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INVITATION FROM 2006 CAERDA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM CHAIR

Dear CAERDA Members and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to CAERDA's 14th Annual International Conference at the Moscone Convention Center West in San Francisco, California on April 6-7, 2006. The theme for the 2006 CAERDA Conference is *"In Pursuit of Excellence and Equity in Education: Influences of Language, Culture, and Community Involvement on Student Learning and Achievement."*

This year we once again have an exciting program that covers a wide range of topics related to educational issues around the globe. An international conference indeed, we will once again have scholars, professionals, and students from the United States, Canada, Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Australia, and other countries and regions in the world to participate in the conference!

With co-sponsorship from the US-China Center for Research on Educational Excellence of Michigan State University, we have



planned a rich program that consists of two general sessions, eight concurrent sessions of paper presentations, and one poster session. The two distinguished keynote speakers, Dr. Zhang Jianwei from University of Toronto, Canada and Dr. Samuel Peng from National Taiwan Normal University will share with us their views on educational research in the context of cultural diversity. In the concurrent paper sessions, topics such as *Social and Cultural Context of Education, Measurement and Methodology, Technology and Its Applications in Education* will bring to the conference participants up-to-date research findings.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Conference Planning Committee members and reviewers of the proposals: Drs. Ji-mei Chang, Duc-le To, Steve Yuen, Chi-en Hwang, Sen Qi, Lihshing Wang, Aubrey Wang, and Wu-tien Wu. Without their dedicated efforts and support, this conference would not have become a reality. Special thanks also go to Dr. Yong Zhao, the Director of Center for Research on Educational Excellence, for his collaboration and support. The highest honor, of course, belongs to all conference presenters, session chairs and discussants. Their immense contributions are the key to success for the 14th International Conference.

See you all in San Francisco!
 2006 CAERDA Conference Program Chair Dr. Fang Wu

CAERDA President and US-China Center Director Speak on Co-sponsorship of CAERDA Conference

The 2006 CAERDA Conference marks the first year of collaboration between CAERDA and the Center for Research on Educational Excellence (CREE) of Michigan State University. To celebrate this beginning of a new era in the advancement of Chinese American educational research and development, the Newsletter interviews CAERDA President Aubrey Wang (AW) and CREE Director Yong Zhao (YZ) on the collaboration between the two organizations:

☉ *What have motivated you to pursue this collaboration between CAERDA and CREE?*

[AW]: We have heard about the excellent work conducted by CREE under the leadership of Dr. Zhao, who has been active in previous CAERDA conferences. We thought by working with CREE on this upcoming conference would strengthen the relationship between the two organizations and create a forum for members from both organizations to ex-

change scholarly discourse regarding their research findings and opportunities.

[YZ]: CAERDA is a unique organization with a very diverse group of researchers, most of whom are bi-cultural and bi-lingual. Many of them have backgrounds and experiences with both Chinese education and education in

mutually beneficial.

☉ *What do you expect to come out of this first co-sponsored conference?*

[AW]: A high-quality exchange of ongoing research findings from an active, vital, and diverse Chinese American and Chinese educational research community.

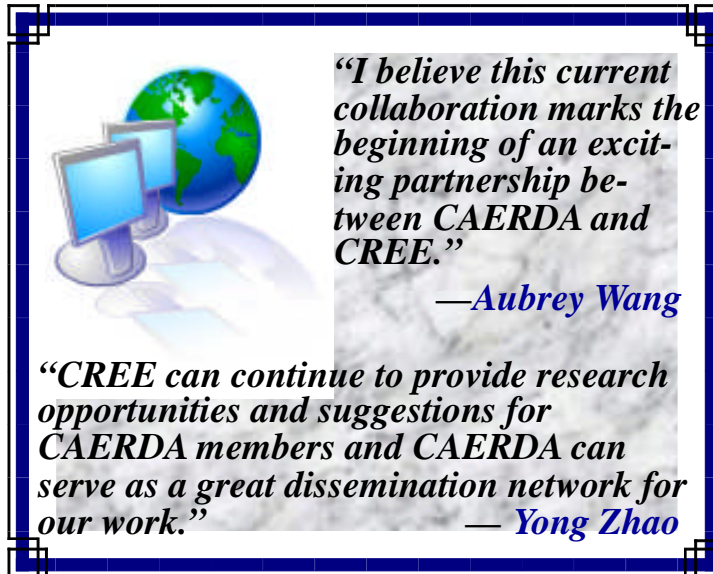
[YZ]: I am hoping that

with the Center on specific research projects.

☉ *How do you think CAERDA and CREE can collaborate in the future in the areas of conducting research and serving the Chinese education research communities?*

[AW]: I believe this current collaboration marks the beginning of an exciting partnership between CAERDA and CREE. I can see members from the two organizations contributing toward the development of a Handbook on Asian Education; publishing in CAERDA journals, including the online peer reviewed journal that we are launching; serving as peer reviewers for the online journal, and of course, sponsoring future conferences together.

