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Greetings from the Secretary-General

By Susan Tilley

As the year draws to a close, I would like to send warm regards to all ISfTE members. I hope you have had a productive year with exciting teaching and research initiatives. Please take a few minutes to relax and read through our latest newsletter. The newsletter is an important venue for members to keep up-to-date with ISfTE matters.



I am pleased to introduce our 2017-18 Executive Board. We will work together to ensure ISfTE remains a vibrant Society, as we explore and develop new initiatives that contribute to keeping ISfTE relevant and strong into the future.

ISfTE BROAD - VOTING MEMBERS

| Name (Country) | Position |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Susan Tilley (Canada) | Secretary General |
| Sheryl Rushton (USA) | Treasurer |
| Karen Bjerg Petersen (Denmark) | JISTE Editor |
| Kezang Tshering (Bhutan) | Chair, Le'Ora Cordis Trust |
| Jackie Chan (Hong Kong) | At-Large Member |
| Nuray Senemoglu (Turkey) | At-Large Member |
| Modupe Osokoya (Nigeria) | At-Large Member |
| Katie Weir (Australia) | At-Large Member |
| Ailwei Solomon Mawela (South Africa) | At-Large Member |

NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

| Name (Country) | Position |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jacky Pow (Hong Kong) | Former Secretary General |
| Jackie Chan (Hong Kong) | Webmaster |

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| Shannon Melideo (USA) | Newsletter Editor |
| Karen Bjerg Petersen (Denmark) | Convenor of ISfTE 2017 |
| Kemma Tsujino (Japan) | Convenor of ISfTE 2018 |

After each Seminar, we will hold an election to fill any Member-At-Large vacancies. Please think ahead and consider running for a position on the Executive board as positions become available.

As you will know, the last Seminar was held in Denmark, April, 2017. The Seminar was a great success with members presenting their work and enjoying critical, educational conversations with their colleagues from various countries. Karen Bjerg Petersen, the convenor for ISfTE, has written in detail about the Seminar. See page 5 of the newsletter.

Associate Professor Dr. Seloamoney Palaniandy (Dr. Selva) was the convenor for ISfTE's first regional conference in November 2016. Dr. Karen Bjerg Petersen, Editor of JISTE, delivered the second Keynote speech and Colin Mably, the cofounder of ISFTE and former Secretary-General of ISfTE, and Dr. Jacky Pow, then Secretary-General, delivered introductory speeches. See page 7 to read Dr. Selva's report on the success of the Seminar.

We are all looking forward to ISfTE 2018, in Japan. We are hoping to see as many members as possible attending. Consider encouraging at least one colleague to join us at the Seminar! Registration is now open. Kemma Tsujino, the convenor, provides all the necessary details on page 9 of this newsletter.

Please also think ahead to 2019 when Brock will host ISfTE in Niagara Falls, Canada. Leanne Taylor and Vera Woloshyn, the conveners, provide a brief description on page 10 to entice you to enter the dates in your electronic calendars.

Who will host after Canada? As we develop a 3-year plan that includes an annual Seminar for 2020, 2021, 2022, we encourage members to consider hosting ISFTE Seminar. Speak to your local colleagues; hosting an annual ISfTE Seminar can be a very rewarding experience.

Please read the extensive description of the application process outlined on the ISfTE website (<https://goo.gl/UcJueG>). Feel free to contact me to discuss your interests. We will consider applications that are submitted at our annual Executive board meeting in Japan 2018. Remember, 2020 is just around the corner.

Karen Bjerg Petersen reports on the continued work of our members to ensure the success of our journal, JISfTE (See page 11). The journal is an important asset of the Society. Without the work of our dedicated members we would not be able to publish the journal. Thank you to all who have been involved in the past and are working hard to publish our more current issues.

Jackie Chan continues as our Webmaster, he plays a pivotal role in keeping members informed and addressing individual questions. He includes a note on page 16.

I want to thank all members for their participation in ISfTE. For those of you who have played key roles in the Society and others who have worked hard to deliver successful Seminars in the recent past, and will do so in the future, your work is deeply appreciated.

I hope to see many of you in Japan, May 2018.

