



28th Annual International Seminar

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
FOR TEACHER EDUCATION**



**University of New England
Armidale, NSW, Australia
20 – 25 April, 2008**



**Theme: Continuing Development in Teacher
Education**

Convenors: John Maurer & Warren Halloway

Website: <http://www.une.edu.au/campus/confco/iste2008>

Registration and Call for Abstracts

The organising committee takes great pleasure in inviting you to the beautiful New England Region of New South Wales, Australia to participate in the 28th Annual Seminar of the International Society for Teacher Education.

The International Society for Teacher Education (ISTE) was formed in 1981 to provide a forum where teacher educators, and those with an interest in teacher training and development, could meet as professionals and discuss their work. The purpose of ISTE is the improvement of teacher education in all settings. This is achieved through the dissemination and critical analysis of research findings, fostering discussion and promotion of innovative practice in teacher education. ISTE is an international, independent self-governing organization that is free of external economic or political influence. ISTE produces its own Journal (JISTE), a bi-annual newsletter, and provides a forum for direct contact between members across a wide range of institutions and countries. More information is available on the ISTE web site at: <http://www.iste.hk>. The Society has met in different countries across six continents for an annual Seminar since 1981. The principal focus of the Seminar is on the papers that are presented by those attending. Seminar participants work in small paper groups during the Seminar to discuss the content of papers and provide collegial feedback. This work is supplemented by invited keynote addresses from prominent educators. A range of cultural and social activities provide an insight into the culture and educational context of the hosting nation and region. Partners and accompanying persons are especially invited to attend and a separate, parallel cultural and social program is provided for accompanying persons.

The 28th Annual Seminar: John Maurer and Warren Halloway have been authorised by the ISTE International Steering Committee to convene the 2008 Seminar at the University of New England, Armidale, NSW, Australia.

Attendance and Participation: Traditionally, participants from approximately 25 countries attend this annual Seminar and include teacher educators, researchers, policy makers, teachers, students, administrators and others interested in the development of professional educators throughout the world. Participants range from members who have attended many seminars to persons attending for the first time.

Seminar Venue: The Seminar will be held on the campus of the University of New England (UNE) which is located inland at Armidale on the New England Tablelands of New South Wales, Australia. Armidale is approximately mid-way between Sydney and Brisbane. The University is home to 4,000 internal students and a further 12,000 students who study in distance mode. UNE is the oldest non-metropolitan teacher education institution in Australia and has a distinguished international reputation for research and teaching. The city of Armidale is set in rural grazing country approximately 1,000 metres above sea level. The area experiences four very distinct seasons with the Seminar being held in autumn — accompanied by the colour of exotic deciduous trees and shrubs.

Theme: Continuing Development in Teacher Education

Sub-themes include:

Changing pedagogy delivery	Practicum perspectives
Teachers and action research	Research in teacher education
Improving assessment in teacher education	Early career professional development
Professional standards	Educational leadership
New directions in teacher education	Curriculum relevance
Challenges for teacher education in the twenty-first century	

Call for Papers & Submission of Abstracts

Participants from all countries are invited to submit an abstract of approximately 200 words (max. 250 words) by **Friday 18 January, 2008**. Please use our online submission facility at:

<http://www.une.edu.au/campus/confco/iste2008>

Alternatively, abstracts will be accepted by direct e-mail and as an attachment, to the Seminar Secretariat, UNE Conference Company, Email: iste2008@une.edu.au. Confirmation of acceptance of the abstract, and a letter of invitation, will be provided.

Each participant should bring 20 copies of their written paper to the Seminar for distribution and private reading prior to group discussion of the paper. Papers should be less than 3,000 words in length (longer papers should be provided in summary form only to meet the word limit). Electronic (PowerPoint) presentations are **discouraged** because paper group members will have already read the paper and be familiar with the content — the focus is on **discussion** of the ideas in the paper and not presentation of content. The paper may be a report on research findings related to teacher education, an outline of work in progress, a statement of an idea or a paper ready to present for refereeing prior to publication. Each paper is allocated approximately one hour for discussion and constructive dialogue and feedback. The paper group format of the seminar actively promotes international collegial dialogue and cross-cultural research.

