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NEWSLETTER

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Highlights of 2004 CAERDA Annual Conference

The 2004 CAERDA Annual Conference was held in the Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Hotel in San Diego, California on April 11-12, as scheduled. Thanks to Dr. Steve Yuen, the conference chair and his planning team, the annual conference was a big success. The conference started with two keynote speeches. Dr. Allen Huang, Provost of University of Northern Colorado discussed challenges and opportunities for higher education institutions and shared his own experiences as a college administrator and leader with the audience. Dr. Yong Zhao, Professor and Director for Center of Technology and Teaching at Michigan State University discussed education reform issues from a cross-cultural perspective and research opportunities for Asian American scholars. He also shared information and ideas that he collected from the recent APEC Summit on Education Reform. Conference participants found the two keynote speeches useful and intriguing.

The conference continued with the Teacher Quality Panel moderated by Dr. Jianping Shen of Western Michigan University. Three panelists discussed teacher quality issues from the United States (Dr. Rhoda Lowinger), China (Dr. Jianjun Wang), and Taiwan (Dr. Samuel Peng). A total of 29 papers were presented in 9 concurrent sessions at the conference following the panel discussion. Preliminary versions of these papers and the conference proceedings are available on-line at <http://conference.caerda.org/> and on CD-Rom (Only a limited number of CDs is available in stock. Contact Dr. Steve Yuen for further information.) In addition, CAERDA also held its traditional annual dinner at the Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant in San Diego on April 12. More than 80 people attended the 2004 CAERDA Dinner.

Introducing the New CAERDA Board of Directors

With our great appreciation and gratitude, Drs. Lung-Ching Chiao and Jianping Shen have completed their terms as CAERDA Board members in April 2004. Two new board members, Drs. Harry Tse-Chi Hsu of University of Pittsburgh and Huilan Yang of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation were elected to fill the vacant positions. Several new officials were also elected. They are CAERDA President Dr. Steve Yuen of The University of Southern Mississippi, Vice-President Dr. Aubrey Wang of Educational Testing Service, and Secretary Dr. Fang Wu of Howard University. The new Board would like to extend its sincere thanks to former CAERDA President Dr. Duc-Le To for his leadership and hard work. Sincere thanks also go to all former board members for their collective wisdom, which had been the key to success for CAERDA in the past years.

Letter from Chair of CAERDA 2005 Conference Planning Committee

Dear CAERDA members:

We are very excited about the 2005 CAERDA Conference which will be held on Monday, April 11th, 2005 in Montreal, Canada. We are planning a small-scale conference that is different from our traditional conference. Instead of call for papers, we will have three invited panel presentations on topics involving the globalization of education in Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia, and how these issues compare to those found in the U.S. The particular topics are Education Reform and Development; Privatization and Choice in Education; and Use of Technology in Teaching, Learning, and Assessment. Each of the panels will have a structured breakout session for mini-discussion groups, where conference participants can have involved discussions with the panelists about specific issues. Furthermore, we will publish the papers from the panel presentations and the discussion summaries as a series of New Waves issues, as an edited book, or as online proceedings.

We urge you to participate in this conference because you will be able to interact with experts on a personal level, collaborate on summarizing the discussions that may lead to publication, and build your own network of researchers with whom you can consult and collaborate with for potential future projects.

Please visit our conference website at <http://www.caerda.org/conference.htm> for more details in the next couple of months.

We look forward to seeing you in Montreal in April of 2005!

Regards.

Aubrey Wang, Chair
Conference Planning Committee

U.S. Department of Education Funding Opportunities

(Contributed by Dr. Duc-Le To)

Institute of Education Sciences (IES), U.S. Department of Education has announced its FY2005 Grant Competition. The following is a list of grants available at IES:

- ❖ Reading Comprehension and Reading Scale-up Research CFDA 84.305G
- ❖ Mathematics and Science Education Research CFDA 84.305K
- ❖ Secondary Analysis of National Assessment of Educational Progress Data CFDA 4.902B

- ❖ National Research and Development Centers CFDA 84.305A
- ❖ Post-doctoral Research Fellowship CFDA 84.305B
- ❖ Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Program CFDA 84.305C
- ❖ Teacher Quality Research — Reading CFDA 84.305M
- ❖ Teacher Quality Research — Mathematics and Science CFDA 84.305M
- ❖ Research on Education Finance, Leadership and Management CFDA 84.305E
- ❖ Cognition and Student Learning Research CFDA 84.305H
- ❖ Field-Initiated Evaluations of Education Innovations CFDA 84.305

