



A Word from the Secretary-General



Over the past few months, I have had health and medical concerns that need urgent attention. As such, this situation has impacted my ability to oversee the management of Society business and affairs. While these concerns are being addressed, I have, for the moment, suspended my role and activities in the Society. I have asked **Colin Mably** (USA) to serve as the interim facilitator of ISfTE business. Some items will require immediate attention while others can be addressed in the future. I will continue to monitor my medical condition along with the business of ISfTE and offer my guidance as we move forward. Therefore, if there are any ISfTE issues that need immediate attention, please contact Colin Mably (cmably@aol.com).

Hong Kong Seminar 2013

Regardless of where in the world you are, may all be going well for you and yours!

Congratulations to **Jacky Pow** and **Sandy Li** for hosting such a successful and enjoyable seminar in Hong Kong. Not only were the paper group discussions and keynote speeches stimulating and inspiring, participants had the opportunity to experience the various culinary delights of Hong Kong, Japan, and Vietnam as well as the culture and history of Hong Kong.

Turkey Seminar 2014

We now look forward to **Nuray Senemoğlu** and her colleagues from Hacettepe University hosting the next ISfTE Seminar in Belek-Antalya, Turkey on **22-25 April 2014**. Go

to their website, <http://www.isfte2014.org/>, for information on submission of abstracts and registration.

Election for Two (2) Members to Serve on Executive Board

Also, forthcoming is our annual election for two (2) current members to serve on the **ISfTE Executive Committee** for a three-year term. Therefore, please consider nominating individuals who you believe will serve the organization well. And do consider nominating yourself. The minimum expected is early arrival at each seminar to attend an Executive Board meeting.

Remember, only current members of ISfTE are eligible to be nominated or to nominate. If you need to join or renew your membership, please contact Mohkele Madise (see next section for email) for instructions of remittance of dues.

And if you are ready to nominate, you can visit this page: <http://isfte.org/nominations.aspx>.

If you are a currently paid member and have difficulties signing in, please contact us via contact@isfte.org.

New Treasurer

Mohkele Madise (South Africa) has fully assumed the responsibilities of treasurer for ISfTE. Anyone needing to join or renew their ISfTE membership, please contact Mohkele (Madismjs@unisa.ac.za) directly for instructions of where and how to submit your dues.

Election of Secretary-General forthcoming

According to the ByLaws of ISfTE, the secretary-general has a two-term limitation. After the 2014 seminar, election of a new secretary-general will be conducted. Therefore, be considering members who will next lead the organization.

Upcoming Opening for ISfTE Manager of Communications and Newsletter Editor

If any member of ISfTE would be interested in assuming responsibility of overseeing the ISfTE website and production of the ISfTE newsletter, please contact Ray Wong (rwong@weber.edu). This position serves at the pleasure of the secretary-general. As there will be a new secretary-general forthcoming, this is an opportunity for any of you to become actively involved in ISfTE.

Updating of Member Information

Current members of ISfTE are encouraged to sign in and review your information (e.g., email address, institution, etc.). PLEASE update as needed. Go to <http://isfte.org>.

Future Seminar Sites

Tentatively, the 2015 Seminar will be held on the

campus of Montclair State with Colin Mably and Jackie Willis as conveners.

In 2016, we are looking forward to the possibility of going to South Africa.

ISfTE Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Many organizations have an infrastructure that supports the operation and maintenance. ISfTE, under the leadership of Forrest Crawford (USA), Secretary-General, has created the following committees and their charges.

- **Administrative Standing Committee for Historic Preservation**

To collect, catalog, and document primary and supplemental sources related to the society, its business and activities consistent with the founding tenets of this organization, this committee will make inquiry and outreach to members and other collaborative partner organizations as to the types of programs or projects produced as a result of the relationship and secure documents for verification. Examples include media (print), audio/video, newsletters, web-based content, journal production, organizational structure, society extra-curricular activities and project, special initiatives, and other related sources worthy of preservation.

- **Administrative Standing Committee on Membership and Recruitment Outreach**

Duties include upkeep of master list of all active members (paid/unpaid). Recruitment and outreach to potential new members and distribution of new member certificates, new member mentor training program, and revisions or improvement of application for membership. Also, this committee works closely with seminar conveners, ISfTE webmaster, and secretary-general.

- **Administrative Standing Committee on Emeritus Membership**

The Society recognizes the unique talents, attributes, and contributions many have made over the years. As these members' needs change, so does their relationship with the Society. Thus, a member's goals, professional development, and aspirations are significantly different toward the end of their career and tenure as opposed to their intent as a new or emerging scholar. As a result, unique characteristics about the members' role and place in the Society should be reconsidered. Examples of committee activities: membership status (eligibility), recommendations on Emeriti dues, committee assignments.

