISfTE, in addition to providing moments of study in peer groups, gave participants the opportunity to get to know the local Brazilian culture and a secondary education school. Participants also had the opportunity to listen to Brazilian music, dance and have fun.

It was a wonderful week with all the participants. Thank you for your presence.

Vera Lucia Felicetti



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BY KEZANG SHERAB AND UGYEN CHODEN



DETAILS ON THE NEXT ISFTE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE APOLOGIZE ABOUT THE DELAY.



JISTE EDITOR, LEANNE TAYLOR

JISTE OPEN ACCESS WEBSITE

UPDATES FROM JISTE

BY LEANNE TAYLOR,
EDITOR

The success of JISTE, which publishes two issues per year, depends on the hard work of a group of dedicated volunteers. We are fortunate to have such a strong voluntary base who generously donate their time, expertise, and knowledge to JISTE. It is my pleasure to provide the following updates on JISTE on behalf of the Editorial Board.

SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Please join me in extended a warm thank you to **David Byrd and DeeDee Mower** at Weber State University. They have been dedicated associate editors for the past several years and have been a key part of JISTE's success. I would like to formally announce that this will be DeeDee and David's last issue as Associate Editors. Although they will remain involved with ISfTE, they are embarking on exciting new projects and professional opportunities in the new year. It has been a pleasure working with you both. Thank you again for your dedication and support of the Journal and the ISfTE society.

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BY LEANNE TAYLOR

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We invite members to **consider the Associate Editor role**. If you, or a colleague, is interested in working with JISTE in this capacity, please contact me for more information about the position. This role is a wonderful professional opportunity for both junior and senior academics, including doctoral/postdoctoral fellows, familiar with APA 7 and who have skills and/or experience with English language editing. I am very happy to outline the details of the role to all who are interested.

Annual Editorial Board Meeting

The JISTE Editorial Board held its annual meeting on June 23, 2022. Leanne Taylor chaired the meeting, which was held online. We met online to accommodate Editorial Board members who were unable to attend the 2022 ISfTE Seminar in Brazil.

The biggest development this year has been our **move to an open access format**. As you all may know, JISTE launched its open access site in February 2022. Thank you to the open access support from Brock University who assisted getting it up and running. We received the first online submissions in February and issue 26.1 was published fully online in July. Issues 25.1 and 25.2 have also been uploaded to the online site. Moving forward, all future JISTE issues will be available only through the online site.

So far, the transition to open access has been fairly smooth. But like all transitions, we expect we may need to make some adjustments to the JISTE platform. The Editorial Board continues to review and discuss how we can improve the process and ensure JISTE's ongoing quality and success.

Detailed instructions are available online for authors wishing to submit articles. The site includes checklists and reminders that authors will find useful when preparing their submissions. We encourage authors to refer to these guidelines to ensure smooth processing.

Changes to JISTE guidelines

At our Editorial Board meeting, we adjusted the submission guidelines slightly. Please note that the word limit for submissions is now 5500 words not including references or appendices. This change allows authors more flexibility in their papers since they no longer need to include lengthy references/appendices in the word count. All guidelines are available on the JISTE website.

Reminders

Publication in JISTE requires authors to be paid ISfTE members. If you are publishing in JISTE and not already a paid ISfTE member, please contact Melina Alexander (ISfTE Treasurer) to pay your \$75USD membership fee.

Publications

25.2 was published in December 2021. **Theme:** *Transitions in Teaching and Learning: Navigating Shifting Contexts*

26.1 was published in July, 2022. **Theme:** *Cultural Relevance in Education: International Comparisons*

26.2 is currently in preparation. DeeDee and David are finalizing and formatting the accepted manuscripts for this issue. It will be published at the end of December, 2022.

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Submitting an article to JISTE

I invite all ISfTE members to consider submitting an article to JISTE. I also encourage our membership to share the JISTE website with colleagues who may also be interested in submitting their work for review in the journal.

Reviewers

JISTE is always looking for individuals who are interested in serving as a blind reviewer for the journal. As an international journal, we value and rely upon the expertise from members situated in a variety of countries, contexts, and fields of research. If you are interested in becoming a blind reviewer for JISTE (or know someone who may be interested/qualified), please email me at leanne.taylor@brocku.ca. In your email, please send your areas of expertise/research, institution and contact information. Reviewers will be registered on the JISTE site and contacted with the option to review an article if one fits their research interest/field. All reviewer guidelines are available on the JISTE website.

