



IA Update

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Highlights from Phoenix, AZ

November 2002:

Shall Sinha

Speaker of the

Jan Tucker Memorial Lecture

At this Jan Tucker Memorial Lecture, Shall Sinha, speaking in the persona of Mahatma Gandhi, paid homage to Jan Tucker—a man he admired and respected for his simplicity and integrity—for whatever he preached, he put into practice. Sharing many of Gandhi's ideals, Tucker lived his life in accordance with four guiding principles—global awareness, equality for all people, interdependence, and social justice. In light of the recent terrorism, this session reminded participants that we can all benefit from Gandhi's and Tucker's philosophy and wisdom. As a boy, Gandhi lived a sheltered life, "could not face strangers," and stayed mostly with his family, but over the years, his perspective broadened as he read newspapers, traveled, studied, and met people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. He found that under a person's skin color and physical characteristics, overall, people had very nice and kind hearts. He believed that there is more love and kindness in the world than there is violence for their brothers.

GREETINGS FROM THE Chair!

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Chair

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Dear Colleagues:

I hope this message finds you well and that your work is progressing well. This is my first correspondence with you since assuming the position of chair of the International Assembly at the November 2002 conference.

First of all, I want to sincerely thank you for the support and cooperation you gave me while I served as vice-chair, especially as conference program chair 2000-2002. During my tenure as vice chair, IA made some significant achievements including our successful 2001 conference program with Mrs. Nane Annan (spouse of UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan) as the 2001 Jan Tucker Memorial Lecturer, the redesign of the IA web page with the assistance of David Hicks of Virginia Tech University, and the production of the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 Newsletters. I am also pleased to report that the 2002 November IA conference program was quite successful as well. We were again successful in securing a dynamic and inspirational speaker who reminded us about our responsibility to promote critical citizenship for a more just, peaceful and humane world. For the first time, IA was able to hold its annual reception at a place that was not only spacious but also very comfortable and convenient with good food, beverages, and networking. It was a great experience! Second, I want to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to our immediate past chair, Dr. Vicki Green, for her leadership during her tenure. Third, I want to extend my appreciation to NCSS, especially the Executive Director, Susan Griffin, for supporting IA's activities, particularly sponsoring the Jan Tucker Memorial Lecture event. Fourth, I want to extend my thanks to last year's conference participants who made it possible for us to have a program. In spite of the difficult budget situations that affect institutions nationally, and internationally, many of you honored your commitment to present your papers. The presentations were not

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Full text available at IA-website.

Overview of contributions of IA members at the International Assembly meeting November 22 2002 Phoenix, Arizona

Inspiring Good Citizenship: Great Books for Social Educators
Dr. Gloria T. Alter (USA)

Cooperative Learning between Two Countries with the Use of the Internet
drs Harry Rogge ma (The Netherlands)

Democratizing Education through Parental Involvement in Denmark and the United States. An International Comparative Perspective
David Virtue (USA)

Extracurricular Activity: How Character Education Is Conducted in China
Yali Zhao (USA)

Exploring the Use of Webquests
Hwee-Hwang Sim, Ee-Moi Kho, Chew-Hung Chang and Christine Kim-Eng Lee (Singapore)

Developing an understanding of conflict in Northern Ireland: Public space, murals and the internet
David Hicks, Krista Clark (USA)

Images of China in elementary social studies textbooks: Five Decades of Change
Guicum Zhong (USA)

Comic covers construct a Canadian identity
Vicky Green (Canada)

Views of the US: A report on Norwegian adolescent perceptions
Michael Hillis (USA)

The treatment of World War II in secondary school textbooks of six major powers involved in the war
Susan Santoli

Project Partnerships: The extent and impact of student teacher Social Education projects on student learning outcomes: 'Safe Dreaming Trail Project'
Dr Rose Mulraney (Australia)

All contributions of high quality! Because of limited space only titles and presenters here.

These texts and other contributions will become available on the IA-website soon!
<http://www.tandlvt.edu/IA>

From the Chair (continued) :

Also, I am pleased to inform you that our vice chair and conference program chair, Dr. Toni Kirkwood, is working hard to plan for the 2003 conference to be held in Chicago. Please I encourage you to submit a proposal and plan to present at this conference. The call for paper is on the NCSS IA web. Please know that the roundtable paper presentation is the highlight of the conference. We need to have more roundtable presentations this year. So please help!

Please email any questions or ideas to me at ukpokodun@umkc.edu. I encourage you to submit write-ups for the newsletter. I look forward to working with you in the next couple of years and meeting/seeing you in Chicago, November 2003. Thanks!

Message from the Vice-Chair and Conference Program Chair-Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker, Ed.D. :

Proposal Deadline Extended to May 24, 2003

Dear Colleagues:
The deadline for proposals to be presented at the International Assembly Roundtable discussions has been extended to May 24. Proposal forms can be found at the ncss.org website with a link to International Assembly. Please submit your proposal via email attachment in word to Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker at kirkwoodtf@aol.com
Thank you. toni
I look forward to seeing you at the NCSS Conference in Chicago.

Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker, Ed.D

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