- **Administrative Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws**

This committee is responsible for periodic review of Society's laws and governance, structure, and clarity of guidelines. This committee makes recommendations to the Executive Committee for adjustments, adaptations, amendments, content clarification and addition. Activities might include but not limited to: clarification of guidelines, recommendation(s)/amendments, overall clarity of governance

- **Administrative Standing Committee of Financial and Budgetary Actions**

This committee is responsible for overseeing, monitoring, and managing the fiduciary duties associated with all business matters the Society identifies. More specifically, the committee is required to report on bi-annually all the fiscal activities that informs the Executive Committee, emeriti trustees, and general membership of: current status of budget activities, specific concerns or changes in activities, legal relationship with primary bank or financial institution, collections

and disbursement of membership seminar expenses and Society assets, and all other related accountability obligations including non-profit organizational status and report(s). (5013C tax exempt guidelines---USA).

- Administrative Standing Committee on Site Selection

This committee will convene to identify potential future sites for the seminar, encourage the development of proposals, and make recommendations upon review of proposals for future site. The ideal is to project and secure seminar sites for at least three years in advance.

- Administrative Standing Committee on Networking of Women and Emerging Scholars from Developing Nations (proposed by Jackie Willis (USA))

The purpose of this committee is to identify opportunities internal and external to ISfTE that are available for women scholars and emerging scholars from developing nations to networks that will facilitate their scholarship and professional development.

Updates on JISTE and Editor's Report to ISfTE Board meeting and JISTE Editorial Board Meeting (Editor, Karen Berg Petersen)

Presented at the 33rd ISfTE seminar held at Hong Kong Baptist University, HONG KONG, May 26-31, 2013.

Editorial Board Membership:

At the Bhutan Seminar 2012, new members were appointed to the editorial board: Marta Luz Sisson De Castro (Brazil), Benjamin Zufiaurre (Spain), Siu Cheung Li/Sandy (Hong Kong), Mads Hermansen (Denmark), Ritu Chhetri (India), Hermien Olivier (South Africa), and Mokhele J. S. Madise (South Africa).

Jacky Pow (Hong Kong) is printing and distributing paper copies of JISTE and it was decided that Jacky Pow will continue to be a member of the editorial board. Other members, apart from Editor Karen Bjerg Petersen (Denmark) and Associate Editor Peggy Saunders (USA), include Anna Hugo (South Africa), Helene Müller (South Africa), Nasir Mahmood (Pakistan), Janet Powney (Scotland), Secretary-General Forrest Crawford (USA), Ray Wong (USA) (Communications Manager), and Johan Borup (Denmark).

The term of service for Rebecca (Lam Siu Yuk) (Hong Kong) – a frequently used and important reviewer for JISTE – is coming to an end. Rebecca has indicated that she wants to withdraw from the editorial board. If any current members are interested and willing to serve, please contact Karen (kp@dpu.dk).

Current and Future Publications:

Since the 2012 meeting in Bhutan, the second electronic volume of the journal - **JISTE 16.2** with the editor Karen Bjerg Petersen (Denmark) and associate editor Peggy Saunders (USA) has been published, sent to members of ISfTE, and uploaded to the website (<http://isfte.org>).

The theme of **16.2** was *'Cultural and Country-Based Concerns for Teacher Education – Insights for a Global Society'*. The electronic issue of Vol. 16.2 – a total 130 pages – consisted of 11 articles and editor's introduction to the issue. As decided in Bhutan, Jacky Pow (Hong Kong) printed paper copies. Karen and Jacky worked on sending out printed copies to subscribers of JISTE 16.1 and 16.2.

JISTE 17.1, featuring the theme of the 2012 Bhutan Seminar *'Educating for Gross National Happiness: Role of the Teacher'* was published in May 2013. The work on this volume was very arduous both for the editor and for the associate editor. In total 27 articles were submitted for review. The review process required much time. Many new and experienced members of ISfTE reviewed the articles. Many of the articles underwent several review processes. The English editing process was no less comprehensive. Thanks to our members and, in particular to the associate editor Peggy Saunders, for the English editing work.

JISTE 17.1. is so far the most comprehensive volume of JISTE – in total 203 pages – and, containing 19 articles, authors from Bhutan, Hawaii, Taiwan, Hong Kong, USA, Canada, Australia, Denmark and Spain.

As many submitted articles from the Bhutan Seminar were not been published in this issue, the editor and associate editor have decided to publish additional articles from the Bhutan Seminar in the forthcoming volume, **JISTE 17.2**. This issue will include articles from the Hong Kong Seminar is planned for publication and dissemination by the end of 2013. The review process of submissions for Vol. 17.2 has begun in August/September. Board members and reviewers will be asked to review with a relatively short deadline by mid-September 2013.

Funding for JISTE:

As members may know, a portion of your membership fee is allocated to the production and distribution of JISTE. However, institutions may contribute funds to JISTE. In doing so, the institution's logo is reflected in issues of JISTE.

Weber State University, Utah (USA) has funded six issues of JISTE for a period of 3 years.

The Department of Education, Faculty of Arts, University of Aarhus (Denmark) has funded for a 1-year period.