Sincerely,

Susan

Outgoing Secretary-General Message

By Jacky Pow

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Susan Tilley who was elected as ISfTE's new Secretary-General, August, 2017.

I assumed the role of Secretary-General of ISfTE at the New Jersey seminar in 2015. At that time, a group of dedicated colleagues served on the Executive board and provided tremendous support to me. I want to thank them again, especially Peggy Saunders (Assistant to Secretary General), Karen Bjerg Petersen (Editor of JISTE), and Mokhele Madise (Treasurer). Sheryl Rushton replaced Mokhele Madise as the new Treasurer in 2016 when Mokele's term of service ended. We resumed the election of the Executive Board members-at-large in 2016 and the Board is now at full-strength.

In my term of service, I proposed the setting up regional chapters of ISfTE. Though without a formal formation of a regional chapter, with the support of Dr. Selva and his team, we developed the concept of regional chapter and hosted the first regional conference at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in November 2016. This 'regional chapter' will continue to organize dinner talks and small roundtable meetings in Malaysia.

During the Denmark seminar this year, I initiated the idea of encouraging members to engage in collaborative research. We have started to collect members' research interests in the membership database. I hope members will tell us more about their research areas. Our members are coming from all over the World and we should harness their research knowledge and experience to explore more international-level collaborative research opportunities.

I do trust that we will continue to build a truly international society to advance teacher education and to work for the betterment of our future generations.

ISFTE2017 Denmark

By Karen Bjerg Petersen



The annual ISFTE seminar took place from April 24 to April 28, 2017 in Aarhus, Denmark. The Danish School of Education, Aarhus University was convening the seminar. In total about one hundred people were directly involved in the conference. This included fifty five participant delegates, seven participating accompanying persons, four keynote speakers, organizers at the VIA University College, administrative staff and the members of organizing committee of ISfTE in Denmark.

Planning for the ISfTE seminar requires a substantial time period, from submitting a request to the Executive board to the early years of planning and then the actual hosting of the conference to a successful conclusion. Unlike other conferences, the special format of the ISfTE seminars is similar to a puzzle. The convener and the organizing committee spend great effort putting the pieces together; the special set-up of paper groups, social and cultural programs, including school visits and other special events, arrangements with hotels, universities, bus companies, guides, colleagues at other institutions. A separate program for accompanying persons is also part of the complex preparation for the annual ISfTE seminars. Although hosting the conference requires a

significant commitment of time and effort on the part of the people hosting, it is a very unique and rewarding experience.

Thanks to the work of many people in Denmark, we organized a successful annual ISfTE conference. The organizing committee would like to thank all participants for contributing to the success of the 2017 seminar in Denmark. We are looking forward to participating in ISfTE 2018, in Japan.

International Society of Teacher Education (ISfTE) Asia Pacific 2016

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

By Seloamoney Palaniandy

The International Society for Teacher Education- Asia Pacific 2016 held from 21st-23rd of November at the Palm Garden Hotel, IOI resort, Putrajaya. This conference was the first ever regional conference of ISFTE. The conference marked the beginning of a new era with the creation of the Malaysian Chapter as well as for the Asia Pacific at large. The conference was hosted in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts, Communication and Education (FACE), Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur (IUKL) with the theme 'Global Citizenship Education'. The opening ceremony was officiated by Tan Sri Hadenan A.Jalil, the chairman of the IUKL Board of Governors.

The conference goal was to broaden awareness and understanding of different cultural contexts and to seek collaborations and synergies with others to face future educational challenges. Associate Professor Dr. Seloamoney Palaniandy (Dr. Selva) was the convener of the conference. The conference serves as an illustration of how ISfTE can extend its scope and support local constituencies of colleagues to engage in ISFTE seminars in an innovative and cost effective way. In the opinion of those in attendance, the event can serve as a catalyst for the Executive board to engage in discussion about the future structure and direction of the ISfTE.

A total of 150 delegates from 24 countries, representing almost all the continents of the world participated in this inaugural regional conference. The participants comprised of educators both from local and foreign institutions of higher learning, post graduate students, officials from the host institution as well as observers. The largest number of participation was from Indonesia with 25 delegates followed by India with 10 participants. On the first day of the conference, participants performed power-point presentations; on the second day they were grouped according to various educational themes, as in the ISFTE main conference, to do intensive discussion on their papers. As for the closing event of the conference, participants went on a exciting one-day cultural tour to the historical city of Malacca.

