

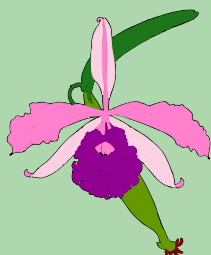
# SICET Newsletter: SICET 5th Summer Fellowship Program

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## Summer Accomplishment

— A message from the President of SICET

July 28, 2008

Dear SICET Members,

SICET successfully organized and implemented the SICET Summer Fellowship Program 2008 at Guangxi Institute of Education in Nanning and at Yantai University in Yantai. The event at Sichuan Normal University in Chengdu was well prepared but had to be cancelled in the last minute due to the Earthquake that happened on May 12, 2008.

In the fifth SICET Summer Fellowship Program, 16 members submitted 20 proposals for 32 presentations before the January 25, 2008 deadline. In the end, 18 proposals were accepted. Both the number of participants and the number of submitted proposals set a record for the SICET Program. At the 2008 International Symposium on Research and Application of Educational Technology in Foreign Language Education co-hosted by Yantai University and SICET, our members shared teaching experiences, exchanged research ideas, and built academic connections with colleagues from other universities in US and China. Our summer fellowship programs both at Nanning and Yantai helped establish a positive image of SICET to Chinese communities and strengthened collaboration relationships between universities and professional associations in the USA and China.

Here, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the organizer, Dr. Xiaoxue Wang for his time and efforts in organizing these events. Without his careful planning, organizing, and continuous communicating with hosting universities, these events would have been impossible. Next, I would like to thank our hosts, Dr. Xinghui Wang (Nanning), Dr. Hongbo Song (Yantai), and their colleagues for their great job and hospitalities. Without their efforts, these events would not have been as successful. I also would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Ling Wang (Chengdu) and our members for their understanding of the cancellation of the Sichuan event in the last minute. Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to those who were involved in these events and made our SICET Summer



**Dr. Xiaoping Tang, Associate Dean of Guangxi Institute of Education, Delivering an Opening Speech at SICET 5th Summer Fellowship Program at Nanning, P. R. China**

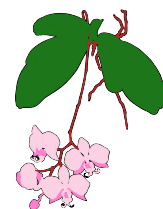


**Professor Xiaoling Han, Vice President of Yantai University, Making a Welcome Speech at SICET 5th Summer Fellowship Program at Yantai, Shandong, P. R. China**

Fellowship Program 2008 a great success. I also would like to take this opportunity to encourage more SICET members to participate in our summer fellowship Program in 2009!

Wish you all a great summer!

Shuyan Wang, Ph.D.  
President of SICET



# SICET Summer Fellowship Program 2008

## Participants and Presentations

**Dr. Harry Dangel** from Georgia State University:

- Presentation 1: Research on the Use of Personal Response Systems to Promote Student Learning.
- Presentation 2: Promoting Teaching Excellency through Technology.

**Fei Gao** from Michigan State University:

- Presentation: Student Interactions of Role-Playing Activities in the Second Life and Face-to-Face Learning Environment.

**Dr. Stephen Harmon** from Georgia State University:

- Presentation 1: Learning in Massive Multiplayer Virtual World
- Presentation 2: Changing Minds: Forging the Future of Learning with Technology

**Dr. Feng-Qi Lai** from Indiana State University

- Presentation 1: Online Group to Enhance Peer Interaction
- Presentation 2: Online Management Strategies: Enhance Quizzes and Rubrics for Project Self-Evaluation

**Liangyue Lu** from Syracuse University:

- Presentation 1: Understanding Different Perspectives: Building a Learning Community through Interaction in a Graduate Online Course.
- Presentation 2: Analysis of Social Knowledge Construction in Chat Room Discussions

**Dr. Dave Stone** from WorldWired, Inc., **Dave Stone** from Southern Polytechnic State University, and **Nancy Stone**:

- Presentation 1: Foreign Language Learning in a Virtual World.
- Presentation 2: Exploring a New Language Learning Environment: Second Life

**Dr. Hong Wang** from Fort Hay State University:

- Presentation 1: Wiki as a Faculty Development Tool: Feat or Failure.



