

## **A Note from the Secretary-General (February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018)**

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of February already. I hope you all have a productive month of work in your various educational and geographical contexts.

There are only 4 months left before we will be together in Japan for ISfTE Seminar 2018. Please be sure to submit your Abstracts and register early (<http://isfte2018.juen.ac.jp>). As you know ISfTE 2019 will be held in Canada. The Executive is still looking for proposals from members to host ISfTE 2020 and 2021. Speak to your administrators and colleagues about the possibilities of your institution supporting an application to host the Seminar for one of these years. Guidelines for proposals can be found on the ISfTE website (<http://isfte.org>).

We have had a few changes in the membership of the Editorial board of the ISfTE journal. See Karen Bjerg Petersen 's notice below.

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## **Announcement of a new Associate Editor for JISTE**

As the editor of JISTE, I am glad to announce, that Peggy Saunders, Weber State University, US has agreed to be the new Associate Editor of JISTE, starting from the forthcoming issue, JISTE 22.1, 2018 onwards.

Leanne Taylor, Brock University, Canada and Vera Woloshyn, Brock University, Canada, who previously served in that position are stepping down, after the completion of JISTE (21.2). They have worked extensively, contributing an inordinate amount of time to the work of JISTE in the capacity of Associate Editors, for which I am very grateful.

Peggy Saunders, who previously held the position as Associate Editor and has extensive experience to bring to the position, will begin immediately to serve another term.

As the editor of JISTE, I would like to thank Leanne and Vera, for contributing to raising the standard and content of individual articles and the journal issues. It is important that the content of JISTE meet the high standards of an international journal, accredited in various databases and countries.

I would also like to thank Peggy for her willingness to move into the Associate Editor position again. This allows us to maintain the standard of the journal and ensure that JISTE continues to be well-served.

Editor of JISTE,

Karen Bjerg Petersen, Denmark

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As Secretary-General, on behalf of our members, I would like to thank Leanne Taylor and Vera Woloshyn for their contributions as Associate Editors. Editorial work is very time consuming and taxing at times. I

expect they will contribute to ISfTE in other capacities in the future. Thank you to Peggy Saunders for agreeing to move back into the position as Associate Editor. She is a familiar face to many of the members who have published in previous issues. As always, with Karen at the helm as editor, I expect the journal is on track for future issues.

### **Executive Board Meeting ISfTE 2018**

I hope to see as many Executive members as possible attending the ISfTE Seminar in Japan.

As always, we will have a full board meeting on the Sunday before sessions begin (May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018). Please let me know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend (email: [isftecontact@gmail.com](mailto:isftecontact@gmail.com)).

If members have questions or concerns they would like the Executive Board to consider, at our annual meeting, please forward them to me.

### **REMINDER**

It is very important for individuals to keep their membership up to date. Membership numbers reflect the strength of our organization. Please contact Jackie Chan if you need to check on the status of your membership (email: [chanwunwa@gmail.com](mailto:chanwunwa@gmail.com)). If you are currently a member but do not attend ISfTE 2018 please ensure you pay your fees so that you remain a member between seminars. Please contact Sheryl Rushton (email: [sherylrushton@weber.edu](mailto:sherylrushton@weber.edu)) who will assist you in processing your membership requests.

All the best,

Susan Tilley

Secretary-General