



IAUP Newsletter

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WISE



IAUP has been collaborating with the Qatar Foundation for the first World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) in Doha on November 16th – 18th, 2009. The creation of a new international multi-disciplinary platform to shape education models of the 21st century will be discussed. A Forum with recognized representatives from a variety of fields around the world will examine finding new ways of addressing major educational challenges and mobilizing global networks to create innovative tools and practices to implement sustainable solutions.

WISE awards 2009 will have an announcement of the 15 finalists for the themes of Pluralism, Sustainability, and Innovation in education on August 31st. An application on behalf of IAUP has been submitted, by Jeff Van der Perre, former Secretary General of the IAUP, entitled: "Towards a Worldwide Quality Register (WQR) for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agencies."

This IAUP project started in December 2001, after IAUP's XIIth Triennial Conference in Brussels. Dr. Dirk Van Damme presented an invited paper, under the title: "Internationalization and Quality Assurance: towards Worldwide Accreditation?" The paper offered a visionary, critical synthesis –in a worldwide perspective– of the ongoing debates on quality assurance and accreditation.

Immediately after the Triennial Conference, under its new President Sven Caspersen (Denmark), IAUP followed-up and installed a Commission on Global Accreditation

In Memoriam of Dr. Nibondh Sasidhorn



On behalf of the Executive Committee, Council of Senior Advisors, and all members of the International Association of University Presidents, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Nibondh Sasidhorn.

A longtime member of IAUP, Dr. Sasidhorn played a vital and active role in expanding IAUP's vision. His contributions from twenty-five years ago are still remembered as pivotal in the growth of our association. Most noteworthy was his accomplishment with the VII IAUP Triennial Conference in Bangkok, Thailand on July 1984. It is remembered as a special time among the members who went and met both his

consisting of a few, well chosen University Presidents/Rectors (from USA, Asia and Europe) on the one hand, and a small group of internationally renowned experts, connected to such bodies as UNESCO, CHEA (Council for Higher Education Accreditation, USA), CRE (Conference of European Rectors, now European University Association, EUA), INQAAHE (International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies for Higher Education) and the British Open University, on the other hand.

Starting from a new working paper from Dr. Dirk Van Damme (to-day Head of CERI, Center for Educational Research and Innovation, OECD, Paris) and after several working sessions, the Commission produced in December 2001 its project "Towards a Worldwide Quality Register (WQR) for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agencies (QAAAs)" Since then, the Commission supported numerous presentations and debates of the project worldwide, with the continuous backing-up since 1999, by the successive IAUP-Presidents (Sven Caspersen, Denmark; Ingrid Moses, Australia; Pornchai Mongkhonvanit, Thailand; Barham Madain, Chile).

- Key Dates for WISE awards at: <http://www.wise-qatar.org/en/schedule>
- For further information about the WISE awards, please visit the official website at <http://www.wise-qatar.org>

ACADEMIC CHAIRS FOR AFRICA



Last May the Executive Committee of the IAUP met in Alexandria, Egypt. Dr. David Strangway, former President, University of British Columbia (UBC), in Vancouver and Former President, Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) proposed the creation of "Academic Chairs for Africa", based on the very successful program of Research Chairs implemented in Canada. Endorsement was quickly accepted by the Executive Committee.

UNESCO's World Conference on Higher Education was held in Paris on July 5-8, 2009. Prof. Heitor Gurgulino de Souza, Secretary General of the IAUP and former Rector of the UN University, presented "Academic Chairs for Africa" to UNESCO's World Conference on Higher Education. The Panel of Civil Society and Private Sector, held on July 8th, has included in its recommendation on Africa: "supports the proposal presented by IAUP for the creation of 1,000 academic chairs for Africa over the next 10 years."

Please read the following proposal presented to UNESCO:

[Academic Chairs Proposal \(.doc\)](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

IAUP NORTH EAST ASIA CONFERENCE
National University of Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej and her Majesty Queen Sirikit.

The far-reaching legacy of Dr. Sasidhorn during his Presidency of the IAUP 1984 - 1987 includes his involvement in the launch of the High Commission of Peace, which has become a key element of the IAUP. The United Nations International Day of Peace evolved from this commission.

Dr. Sasidhorn was also active in forging positive changes in the IAUP's infrastructure. Through the implementation of Regional Councils, communication between local universities was vastly improved.

In his own country, Dr. Sasidhorn left a lasting footprint through his life-long work to improve the lives of his fellow countrymen. During his tenure as Thailand's Minister of Education, Dr. Sasidhorn made great strides in advancing the higher educational system, particularly within the private higher education sector.

Our condolences to the Sasidhorn family and to the entire international educational community on the loss of this outstanding academic professional and IAUP member.

September 30 – October 2, 2009

Higher Education and Economic Development, subtopics: *Quality Management and Assurance, Regional Collaboration, University Management and Administration, Industry and Academic Collaboration.*

<http://iaupneac2009.nuk.edu.tw>

IAUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, COUNCIL OF SENIOR ADVISORS, AND THE LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL COUNCIL SEMINAR

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

October 18 – 21, 2009

Universities and Innovation, is the theme for the IAUP Latin American Council Seminar. Early in September a detailed Agenda for the Meetings in Brazil will be sent to all Members. To confirm your reservations at the Hotel Sofitel, in Rio de Janeiro, please send, as soon as possible, an e-mail to: cristianne.maynard@sofitel.com or call: +55 21 2525 1241 and mention IAUP meetings.

