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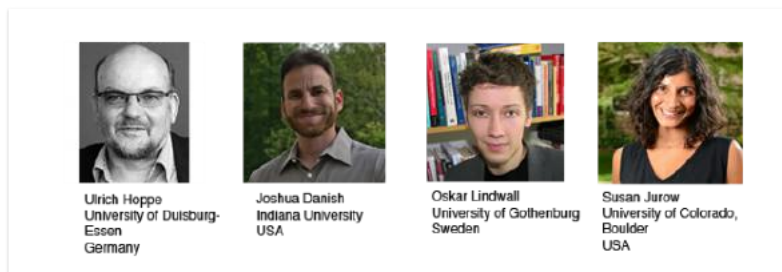
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New Board Members and Officers for 2017

Thanks to all who participated in this year's election for new ISLS Board members. We are pleased to welcome four new board members: Ulrich Hoppe, Joshua Danish, Oskar Lindwall, and Susan Jurow. We are especially grateful to our candidates and hope to see some run again in the future and to solicit additional nominees as the society grows.



Internally, new officers have been elected and appointed. The new President-Elect is Joseph Polman, and Bill Sandoval has begun his term as ISLS president, while Nikol Rummel has transitioned to the role of Past-President. The role of Financial Officer/Secretary has been split among two members, with Joshua Danish taking over the role of Financial Officer and Jasmine Ma taking over the role of Secretary.



Thanks to our now-former Past-President Carolyn Rose for her years of service to the board!

Message from the President

Contributed by William Sandoval

When I started my doctoral training in Northwestern's learning sciences program nearly 25 years ago, I didn't know what the "learning sciences" were; and I'm not sure anybody there at the time did either. When I took my first faculty job a few years later, I continued to struggle when people asked me to define the "learning sciences." This year ISLS marks its fifteenth year as an organization, and the growth and maturation we have seen in the learning sciences as a field over the last two decades is due in no small part to the efforts and vision of all the people who've come before me in growing our Society into a mature organization.

Over these last fifteen years, both research in the learning sciences and the scholars who do that work have gotten more diverse. When I looked into the audience at the closing ceremony for CSCL2017 this past June, I saw a more diverse group of learning scientists than I saw 15 years ago, or even 5 years ago. We now count members from more than 35 countries throughout the world. As learning scientists, our work is committed to studying and improving learning in the myriad diverse communities in which we work, and the people in them whom we serve. At a time when the ideal of diversity is under attack in America, Europe, and elsewhere, we should celebrate the diversity we have in our Society, and strengthen our commitments to equity for all learners, everywhere.

As president, my primary goal this year is to develop initiatives to increase the diversity of our membership. I would like us to expand into parts of the world we have yet to reach, including Africa, Latin America, and South Asia, building on work begun by the Membership Committee and past-president Carolyn Rose. I also look forward to continuing our ongoing efforts to build bridges to other communities engaged in learning research. Our organization and our research will benefit from and have more impact through engagement with diverse perspectives. Fifteen years from now, I hope ISLS can be proud to count members hailing from and committed to serving all peoples of the world.

ICLS 2018 in London

ICLS 2018 will be in London and one of three co-located conferences (*AI in Education* and *Learning@Scale*) that are being brought together as part of the Festival of Learning. ICLS dates are June 23-27, 2018. The conference organizers are Rose Luckin, Judy Kay, Kaśka Porayska-Pomsta, and Manolis Mavrikis. The first submission deadline is November 17, 2017. Information and updates will be posted at the [conference website](#). Please expect that past precedent in terms of paper length and paper topics will be followed. Questions can be directed to ioe.ics2018@ucl.ac.uk

CSCL 2019 to be in Lyon, France



The 2019 CSCL conference location will be Lyon, France! Kris Lund will be chairing the conference and has whet everyone's appetites with boasts of Lyon's reputation as the "world capital of gastronomy".

News from the Journal of the Learning Sciences

Contributed by Jan van Aalst

The winners of *Journal of the Learning Sciences* Reviewer of the Year Awards for 2017 are: Dr. Ming Ming Chiu, The Education University of Hong Kong; Dr. Betsy Davis, University of Michigan; and Dr. David Stroupe, Michigan State University. The editors are grateful for their outstanding contributions to the journal and look forward to many more years of collaboration.

The new editorial team has made several initiatives around mentoring. The first writing workshop for authors wishing to publish in JLS or ijCSCL was held at the CSCL conference in Pennsylvania, with another being planned for the ICLS in London in 2018. A video series in which some of our outstanding reviewers explain why they review and how they approach it will be launched very soon.

News from the International Journal of Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning

Contributed by Sten Ludvigsen

In October, this year's third issue will be published with several new and very interesting contributions. In December, we will publish the award winning contributions from CSCL 2017 conference. These award winning papers are rewritten and extended and give the CSCL field new insight with regards to theory, methods and new ways of analyzing data. These are innovative contributions to the field. In addition, we will publish a review of CSCL that shows both our common history and what emerges as new themes and problems to address moving forward.

News from NAPLeS

contributed by Diana Ouellette

- In the last two years, we have accepted new NAPLeS programs from the Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany, the North Carolina State University, USA, the Penn State University, USA, the University of Calgary, Canada and the University of Turku,

Finland. The network now consists of more than 50 programs from 35 universities around the world.

- NAPLeS successfully conducted a workshop during the CSCL 2017 in Philadelphia. During the workshop, the future of NAPLeS and NAPLeS initiatives were discussed. Task forces within the ISLS Education Committee and Technology Committee were formed and agreed upon the integration of the NAPLeS webpages into the ISLS webpage and NAPLeS activities that will be supported in the future.

Acknowledgments

The ISLS newsletter is prepared by the Communications Committee. Current members include Victor Lee and Heisawn Jeong (Co-Chairs), Martina Rau, Christopher Williams, Christa Asterhan, Flavio Azevedo, Elizabeth Charles, Irene-Angelica Chounta, Mariana Levin, Kshitij Sharma, Anouschka van Leeuwen, Janet Walkoe, and Jason Yip. To join the committee, contact one of the co-chairs.

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