



<p>Greetings from the Secretary-General</p>	<p>First of all, congratulations to Oupa Lebeloane, Fanie Pretorius and Mokhele Madise, for a successful and exciting Seminar at Skukuza Camp, Kruger National Park, South Africa back in April. It was an exceptional experience to have night rides in the park and look for the “Big 5” (elephant, rhinoceros, African buffalo, lion, & leopard) of South Africa.</p>
<p>New Treasurer</p>	<p>At the Executive Board meeting in April, the Board appointed Sheryl Rushton from Weber State University (USA) as our new treasurer. The announcement took place in the business meeting during the annual seminar in South Africa. She immediately began the position.</p> <p>On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank Mokhele Madise (South Africa) who served as the treasurer for more than 4 years. He took good care of our Society’s account and now he has more time to devote to his academic and administrative work in his University. We wish him well in his further endeavors.</p>
<p>Elections for Membership on Executive Board,</p>	<p>In June, we instituted an on-line nomination and election process to electing six (6) colleagues from our membership to serve in the Executive Board. Congratulations to:</p>

<p>Appointment of Non-voting Executive Board Member, and the Current Executive Board Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuray Senemoglu (Turkey) (3-year term) • Jovita E. Villanueva (the Philippines) (3-year term) • Susan Tilley (Canada) (2-year term) • Jackie Chan (Hong Kong) (2-year term) • Modupe Osokoya (Nigeria) (1-year term) • Micheal VanWyk (South Africa) (1-year term) <p>We have also appointed Shannon Melideo (USA) as our new Manager for Communications (Non-voting Executive Board member).</p> <p>They will serve with the ISfTE executive officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacky Pow (HK) – Secretary-General • Sheryl Rushton (USA) – Treasurer • Karen Petersen (Denmark) – JISTE Editor <p>and non-voting officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peggy Saunders (USA) – Assistant to the Secretary-General • Kezang Tshering (Bhutan) – Chair, Le’Ora Cordis Trust <p>as well as the following ex-officio members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDM “Oupa” Lebeloane (Seminar Convenor 2016, South Africa) • Fanie Pretorius (Seminar Convenor 2016, South Africa) <p>Special thanks should go Peggy Saunders (the Chair of the Nominating and Elections Committee), Forrest Crawford (USA) and Kezang Tshering (Bhutan) as independent talliers.</p>
<p>Denmark Seminar 2017</p>	<p>The Organizing Committee has sent out ‘Call for Abstracts’ and the deadline for abstract submission is on 15 December 2016. Please visit http://conferences.au.dk/isfte2017/ for more details.</p>
<p>Future Sites for ISfTE Seminars</p>	<p>After 2017’s ISfTE seminar in Denmark, we are looking forward to the 2018 seminar in Niigata, Japan (more information will be forthcoming).</p> <p>During the South Africa Seminar, delegates from Nigeria have shown preliminary interest in hosting a future seminar. If Nigeria and others are interested in submitting a proposal for 2019 or beyond, go to the Society’s website and access the Guidelines for Submission of</p>

	<p>Proposals to Host and to Manage a Seminar, found under ISfTE Seminars link, for specific instructions and procedures.</p> <p>We strongly encourage interested parties to submit proposals at their earliest convenience as the Executive Board would prefer to have potential hosts and participants aware of future sites as soon as possible to facilitate planning.</p>
<p>ISfTE - Asia Pacific Conference 2016</p>	<p>The conference will be hosted by the Faculty of Arts, Communication and Education, Infrastructure University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 21 – 22 November 2016. The theme is Global Citizenship Education.</p> <p>The Conference Organising Committee has sent out ‘Call for Abstracts’ and registration information has been put up on their website. Please visit the website at https://sites.google.com/a/iukl.edu.my/isfte2016ap/ for further information.</p> <p>Further enquiries may send to Associate Professor Dr. Selva (Convener) at seloamoney@iukl.edu.my</p>
<p>Regional Chapters</p>	<p>I encourage members in the same city/country to set up regional chapters of ISfTE to make business decisions more promptly. The regional chapters are responsible for recruiting new members and holding regional activities in the name of ISfTE (e.g., dinner talks, lectures, special interest group gathering). The structure of the regional chapters should be simple but functional (e.g., one chairperson, one membership secretary, and one event coordinator). ISfTE will not lend any financial support to the activities to be held in the regional chapters. Research opportunities and special interest groups could be formed among chapters so as to promote research in teacher education. A regional chapter will hold a better chance to host future ISfTE annual seminar. Interested members should complete the Regional Chapter Proposal (click to download) and send it to me at (jackypow@hkbu.edu.hk).</p>
<p>Journal of the International Society for Teacher Education (JISTE)</p>	<p>JISTE is an official, refereed publication of ISfTE. The goal of ISfTE is to publish six to eight articles in each issue. Using the seminar theme, articles in the first issue of each volume are based on papers presented at the previous seminar. Articles in the second issue are non-thematic or have special themes. Points of view and opinions are those of the individual authors and are not necessarily those of ISfTE.</p>

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Acknowledgement: about reviewing, editing and publishing JISTE

We would like to thank our reviewers from all over the world for their assistance in reviewing articles for us. Without their continuous work and help as reviewers for JISTE, we could not have presented the Journal of the International Society of Teacher Education year after year.

We would also like to welcome Dr. Leanne Taylor and Dr. Vera Woloshyn from Brock University (Canada) to be our Associate Editor of JISTE. Their contribution in editing the current and future volumes of JISTE is greatly appreciated.

We particularly want to thank Dr. Peggy Saunders for her great work as Associate Editor in the past 5 years. She spent countless hours of work in the final editing and layout of JISTE. She worked very hard to make sure the articles are in sufficient English language level which has led to our journal being listed in a range of international databases.

Unlike journals from larger organizations, JISTE is an entirely volunteer operation. The bulk of the work is done by the two editors – Karen Berg Petersen and Peggy Saunders. The lead editor, Dr. Petersen, acquires the articles and sends them out for review by two of our volunteer reviewers from around the world. Once the articles are

returned to her, she communicates with the authors to let them know if the article was approved, needs revision, or was rejected. The accepted articles then came to Prof. Peggy Saunders who did the final editing and layout for the journal. During this stage, the English is standardized, citations are checked, and the entire paper is organized using the APA style guide.

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The two issues of JISTE, volume 19 have the logo of the Hacetepe University, Turkey on the front page convening. Hacetepe University, Turkey convened the 2014 annual ISfTE seminar. The logo of Montclair State University appears on the cover of JISTE, volume 20