



Newsletter FALL 2016

Greetings from CIESC!

Participation in the XVI World Congress of Comparative Education Societies

The triennial congress of the World Council of CES was hosted by the China Comparative Education Society and held at Beijing Normal University in August, 2016. The CIESC was well represented by several members who presented papers and symposia, and launched a new book (see below) at the conference with its theme “Dialectics of Education: Comparative Themes” and enjoyed the generous hospitality of the hosting organizations. CIESC President, Kumari Beck participated in meetings of the Executive Committee of the WCCES, where the new President of WCCES, N’dri Assie Lumumba (former President of CIES) was elected along with new officers.

New Books from CIESC members

Ayaz Naseem and **Adeela Arshad-Ayaz** of Concordia University recently published an edited volume on representations of minorities in textbooks.

Naseem, M.A., Arshad-Ayaz, A. and Rodriguez J. (Eds.) (2016). Representation of minorities in Textbooks: Comparative international perspectives. International Association for Research on Textbooks and Educational Media, Santiago de Compostella: International Association for Research on Textbooks and Education Media.

Yan Guo and **Shibao Guo**, from the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary, successfully launched *Spotlight on China: Chinese Education in the Globalized World* at the 16th World Congress of Comparative Education Societies on August 25th at Beijing Normal University, China. The book launch symposium had the participation of five international scholars from Canada, China, and the US. Prof. Ruth Hayhoe from OISE/University of Toronto provided insightful comments as an expert on Chinese education. In a standing-room-only session, the panel generated a stimulating discussion with an international audience. Collectively the panelists examined the impact of globalization on China and the interactions of Chinese education with the globalized world. This book is the 2nd volume in the *Spotlight on China* book series edited by Yan and Shibao. The inaugural volume, *Spotlight on China: Changes in Education under China’s Market Education*, was launched in March 2016 at the 60th Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) in Vancouver.

Remembering two pioneers.

We announce with sadness the recent passing of two of our pioneering scholars, Mathew Zacchariah (formerly University of Calgary), and Mel Lal, Brandon Manitoba.

Mathew Zachariah joined the Faculty of Education at the newly autonomous University of Calgary in 1966. Primarily a comparative sociologist of education, he taught, researched and provided consulting and volunteer service in the area of multicultural and international development education both locally and internationally, publishing 13 books and over 50

scholarly articles during his career. He also served as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Education and as Head, Department of Educational Foundations.

Dr Zachariah received numerous honours and awards including being twice named a Killam Resident Fellow and a Humanities Institute Fellow. He received an Alberta Human Rights Award in 1989 and was the first Canadian to receive the Honorary Fellow designation from the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) based in the United States. This honour recognizes his contribution to the development of comparative and international education, as well as the impact he has had on various academic and professional organizations. Dr Zachariah retired in 2000 as a Professor Emeritus.

Mel Lall was born in Trinidad West Indies. He died in Brandon, Manitoba on October 9th 2016 at the age of 70. He received most of his post- secondary education in Canada from Laurentian University, University of Toronto (OISE) and Queens.

He served as Director of Brandon University Northern Teacher Education Program (BUNTEP) for 33 years. He developed new programs for training Aboriginal teachers throughout Northern Manitoba.

Mel was a program coordinator of CIESC and attended most annual meetings as well as meetings of WCCES. He contributed his expertise through many papers, publications and workshops for teachers in the Caribbean. His quiet dignity, expertise and engaging personality will be sorely missed by many. He is survived by his wife Mona, his son Rohan and his daughter Rina.

Looking ahead to 2017

CIESC 50th Anniversary

The Comparative and International Education Society of Canada/Société canadienne d'éducation comparée et internationale (CIESC/SCECI) was established in Ottawa on 5 June 1967 as a bilingual organization, to encourage and promote comparative and international studies in Canadian education.

We are looking forward to a rich and full program at CSSE in May 2017, and to celebrate this occasion with a number of exciting themed panels and presentations. Thematically, given the current rise of inter- or trans-national educational activities in a globalizing world, we pose the question: *what does the evolving field of comparative education have to offer in terms of conceptual resources?*

We also ask: what are some of the productive methodological approaches and generative theoretical constructs coming from other fields that are or might be taken up in CIE studies?

A **Pre-Conference** along similar themes, and including global issues in social justice education, and film studies is being planned. Watch for the Call for expressions of interest and more details coming in December.

Special Issue of CIE Journal marking CIESC 50th anniversary!

Comparative and International Education/ Éducation comparée et internationale (CIE/ECI), the official journal of the CIESC, will be publishing a special issue in June 2017 (volume 46, issue 2) on: ***50 Years of CIESC: Looking Back and Envisioning Forward***

As we approach our 50th year as a scholarly society, it is time to look back, take stock of our achievements and the challenges we have faced, as well as look forward to envisioning a role for comparative and international education in a globalized world. Thus there are two main themes to this special issue. First, we welcome manuscripts about the history and background of our society. Second we welcome manuscripts about the future of

comparative and international education research in a globalized and diverse world, and the related future of our society.

For submission information, visit: <http://ir.lib.uwo.ca/cie-eci/styleguide.html>

Submission deadline: February 1st, 2017

Marianne A. Larsen and Grazi Scoppio, Editors of *Comparative and International Education/Éducation comparée et internationale*

Symposium at Concordia

Ayaz Naseem and Adeela Arshad-Ayaz of Concordia University will be hosting the Third International Symposium on Teaching about Extremism, Terror, and Trauma at Concordia University in early May 2017. The symposium will be preceded by the First International Summer Institute on "Creating Learning against Radicalization". The Call for Proposals for both events will be out very soon.