

**Newsletter Number 4, August 1997**  
**International Society for Teacher Education**

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## **CANADA SEMINAR**

The 17th Annual ISTE Seminar, held in May at Brock University, St Catharines, Ontario, Canada has come and gone and has been acclaimed a great success. Convenor Sybil Wilson, Co-Convenor Vic Cicci and Manager John Bird ran a splendid seminar on the theme "Teachers for a Global Society". There were about 100 participants and 15 accompanying persons representing 25 countries.

Two stimulating Keynote Addresses were delivered by Robert Moore from the Canadian International Development Agency and Heather Robertson from the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Nine paper groups examined 80 papers on the Seminar theme. The social and cultural side was not neglected and included a visit to Fort George, male and female choirs, the Indigenous Circle Ceremony and a Shaw play. The visit to Niagara Falls was a feast for the eyes and the winery visit a balm for the palate. Congratulations to Sybil, Vic, John and all of the Brock Team for an excellent Seminar.

## **THE 18th ANNUAL SEMINAR 1998 SOUTH AFRICA**

By now you will all probably have received official invitations and information concerning next year's Seminar in South Africa, to be held at Skukuza in the Kruger National Park between 17-24 April. Seminar Convenor is Bill Fraser from the University of South Africa, Pretoria, the Seminar Manager is Johannes Slabbert from the University of Pretoria, assisted by A.P. Bergh and D. de Kock and a large support team. The Brock Seminar heard an enthusiastic presentation from members of the team and the 1998 Seminar will be eagerly awaited. Abstracts for papers should be sent to Bill or Johannes by Friday January 16 1998. If you need further information contact Bill Fraser, Dept of Further Education, Faculty of Education, UNISA, PO Box 392, PRETORIA, 0003, Republic of South Africa. Tel: 27 12 429 4589 Fax: 27 12 429 4000 or 3444 E-mail: [frasewj@alpha.unisa.ac.za](mailto:frasewj@alpha.unisa.ac.za)

## **ISTE SEMINARS in 1999 & 2000**

The International Steering Committee has been endeavouring to plan Seminars three years in advance in order to give conveners ample time to prepare at leisure (if that is ever possible!) and seek funding from outside bodies. At the Canada Seminar proposals were considered from different members and the following Seminars were agreed to:

1999 Convenor, Cornel DaCosta, in England, probably London.

2000 Convenor, Colin Mably, in the USA, probably Annapolis.

The Convenor and venue for the Seminar in 2001 will be decided by the I.S.C. at the 1998 Seminar in South Africa. Anyone interested in hosting this Seminar should contact Warren Halloway who

will give advice on preparing a proposal. His e-mail is: [whallowa@metz.une.edu.au](mailto:whallowa@metz.une.edu.au)

## **AMENDMENTS TO ISTE CONSTITUTION**

One of the most important outcomes of the Canada Seminar was the formal approval of a number of constitutional amendments. The most significant of these related to membership of ISTE (see next item) and to the term of office for ISTE officers, who will serve for 4 years commencing at the annual Seminar at which they are installed in office. The rest consisted of minor amendments to tidy up the constitution and bring it up to date. Copies of the revised constitution will be distributed to all participants at the South Africa Seminar next year. However, if you are really curious to view it earlier you can contact the Secretary General, Warren Halloway, who will be pleased to forward you a copy.

## **ISTE MEMBERSHIP**

ISTE has been grappling with the issue of membership - who are members of ISTE? How does membership continue, etc.? The decision has now been made to levy an annual membership of \$US 50.00. This is a combination of the fee paid at the annual Seminar for the administration of ISTE (until now we have led a charmed life, but can no longer rely on institutions to subsidise our activities) and the annual subscription to the Journal of ISTE. The membership fee falls due at the time of the Annual Seminar and entitles members to all communications and services of the Society. All former participants at ISTE Seminars who do not pay the membership fee will continue as part of the ISTE 'family' and will be sent newsletters and communication about future Seminars but will not receive the other membership benefits.