There were two keynote speakers at the conference, one from the local front, Professor Emeritus Dato' Ibrahim Ahmad Bajunid, a well -known academic in this region who

has contributed immensely not only to the Malaysian education system but also to a number of education systems across the globe. He spoke on the inspiring theme “Conjuring the Education Phoenix: Exemplary Teachers.”

The second key note was given by the editor of the ISFTE Journal, Dr. Karen Petersen from University of Aarhus, Denmark. Colin Mably, the cofounder of ISFTE and former Secretary General of ISfTE, and Associate Professor Dr. Jacky Pow delivered introductory speeches. From the university side, the President cum vice-chancellor Dr. Roslan Zainal Abidin and the Chairman of the University Board of Governors Tan Sri Hadenan shared their views on the conference. According to them, Malaysia is becoming an educational hub in this region, and hosting of teacher education conferences of this nature can play a pivotal role in supporting educational initiatives. What started as a humble step, the Asia Pacific event turned out to be a success marking a milestone in the history of ISfTE.



ISFTE 2018 Japan

By Kemma Tsujino



International Society for Teacher Education 38th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR in Japan

The ISFTE is coming to Japan in May, 2018! This will be the first time since the foundation of this academic society in 1981. We are looking forward to welcoming education researchers, teacher educators and other professionals from around the world!



Kemma Tsujino
Joetsu University of Education,
Associate Professor
(convenor)

**Theme : Teacher Education in Post Nation State Era
— Education for “Welfare” instead of “Warfare” —**

Duration : May 13 - 18, 2018

**Venue : May 13-14; Joetsu University of Education (Joetsu-city)
May 15-18; Suginosawa Training Center (Myoko-city)**

**Accommodation : May 13; Art Hotel Joetsu (a hotel in Joetsu-city)
May 15-18; Akakura Onsen (hotels in Myoko-city)**

Registration is now open on the official website of ISFTE 2018!

<http://isfte2018.juen.ac.jp/>



Suginosawa Training Center

On the first day there is a special session on 'World Education'. After the special session there is a welcome dinner at a traditional Japanese restaurant that has over 140 years of history. This restaurant is designated as a place of 'National important cultural properties'. Please enjoy the first night in Japan!



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ISfTE 2019 Niagara Falls, Canada

By Leanne Taylor and Vera Woloshyn

We are pleased to announce that Brock University will be hosting ISfTE 2019 (May 13-16), in scenic Niagara Falls, Canada, at the historic Crowne Plaza Hotel. We look forward to providing ISfTE members with an engaging, productive, and memorable space to exchange knowledge and views about contemporary and future issues in teacher education and educational research.

The conference theme for 2019 will be *Teacher Education for the Next Decade: Looking to the Past to Inform the Future*. As we prepare to enter the third decade of the 21st century, we invite ISfTE members to consider how, as an international society, we might challenge ourselves to question how we will engage in the future of education in light of increased globalization, transformations, and advancing technologies. We invite multiple perspectives and voices to develop and promote global understandings and collegial relationships, support social justice and equity, and advance the profession.

Please stay tuned for more details about registration, travel, accommodation and more over the coming year. All information will be available on our forthcoming website. We look forward to seeing you at ISfTE 2018 in Japan and then welcoming you to Canada in 2019!

Co-conveners: Leanne Taylor and Vera Woloshyn
Brock University



Updates JISTE – Journal of International Society of Teacher Education

By Karen Bjerg Petersen (editor)

Good news – JISTE has received an official online ISSN-number

In June 2017 JISTE received an official *online* ISSN-number from the ISSN International Centre in Paris. The official information regarding JISTE is:

ISSN: **2521-6015**

Key title: **Journal of the International Society for Teacher Education (Online)**

Abbreviated key title: **J. Int. Soc. Teach. Educ. (Online)**

Variant title: **JISTE**

URL: <http://isfte.hkbu.edu.hk/index.php/jiste-our-bi-annual-journal>

ISSN: **2521-6015 (Online)**, ISSN: **1029-5968 (Print)**

Accreditation of JISTE in international and national databases

JISTE is accredited and listed in the following databases:

1. ERIC - All issues of JISTE from 2013 onwards.
2. Ebsco,
3. Ulrichsweb,
4. Brazil Bibliographical National Country Index;
5. Norway Bibliographical National Country Index;
6. Denmark Bibliographical National Country Index

We encourage ISfTE members to seek national accreditation of JISTE in member countries.