For additional questions or further details, please send a message to hurgulino@aol.com or cgaukel@iaup.org

WISE – WORLD INNOVATION SUMMIT FOR EDUCATION

Education City, Doha, Qatar

November 16 –18, 2009

WISE Summit and Awards with the themes of Pluralism, Sustainability, and Innovation in Education.

www.wise-qatar.org

IAUP PRESIDENTIAL RETREAT, An Anti-convention Gathering

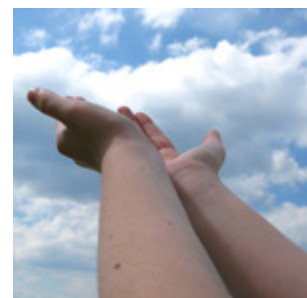
Chicago, IL

October 16, 2009

- *Presidency: Enrolling Academic Leaders in a New Global Accord*
- *From Vanilla to Cherry Garcia: What Makes Your Institution Different?*
- *Engaging Elected Officials*
- *Making the Mission Real*

[More information available here \(.pdf\).](#)

Alliance of Civilization



REACHED

WORLD BANK / IAUP

Regional Economic Acceleration Caused by Higher Education Development

[Read more about this project \(.pdf\).](#)

IAUP/UN Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution, and Peace is concerned about nuclear power.



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<http://www.iaup.org/>

ACADEMIC IMPACT

Each voice makes a



One of the main objectives of this project that IAUP has been asked by the UN to cooperate with, is to measure to what extent the views, expectations, and anxieties are equally shared by the “Emerging Globalized Generation” (EGG), or if there are significant differences from one region and the other.

The purpose of the UN consultation “Emerging Generation’s view on Good Governance of Cultural Diversity “ is to assess how this EGG looks at its relations with other cultures, identities, and values. It will explore, from students’ viewpoints, the best ways for society to capitalize on the diversity of its population.

The consultation will start with a preliminary overview of the Alliance and its role in encouraging the good governance of cultural diversity through its concrete projects in the areas of media, education, migration, and youth. Thereafter, the same set of questions will be put forward to students at the occasion of an open forum and debates organized by their respective universities and learning institutions. Feedback will be systematically compiled in a consistent way by volunteer rapporteurs from the host institution and a website will be created that will be entirely dedicated to the consultation.

Key Questions. Some key questions that may be posed include:

Assessment Questions

1. How do societies – and young people particularly – assess the importance and reality of cultural diversity?
2. Do they feel that we are moving towards greater and smoother inclusion of different cultures?
3. What are – if any – the limits on the mixing of cultures? What kind of impact does the mixing of cultures have on identity?
4. How does one reconcile particular identities and global/national/local cultural diversity?
5. What are the core values that are non-negotiable in a particular society?

difference within Higher Education. Please take a few moments to read about how to participate more in Academic Impact.

The Millenium Development Goals (MDG’s) are eight goals to be achieved by 2015 that respond to the world’s main development challenges. The MDG’s are drawn from the actions and targets contained in the Declaration, adopted by 189 nations –and signed by 147 heads of state and governments during the UN Millenium Summit, held in New York, in September 2000.

For more information please visit: academicimpact.org

To participate more, please take a quick moment to [submit this form](#).

XVI Triennial

“BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH EDUCATION”



“Building Bridges Through

6. What are the core values that are universal across all societies?

Action Questions

7. How can we shape our interaction with people from other cultures in such a way that it enriches everyone concerned?
8. What steps can policymakers take to effectively govern cultural diversity and mutual respect among all groups and communities?
9. Who are the actors that policy makers must engage to develop good policy instruments to govern cultural diversity effectively?
10. What is the role of educators in creating conditions conducive to harmonious cultural diversity?

This worldwide consultation organized in partnership with the International Association of University Presidents, the AoC Research network, and a wide range of regional partners, will run throughout one year and will culminate at the occasion of the third annual Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations to be held in Brazil, in 2010.

In order to prepare the debates and to trigger a “thinking process” a selection of readings is proposed in advance of the debates to the students. These readings reflect prominent thinkers’ views on these issues.

- *High Level Group Report*, Alliance of Civilizations, 2005 (Copies available on-line at <http://www.unaoc.org/content/view/64/94/lang,english/>, but may be sent to institution on request)
- *Madrid Forum Report*, Alliance of Civilizations, 2008 (Copies available on-line at <http://www.unaoc.org/content/view/225/220/lang,english/> but may be sent to institution on request)

The following relevant articles may be accessed on line

- Samuel Huntington, “The Clash of Civilizations?” in *Foreign Affairs*, Summer 1993, Vol. 72 Issue 3, p22–49,
- Fouad Ajami, “The Summoning” in *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 1993, Vol. 72 Issue 4, p2–9,
- Kishore Mahbubani, “The Dangers of Decadence” in *Foreign Affairs*, September /October 1993, Vol. 72 Issue 4, p10–14,
- Liu Binyan, “Civilization Grafting” in *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 1993, Vol. 72 Issue 4, p19–21,
- Cho-Yun Hsu, “Chinese Encounters with Other Civilizations” in *International Sociology*, (2001), Volume 16, 3, p438–54

Education” will be the central theme of the XVI Triennial Conference of the IAUP, to be held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, in New York City, June 17–20, 2011.

Please mark your calendar. For further details, [visit the website](#).



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