[YZ]: There is great potential for the two organizations to collaborate in the future. CREE can continue to provide research opportunities and suggestions for CAERDA members and CAERDA can serve as a great dissemination network for our work.



the US. The US-China Center conducts research on education in China and the US. Thus there is a natural synergy between the two organizations. Having a joint conference is hence

CAERDA members will find the research conducted by the US-China Center interesting and useful. I am also hoping that we can identify some CAERDA members to collaborate

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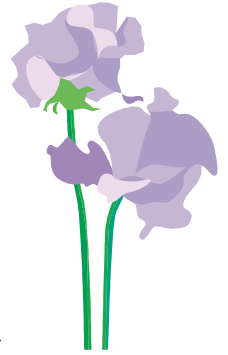
Information on the 2006 CAERDA Conference program, registration, and location, can be found on the CAERDA website (www.caerda.org). Presenters, chairs, and discussants must pre-register before March 18 in order to finalize the program schedule. The Conference will be held in Rooms 2001, 2002, and 2003 of Moscone Center West on 747 Howard Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103.



CAERDA Board Meeting Invites Input from Members

The 2006 CAERDA Board Meeting will be held on April 5 before the 2006 Conference starts. Members are encouraged to submit concerns, issues, and suggestions to President Aubrey Wang (aubrey_wang@hotmail.com) for them to be addressed by the board members. Among the items on the agenda are launching a peer-reviewed online journal, planning 2007 Conference, and membership recruitment.

JOIN US AT CAERDA DINNER BANQUET FOR SOCIAL NETWORKING



CAERDA has been sponsoring a membership recruitment dinner for many years. These dinners have been well attended by CAERDA members, their family members, and their friends, with an average attendance of 80 people or more. During the recruitment dinner, members and non-members have a chance to catch-up with one another, make new friends, and join or renew their membership with CAERDA, while enjoying good Chinese food at a discount.

From last year's recruitment dinner, we found out several of our members have had life changing events, from becoming a Ph.D., to

having a child, to moving to a new position. Given our busy professional lives, it is rare to have moments like the CAERDA dinner, where you can relax among your peers and be one of a large professional community.

For this year,

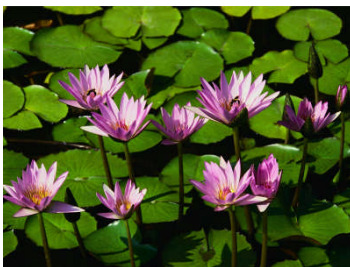
**DATE: Thursday
(April 6, 2006)**
**PLACE: To Be
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**COST: \$25 per
individual
(including dinner
& gratuity)**



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we have planned another fun dinner for CAERDA members and non-members (see below for more information). We ask you to purchase your discounted dinner tickets either during the conference pre-registration or at the conference site. Each dinner ticket will cost \$25 per person (including dinner and gratuity). CAERDA discount will not apply if you join us at the restaurant without the pre-purchased dinner ticket.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing about how you've been this year!
(Contributed by Aubrey Wang)



ANNOUNCING NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL POLICY

Attention: Renew Your Memberships to Avoid being Removed from Listserv and Journal Subscription List!

If you have not renewed your membership for 2006, please do it now. We are in the process of updating our Listserv and Membership database. **Members who have not paid their membership dues for two consecutive years will be removed from the Listserv and the mailing list of the New Waves Journal.** That is, they will become an inactive member and will not receive newsletters, jour-

nals, and news and announcement from CAERDA. Inactive memberships can be re-activated by submitting a membership renewal form with payment of membership dues for current year. We have already removed members who failed to renew their memberships since 2004 from the journal mailing list. These inactive members will not receive the upcoming issue of the New Waves Journal (scheduled to be released at the end of February, 2006). We are now in the process of removing members who failed to renew memberships since 2005.

CAERDA is a non-profit

organization with limited financial resources. The association cannot survive without the support of its members. As a CAERDA member, you can benefit from our journal, listserv, and discounted registration fees from our annual conference. So, please take a few minutes to renew your memberships now. You may find out more about the membership policy and benefits from our website at <http://www.caerda.org/membership.htm>. Please fill out the membership renewal form downloadable from the website. Mail the completed form along with a check to: CAERDA, P. O. Box 112410, Campbell,

CA 95011-2410. It is important for you to provide updated contact information (particularly e-mail address and street or post office mailing address). If you have recently moved, changed jobs or changed contact information, please notify us by sending a note to our mailbox or e-mail to duc-le.to@ed.gov.

Thanks for your continued support. We are looking forward to meeting all of you at the upcoming CAERDA Conference in San Francisco.

(Contributed by Duc-Le To, CAERDA Membership Director)