



International Society of the Learning Sciences

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New Officers Announcement



Nikol Rummel
Current President



William Sandoval
President-Elect



Carolyn Rose
Past-President



Susan Goldman
Executive Officer



Joseph Polman
Financial Officer

At the close of ICLS 2016, new positions have been assumed in ISLS leadership. Nikol Rummel is now the current president of the society. Bill Sandoval is the new president-elect, and Susan Goldman has assumed the duties of Executive Officer. We offer our thanks to our now past-president, Carolyn Rose, and our past Executive Officer, Sadhana Puntambekar, for their tireless efforts leading the society.

Message from the President

contributed by Nikol Rummel, ISLS President 2016-2017

When I started my year as ISLS president in June after the ICLS 2016 conference in Singapore, I took the opportunity to reflect on my own history as a member of this society. I began to attend ISLS conferences 16 years ago, soon after I became a member of ISLS. I have been active in various committees and roles in the society since. Put differently, ISLS has been part of my life for more than a third of my life, and I have gone to its conferences for longer than I have gone to school. Thus, it is a great honor for me, and I am very thankful to be serving the society as President this year.

I have made it my mission as President to contribute towards two main goals. First, I

aim to continue ongoing efforts in our society of putting together accessible and sustainable documentation of our practices with regard to major societal activities (e.g. board elections, or committee charges), our conferences, our journals, et cetera, in order to support continuity and “quality assurance”. Second, with regard to our conferences, I think we are at a point where we might want to discuss and adapt some of our traditions and practices, so that we maintain the high quality of our meetings, yet remain open to innovations at the same time. It is very important to me to maintain and further develop the unique character of our conferences. Our conferences are the heart and soul of our society. This is where we – in addition to publishing in our journals – discuss our research and ideas. This is also where we meet as colleagues and friends, and where we build our community.

I am looking forward to a productive ISLS year culminating when we meet for this year’s conference, CSCL 2017, in Philadelphia, June 18th through the 22th.

Bylaws Vote Outcome

The bylaws amendment discussed throughout 2015-2016 and voted upon during ICLS 2016 has passed by 93% of those members voting. This exceeds the 67% required per Article XII, section 2 of the ISLS bylaws. The [amended bylaws](#) are available to view on the society website.

New Editors at Journal of the Learning Sciences

contributed by Joshua Radinsky



As announced at the ICLS 2016 conference, the Journal of the Learning Sciences is happy to welcome the incoming Editors in Chief, Susan Yoon and Jan van Aalst, who will take over from Iris Tabak and Josh Radinsky in January 2017.

The incoming and outgoing editors would like to thank outgoing Associate Editors Kai Hakkarainen, Chris Quintana, Nikol Rummel and Bill Sandoval, who complete their terms in 2016, and welcome new Associate Editors Leema Berland, Doug Clark, Jun Oshima, Armin Weinberger and Alyssa Wise on board.

Retrospective on ICLS 2016 in Singapore

Contributed by Chee-Kit Looi

The [12th International Conference of the Learning Sciences \(ICLS\)](#) was held at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University of Singapore, from 20 to 24 June, 2016. Being the first time that ICLS was held in Asia, it was well attended by more than 450 participants, with more than 80% of them coming from overseas. The conference featured presentations of papers accepted from authors from 31 countries and regions. Conference highlights included: pre-conference workshops, doctoral consortium, early career workshop, mid-career workshop, 3 keynote talks, 3 invited symposia, a practitioners' track, and full, short and poster sessions.





The best student paper award went to Wesley Collier, Andrew Ruis, and David Williamson Shaffer, for their paper entitled “Local versus Global Connection Making in Discourse.”

The best conference paper award was given to Dor Abrahamson, Raul Sánchez–García, and Cliff Smyth, for their paper entitled “Metaphors Are Projected Constraints on Action: An Ecological Dynamics View on Learning Across the Disciplines.”

CSCL 2017 Call for Submissions



The CSCL 2017 [call for submissions](#) is out, and the first deadline for papers is November 4. For more information, see the [CSCL 2017 website](#).

ICLS 2018 Host is Announced

The next ICLS will be held in London, England from June 24-27, 2018. The theme will be “Rethinking Learning in the Digital Age: Making the Learning Sciences Count”. Stay tuned for website information.

Society Communications Information

The ISLS Communications Committee is currently establishing new policies for

sharing information with society membership while also respecting your time and attention. Please be aware that communications include:

- [ISLS Facebook group](#) where any group member can post announcements or start discussions.
- [ISLS Twitter account](#) that will tweet and retweet society relevant information for followers.
- Official Email Newsletter will contain official ISLS announcements and be distributed twice per year.
- [ISLS website](#) which will contain [archives of the newsletter](#) and more in the future.

For content you wish to be distributed through the society email lists, please send them to the ISLS communications committee, isls.comm.committee@gmail.com, or use one of the existing links and email addresses identified on the society website.

Newsletter Credits

The ISLS newsletter is prepared by the ISLS Communications Committee. Current members include Victor Lee and Heisawn Jeong (Co-Chairs), Christa Asterhan, Flavio Azevedo, Eleni Kyza, Mariana Levin, Martina Rau, Kshitij Sharma, Janet Walkoe, Christopher Williams, and Jason Yip. Thanks to Chee-Kit Looi and Joshua Radinsky for the contributions. To join the committee, contact one of the co-chairs.

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