



Secretary General's Message

Please allow this newsletter to serve as an update to the progress and events leading up to our 30th anniversary seminar of the International Society for Teacher Education.

ISFTE 2010

My recent communication with Dr. Marta Luz Sisson de Castro and her team suggests that the program slated for **April 11-16, 2010** is starting to take shape. In addition to the highly anticipated paper group sessions and keynotes, several opportunities to visit historic, cultural, and educational sites will make this a memorable seminar. This will be the 30th annual seminar. Be sure to come and celebrate!

Please keep in mind that the abstract submission deadline has been extended to **December 31, 2009**. To submit, go to <http://ISfTE.org>. Marta will be sending you a series of updates beginning in Jan 2010, weeks before your departure.

ISfTE Elections

A few weeks ago, we instituted an on-line nomination and subsequent election process that resulted in the ISfTE membership electing four (4) colleagues to our newly structured Executive Board. Congratulations to:

- LDM "Oupa" Lebeloane (South Africa) (3-year term)
- Hsun-Fung Kitty Kao (Taiwan) (3-year term)
- Catherine Sinclair (Australia) (2-year term)
- Marta Luz Sisson de Castro (Brazil) (2-year term)

They will serve with the ISfTE executive officers:

- Forrest Crawford (USA)–Secretary-General
- Johan Borup (Denmark)–Treasurer
- Sybil Wilson (Canada)–JISTE Editor

and non-voting officers:

- Bob O'Brien (New Zealand)–Chair, LeOra Cordis Trust
- Craig Kissock (USA)–Communications Manager &

Assistant to the Secretary-General

- Ray Wong (USA)–Newsletter Editor

as well as the following ex-officio members:

- Marta Luz Sisson de Castro (Seminar Convenor 2010–Brazil)
- Birte Simonsen (Seminar Convenor 2011–Norway)
- Phintsho Choden & Kezang Sherab (Seminar Convenors 2012–Bhutan)
- former secretary-generals

Special thanks should go Dr. Janet Powney, Hans Voobach, Colin Mably, Craig Kissock, et al., for their sharp focus on the bylaws changes, website content input, and overall logistical management concerns.

In addition, notable thanks is due Mr. Ethan Quirt as he has been responsible for the organization of our new, improved, and very professional website.

JISTE Updates

Sybil Wilson, Editor

Beginning with Vol. 14.1 of *JISTE*, the 6th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* will be used. Please note the changes in the Manuscript Guidelines at the ISfTE website: <http://isfte.org>

Current issues are available to paid ISfTE members. All others are available to the public via the website.

LeOra Cordis Trust

Bob O'Brien, Chair

Members seeking grants from the LeOra Cordis Memorial Trust for assistance with the seminar registration should familiarize themselves with the purpose of the trust and procedures for applying.

As was previously published, the procedures for applying include:

- submit an abstract of a paper to be presented at the ISfTE Seminar
- provide a Curriculum Vita
- indicate the extent and duration of their involvement with ISfTE, and
- provide some information on the benefit support would provide to the applicant and their country.

All applicants are informed that the LeOra Cordis Memorial Trust Grant will cover Seminar Registration fees only. Each applicant will need to make his/her own arrangements to cover:

- Fares
- Accommodation, and
- ISfTE annual membership fee.

Applications may be emailed to bob.obrien@xtra.co.nz

Distance Paper Groups (DPG)

Warren Halloway, Chair

Many ISfTE members living in developing countries have taken the opportunity to submit a paper to an annual seminar through the Distance Paper Group (DPG) over the last 10 years. With the generous assistance of ISfTE colleagues, they have received written comments on their papers and subsequently some have been published in *JISTE*. In this way our members in developing countries have been able to continue their scholarly efforts through the ISfTE network. Papers have been received over the years from members in many countries including South Africa, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Kenya, Namibia, Cameroon, Kiribati and Slovakia.

If you are an ISfTE member living in a developing country and are unable to attend the 2010 ISTE Seminar in Porto Alegre, Brazil, you may submit a paper through the DPG. The first step is to send an abstract (clearly marked "For DPG") of approximately 200 words (max. 250 words) by 1 February 2010 to the Seminar directly to the DPG Leader, Warren Halloway at whallowa@une.edu.au. The complete paper is due by 1 March 2010. (Postal mailing address is Warren Halloway, University of New England, School of Education, Armidale, New South Wales, Australia.)

Future ISfTE Seminar Sites

2011—Norway (Birte Simonsen, Convenor)

2012—Bhutan (Phintsho Choden & Kezang Sherab, Convenors)

At the 2010 ISfTE Seminar, consideration of proposals for the site in 2013 will occur and decided. Are you interested in hosting a seminar? If so, consider the following in developing and presenting your proposal:

- Who is/are the convenor(s)? Is the proposer an ISfTE member who has attended at least one previous seminar?
- Does the primary proposer have strong institutional support as well as a group of colleagues who will support the planning and organization of the seminar? Is there a letter of institutional support?
- Are there external sponsors and supporters? Will efforts be made to attract outside funding, for example, to support participants from low-GDP countries?
- Is the primary proposer financially able to support the seminar? The seminar is to be self-financing as ISfTE does not have a reserve fund to cover losses incurred at a seminar.
- Do the proposed registration costs for participants seem reasonable? (It may be difficult to know at this distance in time, but the proposal should include some realistic estimates.)
- Is the venue suitable for the academic work of the seminar (e.g., keynote addresses and whole group meetings and convenient locations for paper group sessions) and a range of residential accommodations, transportation, and communications (i.e., sufficiently close to airports, different forms of accommodation at a reasonable range of costs, accessibility for various disabilities, and computer facilities)?
- Is there a suggested theme for the seminar that gives scope for a variety of papers?
- Is there likely to be strong support from the existing membership as well as opportunity and attraction for new participants previously unable to attend an ISfTE Seminar?
- Is the host institution/country likely to benefit from hosting an international seminar? (This is important for countries with low-GDP. Such institutions/countries find it difficult to participate in international conferences as their constituents cannot find funding to travel abroad; e.g., Cameroon in 1995.)
- What opportunities are there for Accompanying Persons? What opportunities may there be for senior teacher education and graduate education students from the host institution to participate and contribute? Are there opportunities for home stays/visits, local environmental experiences to showcase the host country, school visits, pre- and post-seminar activities, welcome and farewell dinners.

Proposals should be prepared beforehand. Contact Secretary-General Forrest Crawford (fcrawford@weber.edu) of your interest so that your proposal will be considered at the 2010 Seminar in Brazil. Consult Janet Powney (janet.powney@virgin.net) for advice in developing your complete proposal.

30th ISfTE Seminar Commemoration

The Seminar in Brazil will be particularly special and exciting as it will be 30 years since the first ISfTE Seminar was held in 1981. A special monograph of memories of the first 29 seminars is being compiled by John Hansen (USA) and Marta Luz Sisson de Castro (Brazil).

Encourage your colleagues, previous attendees of ISfTE seminars, and potentially new members to come to this very special ISfTE Seminar in Porto Alegre, Brazil.



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