For further information and application packages on these grants, visit the following website:
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/edresearch/applicant.html>

Institute of Education (IES) and its National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) cosponsor the following fellowship programs with National Science Foundation (NSF), American Educational Research Association (AERA), and Association for Institutional Research (AIR):

- ❖ 2004-2005 AERA/IES Grants Program
 Next Deadline: November 1, 2004
 - Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
 - Dissertation Grants Program
 - Research Grants Program

For further information, visit the following website:

<http://www.aera.net/programs/ies/index.htm>

- ❖ AIR/NCES/NSF Grant Program
 Improving Institutional Research in Postsecondary Educational Institutions
 Proposal deadline is January 15, 2005

For further information, visit the following website:

<http://airweb.org/page.asp?page=40>

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), the U.S. Department of Education has announced the applications for the Fulbright-Hays fellowships, the Jacob K.Javits fellowships and ICIFCA technology grant program:

- ❖ Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program
- ❖ The Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program provides opportunities to graduate students to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies

CLOSING DATE: October 19, 2004

For further information, visit the following website:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/2005/84022a.html>

- ❖ Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program
 The Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program offers opportunities to faculty of institutions of higher education to engage in research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies.

CLOSING DATE: October 19, 2004

For further information, visit the following website:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/2005/84019a.html>

❖ Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program

The purpose of the Jacob K. Javits (JKJ) Fellowship Program is to award fellowships to eligible students of superior ability, selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise, to undertake graduate study in selected fields in the arts, humanities, and social sciences leading to a doctoral degree or to a master's degree in those fields in which the master's degree is the terminal highest degree awarded in the selected field of study at accredited institutions of higher education

CLOSING DATE: October 8, 2004

For further information, visit the following website:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/2005/84170a.html>

❖ Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access (TICFIA) Grants

The TICFIA program provides grants to eligible applicants for up to 36 months to support projects that will develop innovative techniques or programs using new electronic technologies to collect, organize, preserve, and widely disseminate information on world regions and countries other than the United States that address our Nation's teaching and research needs in international education and foreign languages.

Awards will be made for four years.

FY 2005 Closing Date: November 17, 2004

For further information, visit the following website:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsticfia/applicant.html#84337a>

文教新潮約稿/*The New Waves Journal* Calls for Papers

【文教新潮】季刊介紹各種教育趨勢、研究或有關之新聞, 透過電子郵件傳送教育界人士, 提供參考。希望各界踴躍賜稿。

The New Waves Journal welcomes contributions that report new educational ideas, practices, programs, policies, reforms or research findings. Papers can be written in Chinese or English. English papers should have a short Chinese abstract for non-English-speaking readers. Please send papers for publication to Editor-In-Chief, Dr. Samuel S. Peng via Email to peng_samuel@hotmail.com. Hand-written manuscripts may be faxed to Dr. Peng at 886-3-575-2993. **OUR JOURNAL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!**

Reminder for CAERDA Membership Renewal

Please send your membership renewal form and membership fee to Dr. Ji-Mei Chang at CAERDA, P.O. Box 360742, Milpitas, CA 95035. More membership information can be found on the CAERDA website at www.caerda.org. CAERDA appreciates all the members' support and contribution. In order to do a good job, CAERDA needs your continuous effort. We need all members to provide their updated mailing address and e-mail address for the membership Directory. We ask our members to pay membership dues on time, as we need your support and donations. Your support is very important to CAERDA. Thank you in advance for cooperation.

CAERDA Newsletter Calls for Content Contributions

CAERDA Newsletter welcomes content contributions in the following categories:

- ❖ Upcoming conferences and events that may be of interest to CAERDA members;
- ❖ Faculty and research positions in education;
- ❖ Grants and awards information;
- ❖ Important publications, presentations, and research projects by CAERDA members;
and
- ❖ Reports of local, national, and international events related to education that may be of interest to CAERDA members.

Contributions may be emailed to CAERDA secretary Dr. Fang Wu for inclusion in the newsletter at f_wu@howard.edu.