A separate annual subscription to the Journal is available for \$US 25.00 or \$US 50.00 for institutions. This does not include membership of ISTE. For all of us who were unable to attend the Canada Seminar and who wish to maintain our membership of ISTE, the annual membership fee for 1997-98 is now due, and I would urge you all to renew promptly and help our Society thrive and grow. The membership form enclosed should be filled in and forwarded to George Churukian at the address shown on the form. If you have already subscribed to the Journal, send only the remaining \$US 25.00 to George.

## **E-MAIL NETWORK**

Corey Lock now has about 110 members on his International Educators Discussion List, which enables members to send an e-mail message simultaneously to all others on the list or to any individual. This is a most useful tool, and if you are not yet registered get in touch with Corey and have your name added to the list. Corey's e-mail address is: [aep00crl@unccvm.uncc.edu](mailto:aep00crl@unccvm.uncc.edu)

## **DISTANCE PAPER GROUP**

This innovation was designed to provide a forum for members, especially from developing countries, who are unable to attend seminars. It attracted five papers at the Brock Seminar and in the light of this successful trial the experiment is set to continue in 1998. Contact Warren Halloway for further details on the Distance Paper Group.

## **ANOTHER ISTE?**

Our spies have unearthed a previously unknown ISTE publication, but it's not our ISTE. Apparently there is an International Society for Technology in Education, using the same initials as we do. Be careful not to get us confused. Accept no substitutes!

## **A WEB SITE FOR ISTE?**

Alex Fung from the Hong Kong Baptist University has proposed that a Web site be set up for ISTE to pool resources for teacher educators. His university's facilities would be available and Alex would be the initial webmaster. The site would be available for ISTE information and news and any other communications concerning good practice, theory or resources. Warren Halloway has referred the matter to the International Steering Committee and we will keep you informed.

## **ADDRESS CHANGES**

Please send any changes in your postal address, phone, fax and e-mail details to Bob Meade, 1231 Chuckanut Dr., Bellingham, Washington, 98226, USA. Ph: 1 360 733 3388 Fax: 1 360 650 7305 E-mail: [rdmeade@henson.cc.wvu.edu](mailto:rdmeade@henson.cc.wvu.edu)

## **WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?**

Sadly missed in Canada was Hans Voorbach, our former Secretary General, who was in Zaire on a UN mission. Hans has participated in every Annual Seminar up to 1997. Also unavoidably absent were John Hansen, just returning from Portugal, and Catherine Sinclair whose teaching duties were too pressing to permit her attendance.

Bruce Jeans has been teaching a Deakin University doctoral program on-campus at Khon Kaen University in Thailand, a program which is unique in Thailand. The program's coordinator, Kingfa Sintoovongse and three colleagues, Wirot Sanrattana, Neon Pinpradit, and Samphan Phanphruck presented papers at this year's Seminar in Canada. Bruce and Karlheinz Rebel have edited two volumes of a new publication entitled Issues in Teacher Education, available at a cost of \$US 20.00. Papers 10-15000 words in length are sought for this occasional publication. Contact Bruce's e-mail at: [jeansb@deakin.edu.au](mailto:jeansb@deakin.edu.au)

On the subject of publications, Cornel DaCosta and Moti Gokulsing of the University of East London have completed the editing of a book entitled Usable Knowledges as the Goal of University Education. The book, which is about the recent history of higher education in the UK, was launched at the Canada Seminar.

Great goings-on at the Brock Seminar as Bob O'Brien chose the last day and the Seminar Dinner for his retirement. We all wish Bob the best and are sure that his retirement will be an active and productive one. Also in retirement mode is Bill Stringer from the University of Melbourne who says that his disappearance is a gradual one, rather like the Cheshire Cat! He also hopes for a productive retirement and we send him our best wishes too.

Our old friend Tony Barnes is recovering well from the heart attack he suffered now some two and

a half years ago. Exercising, walking and swimming are doing their bit and Tony is indulging his passion for photography, with photos and articles appearing regularly. Our best wishes as well to Tony and Jean.

Jackie Willis and Jane Macmillan-Brown of Montclair University in New Jersey have established an interesting new on-line project called the Rainforest Connection. This is an interactive project linking students and teachers in classrooms with researchers working in rainforests in Panama. Jackie and Jane welcome participation by schools in other countries. Contact them on e-mail: [willis@saturn.montclair.edu](mailto:willis@saturn.montclair.edu)

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