

AECT International Division

Division Activity Report

March 2010

President

Dr. Abbas Johari (Cameron University) served as president from Oct. 2008 – Oct. 2009, and his leadership was followed by Dr. Ross Perkins (Boise State University). Two major initiatives of Dr. Johari were to direct an effort to revamp the Division's website and to increase membership in the Division. Dr. Perkins' goals include: 1) Revise Division By-Laws; 2) Convert the ID site from static pages to a blog-based/RSS site; 3) Create a solid list of current members who would serve as Country and Regional advisors; 4) Gather names of those interested in other aspects of Division leadership.

President-elect

Dr. Perkins served as president-elect (2008-2009) and helped coordinate the Division's activities for the 2009 Conference. The Division sponsored 36 presentations at the Louisville conference. In 2009, Dr. Charles Xiaoxou Wang (Georgia State University) was elected as the Division's president-elect. Since Oct. 2009, Dr. Wang has worked with the AECT Conference Committee to coordinate this year's ID call for proposals, reviews, and other activities.

Immediate Past President

Past-president, Dr. Lauren Cifuentes, coordinated the 2009 election and the Division Awards. Dr. Abbas Johari will oversee these activities in 2010. He led the nomination committee in 2010 who forwarded the name of Dr. C. Hakan Aydin (Anadolu Univ., Turkey) as the Division's candidate for 2010-2011 president-elect. This decision was supported through a web-based survey created by Dr. Perkins and approved by the nomination committee and the ID Board.

Communications

Dr. Ke Zhang (Wayne State University) was appointed to this role in 2008, and served until March 2010. During that time she worked with Dr. Johari and one of his graduate students to help revise portions of the International Division website. Due to sabbatical leave, Dr. Zhang stepped down from this role in March 2010. In her place, and at Dr. Perkins' recommendation, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Cheng-Chang (Sam) Pan (University of Texas – Brownsville) to this role. Dr. Pan has been involved with the International Division for a number of years. He will work closely with Dr. Perkins to help transform the ID web presence into one that is blog-RSS based.

Membership

Dr. Luca Botturi (Swiss Italian University, Lugano) served as membership coordinator until October 2009. During his tenure, he developed an online tool that allowed members to register and map their location. In addition, he served as “Hospitality Coordinator” for the 2009 Conference. Due to obligations from a new role, he asked to assist rather than lead membership activities. The new coordinator, appointed by the ID Board at its meeting at the Louisville conference, is Dr. Lauren Cifuentes (who was immediate past president during the 2008-2009 year). Dr. Cifuentes is working with Dr. Perkins and Dr. Johnson to help create a more concise list of ID members (ex-patriots living in the U.S., or colleagues living outside the U.S.) who are willing to serve as Country Advisors.

Board Representation

Dr. Jenny Johnson (Prof. Emerita, University of Maryland) served as Board representative for a three-year term, from 2006 to 2009. After November 2009, Dr. Robert Doyle (Harvard University) assumed the role as the ID liaison to the board.

Division Awards

Dr. Lauren Cifuentes (Texas A&M), in her role as immediate past-president in 2008-2009, coordinated the division’s awards, working with various coordinators in the Division. The following awards were presented during the annual Division dinner on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009.

Outstanding Practice Award by a student of Educational Technology in an International Setting
Recipient: Mr. Ruben Vanderline (University of Ghent, Belgium)

Distinguished Service Award
Recipient: Dr. Charles Xiaoxue Wang (Georgia State University)

ETR & D Award
Recipient: Dr. Paul H. Kim (Stanford University)

International Contributions
(not awarded in 2009)

Robert deKieffer International Fellowship Award
Recipient: Prof. Fred M. Litto (Professor emeritus, University of Sao Paulo; President, Brazilian Distance Education Association)

Presidential Service Award
Dr. Abbas Johari

Dr. R. W. "Buddy" Burniske Award

Recipients: Dr. Thomas Luschei (Florida State Univ.), Ms. Dewi Padmo (Florida State; Indonesia), & Dr. J. Michael Spector (University of Georgia)

Annual International Division Auction

The auction raised \$2,815. This money supports the Division's ICEM-CIME membership and provides a modicum of assistance for travel expenses for one or two ID Board members to attend the annual ICEM-CIME conference.

International Council for Education Media

Dr. Chih-Hsuing Tu (Northern Arizona Univ.) represented the Division and AECT at the 2009 ICEM-CIME Conference, held in Dubai. The 2010 conference is being hosted by Anadolou University in Eskisehir, Turkey, and many of the Division's members are active in coordinating it, including the Division's 2010-2011 president-elect, Dr. C. Hakan Aydin.

Other

Dr. Jenny Johnson, long time AECT Member and an active member of the International Division, was recognized by AECT with a lifetime achievement award.

Dr. Karen Murphy (Prof. Emerita, Texas A&M) was elected at Member-at-Large

Summary of International Division Actions

- The ID Board created new position descriptions and responsibilities for its sixteen positions, ranging from assistant communications coordinator to president.
- The ID received 37 proposals for the 2009 AECT conference and each paper was reviewed by a minimum of three reviewers. We received 42 for 2010 and we are in the process of reviewing them.
- Through the efforts of Dr. Perkins, Boise State University provided financial assistance for the ID hospitality and welcome center.
- The ID actively recruited more graduate students to become involved in the division.
- The ID listserv was expanded.
- Country advisers are seeking new members in their countries.