**Dr. Timothy Newby** from Purdue University delivering a Keynote Speech at the *2008 International Symposium on Research and Application of Educational Technology in Foreign Language Education* at Yantai University, Shandong, P.R. China

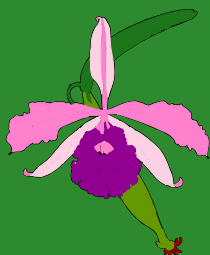
**Dr. Shuyan Wang** from the University of Southern Mississippi:

- Presentation 1: Integrating Electronic Portfolio into Curriculum
- Presentation 2: Using Blogs to Increase Students' Interaction and Collaboration

**Dr. Charles Xiaoxue Wang** from Georgia State University:

- Presentation 1: Apply HPT in a Higher Education Setting

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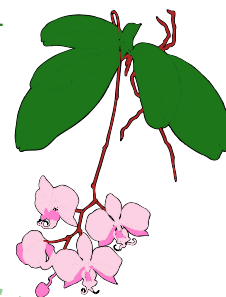


Dr. Charles Xiaoxue Wang and Patricia Early from Georgia State University, Dave Stone from Southern Polytechnic State University, Dr. Hongbo Song and Qiaoqiao Yan from Yantai University:

- Presentation 1: Exploring 3-D Virtual Learning Environment for Language Learning: A Study Frame Work

Dr. Steve Yuen from the University of Southern Mississippi:

- Presentation 1: Enrich Learning with Podcasting.
- Presentation 2: Teaching Digital Natives with Web 2.0.



## Impact We Made

The SICET 5th Summer Fellowship Program has made a great impact in China as reported in various media. The comments about SICET and our Program collected from the hosting institutes are positive and encouraging. Here are some snap shots of online reports of SICET 5th Summer Fellowship Program 2008.

Click links below to review the report details.

- [Our Program Event at Guangxi Institute of Education, Nanning, Guangxi, China.](#)
- [21 ELT.com](#)
- [Sciencemeeting Online](#)
- [517dh.net](#)



### 2008外语教育技术与应用国际研讨会

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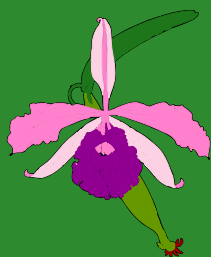
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## Comments from Participants

### Dr. Shuyan Wang from the University of Mississippi:

SICET and Yantai University co-hosted *The 2008 International Symposium on Research and Application of Educational Technology in Foreign Language Education*. We had a very productive conference. In those two days, we had opportunity to share our understanding and experiences in integrating informational technology into foreign language education. Being a language teacher for 14 years, I am surprised with the great changes happened in EFL and I really learned a lot. There were over 60 participants from 40 universities presented 50 papers.

As the world has moved into the information age, the rapid technological change and proliferation of information resources are lineaments of our contemporary society. Multimedia on the Internet, telecommunications, wireless applications, electronic portable devices, social network software, Web 2.0 and the like are all radically redefining the way people obtain information and the way to teach and learn. Consequently, educational technology integrating into foreign language education have become one of the most exciting, dynamic, and yet challenging fields that educators have worked within.

The symposium provided us with a platform for teachers and scholars in the field of Instructional Technology and Foreign Language education to share teaching experiences, exchange research ideas, and build academic connections among universities nationally and internationally. The summer fellowship in Yantai was a great success.