Call for papers: JISTE Issue 27.1

Please consider submitting papers for publication in JISTE 27.1. This is an open issue. The submission deadline is February 15, 2022. The journal will be published in July 2022. Authors are welcome to submit articles at any time but will be considered for the subsequent issue if received after the deadline. For more details, please see the call for submissions on the JISTE website and Facebook page. Consider encouraging your colleagues and doctoral/graduate students to submit as well.

Editorial Board Members

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

Ex. Officio members: Secretary General, Sheryl Rushton, USA; Katarina Pantic USA, Communication Manager

We appreciate the many colleagues from all over the world who have dedicated their time and expertise freely in support of the Journal and their colleagues. We are also grateful to those who have served as double-blind reviewers and statistical consultants for the journal worldwide. JISTE could not be sustainable without your service.

BY KATARINA PANTIC

In the summer of 2021, Jackie Chan and I started a transition of communication outlets from his to my hands. This was finalized in September 2022, with the migration of ISfTE website from a server in Asia to a server in North America. The website has the same domain name (<https://isfte.org>), with added privacy and premium security. These changes should increase the page loading speed on our website, as well as prevent cyber attacks, privacy treats and similar malicious intent. The website content is still managed through Wordpress CMS and will be hosted on a server powered by Bluehost. We most sincerely apologize for any problems you may have experience during this transition.

As we were preparing our annual report for ISfTE 2022 in Brazil, we realized that our main dissemination channels were Facebook, website and email. To attract and appeal to younger members of our ISfTE community, as well as give an opportunity to members to connect to each other, we now also have an Instagram and LinkedIn page, so please join us there as well. Links are provided below.

From May of 2021 to May 2022, we posted 10 times on our social media and sent 12 announcements via email. The most popular post in this past year was the post which announced that the JISTE Open Access website was live! This testified to all our excitement about the amazing work Leanne Taylor did to increase the visibility of our journal.

Another area that we decided to work on is to do a better job of tracking website traffic, as Wordpress only offers insight into blog post views. To that end, we started using Google Analytics on May 7th, 2022. This feature allows us to see the number of users, where they are redirected from (direct search vs referral), which country they visit us from, which pages are most used and similar.

Thank you all for your patience during our website migration! We are working hard to set everything up as soon as possible.

Please feel free to inquire for the latest information from:

- ISfTE website (<https://isfte.org>) - still under construction
- Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/isfte>) and
- E-mail, isftecontact@gmail.com
- Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/isftecontact/>
- LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/isfte-international-society-for-teacher-education/>



Katarina Pantic
Communication Manager

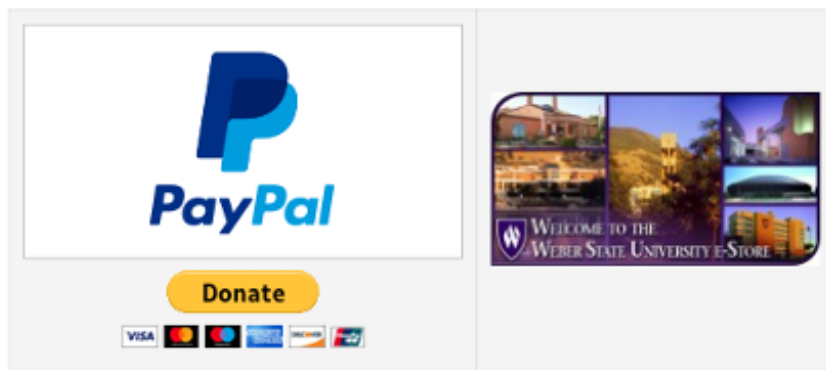
For you to vote in the upcoming elections, you will need to have your membership fees paid. If you attended the ISfTE 2022 Seminar in Florianopolis, Canada, you are considered a current paid member of ISfTE. Membership fees for 2022-2023 were included with the 2022 registration. All other people need to submit their fees to maintain their membership.

1. Click on "Become A Member" in the left column or follow this link:

<https://isfte.org/index.php/become-a-current-member/>

There you will find 2 options for making a membership payment.

2. There are links of sample payments for both the PayPal option and the Weber State University E-Store option found in the middle of this webpage.



3. **Annual Membership in ISfTE is USD \$75.00.**

If you have any difficulty, please contact Melina Alexander (ISfTE Treasurer) at melinaalexander@weber.edu