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Volume 21 Issue 1

Emancipating and Transforming Teacher Education
For a Better Education System



Jiste 21.1 featuring the theme of the 2016 South Africa seminar *Emancipating and Transforming Teacher Education for a Better Education System* was published August 1st, 2017. It contains eight articles written by a total twenty-one authors, representing South America (Brazil), Asia (Hong Kong), Africa (Nigeria) and Europe (Norway and Denmark). Each of the articles was presented in paper groups in April 2016 at the annual seminar of ISfTE convened by University of South Africa, Unisa in Krüger Park, South Africa. The authors of the articles received feedback from the paper group in which they presented at the conference. Authors submitted revised articles, which then went through a double-blind review and intense editing in collaboration with statistical reviewers, authors and our two associate editors, Leanne Taylor and Vera Woloshyn, Brock University, Canada.

Jiste 21.2 will be published by the end of December 2017. The issue will include articles submitted in continuation of the first Asia-Pacific Regional ISfTE Conference, held in Kuala Lumpur, November 2016. JISTE 21.2 is also an open issue and the December publication includes articles from scholars outside and inside our society ISfTE. An intense review process is carried out before the associate editors, start the English edit and final edit process.

Editorial Board of JISTE

At the editorial board meeting during the ISfTE seminar held at the Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Denmark April, 2017 four longstanding members of ISfTE were appointed to the editorial board: Kemma Tsujino from Japan, convener of the forthcoming 2018 seminar in Japan, Ingebjørg Arek, Cornelia Brodal and Anne Ask, all three from Norway. Michael van Wyk, from South Africa, was also added as a new member.

Other members apart from editor Karen Bjerg Petersen, Denmark and associate editors Leanne Taylor and Vera Woloshyn, Canada are Nuray Senemogly, Sibel Karakelle from Turkey, Modupe Osokoya from Nigeria and Vera Lucia Fellicetti from Brazil. Jacky Pow, Hong Kong as the former SG is a member of the editorial board; Jackie Chan, Hong Kong responsible for uploading JISTE to the website and Sheryl Rushton (treasurer) are members as well.

I welcome the new members of the editorial board and thank the experienced members of the editorial board for their support.

The process of reviewing, editing and publishing JISTE

Unlike journals from larger organizations, JISTE is an entirely volunteer operation. The bulk of the work is done by the three editors –Karen Bjerg Petersen, Leanne Taylor and Vera Woloshyn. The lead editor 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. In some cases the editor sends out the revised articles for a second review and, if necessary for particular statistical review and, again communicates with the authors. The accepted articles then come to the associate editors, who do the final editing and layout for the journal. During this stage, the English is standardized, citations are checked, further communication is carried out between the associate editors and the authors and, the entire paper is organized using the APA style guide.

After finishing the journal for publication, Jackie Chan from Hong Kong uploads

JISTE to the ISfTE Website.

The lead editor is providing those few members, who still want to get paper versions of the journal, with printed copies. Our treasurer, Sheryl Rushton, in collaboration with the editor, is taking care of the financial part by communicating with and sending invoices to the purchasers.

Other business concerning JISTE

Five institutions' logos appear on the front cover of JISTE 2017 (issues 21.1 and 21.2).

University of South Africa, UNISA sponsored the ISfTE seminar in 2016. The other four institutions – Aarhus University, Denmark, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, Weber State University, USA and Brock University, Canada – support JISTE with their on-going sponsorship and/or support through the work of editors and other officials of ISfTE.