The Baptist University of Hong Kong is supporting JISTE with the printed copies of the journal and from JISTE 16.2 has its logo on the front page.

The two issues of JISTE volume 17 to be published in 2013 will have the logo of the Royal University of Bhutan and Paro Department of Education on the front page.

Members of ISTE are encouraged to ask their universities provide financial support for JISTE.

ISfTE Executive Board Meeting

May 26, 2013

Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

Present: Forrest Crawford, Secretary-General (USA), Johan Borup, Outgoing Treasurer (Denmark), Peggy Saunders, At-Large (USA), Kezang Sherab, At-Large and 2012 Co-Convener (Bhutan), MJS "Mokhele" Madise, Incoming Treasurer (South Africa).

Kezang Tshering, 2012 Co-Convener (Bhutan), Jacky Pow, 2013 Co-Convener (Hong Kong), Sandy Li, 2013 Co-Convener (Hong Kong), Nuray Senemoglu, 2014 Convener (Turkey), Gultekin Cakumake (Turkey), Ray Wong, ISfTE Communications Manager (USA), LDM "Oupa" Lebeloane, former At-Large (South Africa).

NOTE: As a quorum was not available, no motions or votes occurred. What follows is a general summary of the discussion of the topics on the agenda.

- Overview of ISfTE Hong Kong Seminar

Jacky Pow and Sandy Li provided an overview of the seminar including the agenda for accompanying persons.

- Review of ISfTE Bhutan Seminar

Kezang Sherab and Kezang Tshering reviewed the Bhutan Seminar where there were 154 delegates and 22 accompanying persons.

- Executive Board members election and introduction of new members

Kezang Sherab (Bhutan) and Dorji Thinley (Bhutan) were introduced as new board members. Unfortunately, Dorji Thinley was unable to attend.

As stipulated in the Constitution, 2 ISfTE members will be elected following the seminar to serve a 3-year term. Outgoing board members at the end of the Hong Kong Seminar: Ikechukwu Ukeje (USA) and Peggy Saunders (USA).

- Society Infrastructure and Development

Forrest handed out a listing of Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees with a brief description of the scope and purpose of each along with proposed activities. Forrest wanted to hand out these listings to each Paper Group Leader who will circulate and ask interested members to sign on.

Forrest handed out Guidelines for ISfTE Proposals and Seminar Conveners for Board members to review and comment. This was the result of work accomplished by a committee headed by Janet Powney (Scotland) during the Bhutan Seminar.

As it has been the practice, the ISfTE newsletter was produced and disseminated twice during the past year.

The intricacies of the ISfTE website has been ably maintained by Ethan Quirt, an independent contractor. Ray Wong (USA) continued to oversee both the newsletter and website.

- Treasurer's Report

Johan Borup (Denmark) provided an overview of the Society's financial status. One recommendation Johan offered was to increase the ISfTE membership fee from \$75.00 to \$85.00. No action was taken as there was not a quorum.

Oupa Lebeloane (South Africa) suggested three items: (1) adopt the raise, (2) encourage each current member to bring in one new member, and (3) we look at the organization in five years.

Ray Wong (USA) suggested that we watch the funds and fees for this next year before any decisions are made. Mokhele Madise (South Africa) suggested that this discussion should be brought before the general membership.

- LeOra Cordis Trust status report

Johan Borup (Denmark) gave a brief report and update.

- Society funds transfer

Transference of ISfTE funds from Johan Borup (Denmark) to the incoming treasurer, MJS "Mokhele" Madise (South Africa), was still in progress.

- Non-Profit Organization Tax Status

George A. Churukian (USA) has been taking care of the annual filings to maintain ISfTE's NPO status. However, he would like to relinquish that responsibility. Many thanks to George for maintaining our NPO status all these many years.

- JISTE Editor's Report

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Karen Petersen (Denmark) was unable to attend the Board meeting. However, she remitted a report that was disseminated to the board and membership.

- Annual Seminar sites

Nuray Senemoglu, 2014 Convener (Turkey) and Gultekin Cakumake (Turkey) presented information on the ISfTE Seminar to be held at Antalya, Turkey on April 22-25, 2014.

2015 and beyond: No specific sites were noted though there had been interest expressed by a few members (e.g., South Africa, Nigeria, USA). Board members were encouraged to approach potential ISfTE members to host.

As time drew to a close, no other topics were discussed.

ISfTE General Business Meeting

May 31, 2013

The one action taken by the membership in attendance was the approval of the Standing Committees proposed by Forrest. In addition, Jackie Willis (USA) proposed a committee that is outlined above.

Oupa Lebeloane (South Africa) gave a report of the work of the committee working with site selection.

Otherwise, a number of the items covered in the Executive Board were shared with the membership.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Nuray Senemoglu and her colleagues from Turkey regarding the 2014 ISfTE Seminar in Antalya, Turkey.



22-25 April 2014

Antalya, Turkey