The seminar also provides a Distance Paper Group (DPG) for existing ISTE members from developing countries who cannot attend the Seminar. The DPG offers an opportunity to submit a written paper for comment with a view to refining the paper for possible publication. For more information about the DPG, please contact Warren Halloway <whallowa@une.edu.au>

Proposed Program

Date	Member Delegates Program	Accompanying Persons Program
Sunday April 20	Arrival & Registration Welcome Dinner & socialising	Arrival & Registration Welcome Dinner & socialising
Monday April 21	College Breakfast Keynote Address Paper Group Lunch Paper Group Reading time Home Host Dinner	College Breakfast UNE campus tour including Booloominbah, Museum of antiquities, Zoology museum and morning tea at Boolloominbah Lunch with delegates Free time Home Host Dinner
Tuesday April 22	College Breakfast Paper Group Lunch at Saumarez Homestead & tour Petersons Armidale Winery Aussie Pub Dinner	College Breakfast City tour (walking tour; heritage bus tour), Cathedrals, historic buildings, Central Park and environs, Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, New England Regional Art Museum Lunch at Saumarez Homestead & tour Petersons Armidale Winery Aussie Pub Dinner
Wednesday April 23	College Breakfast Keynote Address Paper Group Lunch Paper Group Reading time Dinner & Bush dance	College Breakfast Tour Uralla village and surroundings: Gostwyck church, Deeargee Woolshed; Salisbury Court; Lunch at McCrossan's Mill Shopping opportunities at Uralla wool store, craft shops Dinner & Bush dance
Thursday April 24	College Breakfast Keynote Address Paper Group Preparation for plenary session ISTE 2009 presentation Paper Group presentations ISTE AGM Farewell Dinner	College Breakfast Tour Guyra village and surroundings: Ollera Station and museum; trout farm; tomato farm; lunch at JJs Shopping opportunities Guyra and Armidale Farewell Dinner

Registration Information

Member Delegate Registration includes all meals, ISTE membership, and transfers to and from UNE and all specified events during the seminar.

Accompanying Person Registration includes all meals, daily sightseeing tours, entry fees and transfers, as well as specified social events with member delegates during the seminar.

Registration Fees	Early Bird Rate (on/before 1 February 2008)	Standard Rate (after 1 February 2008)
Member Delegate	AU\$1200.00	AU\$1350.00
Accompanying Person	AU\$650.00	AU\$730.00
Mary White College Accommodation	AU\$70.00 per person/night (a limited number of ensuite rooms are available. POA to Seminar Secretariat)	

Online registration is available at: <http://www.une.edu.au/campus/confco/iste2008>

Accommodation: The preferred accommodation for the Seminar is university residential college accommodation in Mary White College which is a short walk through the university grounds to the Seminar venue. The college provides serviced, single study bedrooms with telephone and tea/coffee making facilities, and shared bathrooms. A limited number of en-suite rooms will also be available. Daily cooked breakfast will be taken in the Mary White College as will the Welcome Dinner. College bookings must be made on the Registration form.

Alternative motel accommodation is available in the city some 5km from the UNE campus. If you choose to stay off-campus, please contact our preferred off-campus accommodation provider below, who has offered special rates for the seminar. A complimentary coach shuttle service will operate between the Cattleman's Motor Inn and the university campus for breakfast and for evening functions.

Cattleman's Motor Inn, Armidale, + 61 (0) 2 6773 7200 http://www.cattlemansmotorinn.com.au/	AU\$147.00 room only per night
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Travel & Transport: Armidale is situated on the New England Tablelands, 510 km north of Sydney (6hr drive), 462 km south of Brisbane (5.5hr drive) and 190 km west of Coffs Harbour (2.5hr drive). Armidale Regional Airport is approximately 8 km from the Central Business Area and provides a number of daily services to and from Sydney. All major coach lines also service the City. The State Rail Authority runs a daily Countrylink service to and from Sydney.

If you would like to organise pre- and post-Seminar tours during your stay, please visit:

- www.quadrantaustralia.com/TOURS/ISTE
- www.newenglandtravel.com.au (ISTE conference link in the main menu)

Important Dates		Please direct enquiries to: Seminar Secretariat UNE Conference Company University of New England Armidale NSW 2351 Australia Telephone: +61 (0) 2 6773 2154 Fax: +61 (0) 2 6773 3766 Email: iste2008@une.edu.au
Deadline for Abstracts	18 January, 2008	
Abstract Acceptances	Within 3 weeks of submission	
Early Bird Registration	1 February, 2008	
Registrations Close	28 March 2008	

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be made in writing to the UNE Conference Company. Registration cancellations before **March 1, 2008** will forfeit AU\$80.00 of registration fee to cover administration costs. No refunds will be made after **March 1, 2008**, but substitute delegates are acceptable. Cancellation of UNE College accommodation, either in part or in full, with less than 14 days notice in writing prior to date of arrival, will incur a fee equivalent to one night's accommodation. Please note that any eligible refund will be processed after the seminar.

Privacy: In registering for the ISTE Seminar relevant details will be incorporated into a delegate list for the benefit of all delegates (name and organisation and e-mail address only), and may be made available to parties directly related to the conference including venue and accommodation providers. Should you not wish your details to be used for this purpose, please contact the UNE Conference Company [confco@une.edu.au]

Disclaimer: ISTE Seminar host body and organising committee reserves the right to make changes to the seminar program if necessary. Information is accurate at time of printing. **All fees are in Australian Dollars and include GST.**