Acknowledgement

As the editor of JISTE, I would like to thank our former SG, Jacky Pow, Hong Kong for his efficient and helpful way of supporting all issues regarding JISTE during his time as SG. Also, I thank Jackie Chan, Hong Kong, responsible for the website and for setting up IP-addresses for JISTE online customers, whose work is very much appreciated. Our new treasurer, Sheryl Rushton, USA is similarly spending many hours working on communications related to the journal and financing.

The editorial board of JISTE is crucial for setting out general guidelines for the journal and for meeting and discussing issues regarding JISTE at the annual seminars, held around the world. I appreciate the many colleagues from all over the world who take their time to be members of the editorial board. I thank them for their work.

Furthermore, I would like to thank our reviewers from various countries for their assistance in reviewing articles for JISfTE. Without their continuous work and help as reviewers, we could not have presented the Journal of the International Society of Teacher Education year after year.

Finally, I want to thank Leanne Taylor and Vera Woloshyn, both Brock University, Canada for taking over the positions as associate editors and for their great work with the final editing and layout of JISTE. Without their, and our former associate editor's work, our journal would not have reached the sufficient English language level and professionalism which has led JISTE to being listed in a range of international databases.

Updates of ISfTE Website

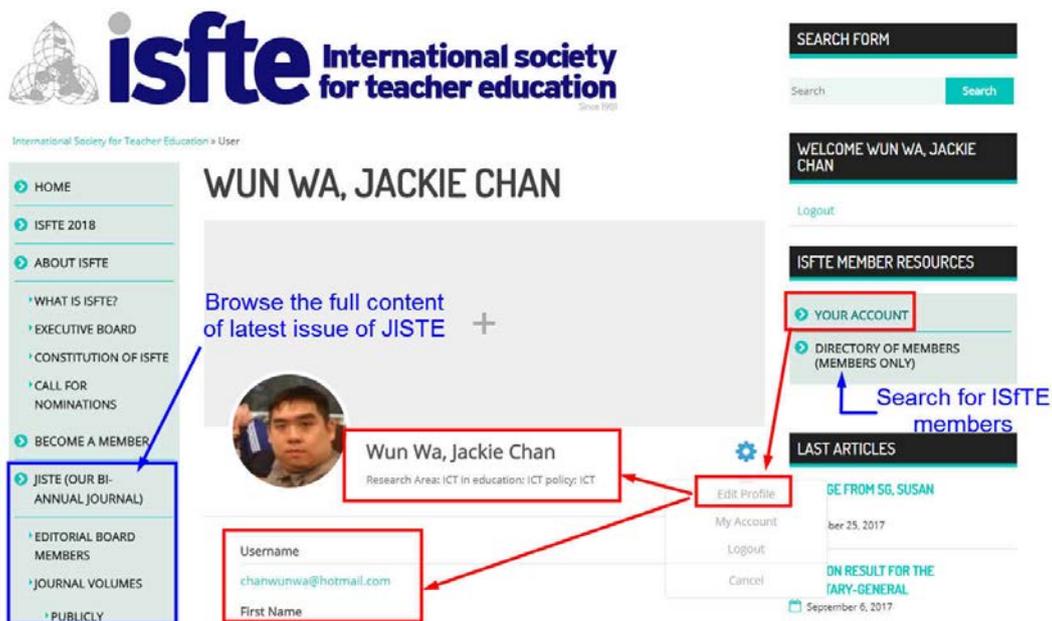
By Jackie Chan

Hello, I am Jackie Chan from Hong Kong. I am the web administrator of ISfTE. I am responsible for the website maintenance and dissemination of ISfTE updates.

ISfTE has a number of ways to keep in touch with every one of you. All latest updates of ISfTE will be disseminated through our website <http://isfte.org> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/isfte>. For important updates, E-mail will be sent to all current and former members.

Current ISfTE members can use your contact email address and password to log into your ISfTE account. When you log into your account, you are encouraged to fill up your latest information and research areas. Current ISfTE members can obtain the following information from ISfTE website:

1. Full content of latest issue of JISTE on “*JISTE (our Bi-annual Journal) → Journal volumes → Members only (full content for latest volume)*”; and
2. ISfTE members’ contact for possible collaboration opportunities on “*Directory of members (Members Only)*”.



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