Charles Xiaoxue Wang, Dave Stone, and Qiaoqiao Yan presenting at Yantai University, Yantai, Shandong, P.R. China



Dr. Shuyan Wang, President of SICET, delivering an opening speech at the 2008 International Symposium on Research and Application of Educational Technology in Foreign Language Education at Yantai University, Shandong, P.R. China

### Dave Stone from Southern Polytechnic State University:

I deeply grateful for the opportunity to present and participate in the SICET Summer fellowship event at Yantai University this summer. The conference was well run and I was impressed by the generous hospitality of our hosts at Yantai University. Everything from the conference materials, check-in process, conference sessions, and the excursions to Penglai and Yantai were well executed. I enjoyed learning about the wide range of research activities both within China and within my own country (United States) during the conference. It was interesting to learn about the similarities between the way Instructional Technology is researched and practiced in China and my own experiences in the United States. The speakers at both the plenary and break-out sessions were excellent. I appreciated learning about the important research being conducted around the world.

# Comments from Participants

During the Yantai SICET event, I met a number of researchers and colleagues from universities within China as well as others from the United States. It is always a great experience when you can discuss your research interests with your peers, but it is even more enjoyable in such a beautiful setting as Yantai University. During the time of our excursions to Yantai and Penglai, we had gorgeous clear skies that allowed us to absorb the beauty of the Yellow Sea and the striking coast line of the Shangdong Province. The trip to Penglai was excellent and while I did not see the city of the immortals from the temple, the sights and sounds of the trip will haunt my memories for years to come. The combination of fellowship, hospitality, and academic rigor exhibited by the conference has left me excited about next year's SICET fellowship program.

## **Dr. Steve Harmon from Georgia State University:**

It was a great pleasure and a great honor to have participated in the 2008 SICET Summer Fellowship events at Nanning and Guilin. I must admit that I approached the conference with some trepidation, nervous that I would not be able to find the correct words, phrases, and cultural references to convey my ideas to a Chinese audience, a task made more difficult (though also possible) by working through a translator. My concern grew somewhat just prior to my first presentation when the translator informed me that she was as unsure of her ability to translate my ideas as I was to present them initially. Neither of us need have worried. The conference attendees were uniformly as forgiving of my inadequacies as they were able to overcome whatever barriers to translation there may have been. And it is my impression that thanks to our highly capable translators there were few indeed of those. We enjoyed a rich interchange at every session and I came away with the notion that the greatest distance between Chinese and Western educational technologies lay in miles, not minds.

But beyond the formal events of the conferences, I was even more impressed with the generosity and good nature of our hosts. In an unfortunate time of great national tragedy, the SICET community in China set aside its own personal sadness long enough to ensure that our every need was attended and our every hope for a successful trip fulfilled. Time and time again our hosts went far out of their way to make sure we were well cared for and able to get a real feel for their community and society. I hope that when, in the fullness of time, the people of Chengdu have been able to recover somewhat from the earthquake, I will be able to undertake another trip to foster a similar camaraderie with them as we shared with the people of Nanning and Guilin. Thanks to the overwhelming hospitality of our hosts, and the high caliber of scholarship displayed by the faculty and students of the associated institu-



**Dr. Stephen Harmon from Georgia State University**  
discussing with students and faculty members at  
Guangxi, P.R. China

tions, I judge the 2008 SICET Summer Fellowship program to be an enormous success, and I look forward to participating again in the future.

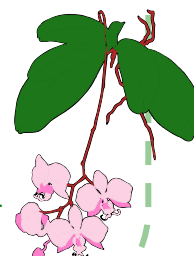
## **Fei Gao from Michigan State University:**

Though I did not get a chance to stay long, I was truly impressed by the quality and diversity of the conference. I was excited to meet scholars from both China and US. During my short stay, I was able to make many new friends who share the same interesting in teaching, learning and technology. I was able to learn about what scholars in China are



currently doing and thinking (I was so ignorant in this aspect), and to think about how to bring the two sides together. Many participants told me the first day of the conference was even better, and I was so regretful that I missed it!

I would like to thank the organizers and the hosts for providing us with such an exciting and rewarding experience! I enjoyed it a lot!



# Comments from Participants

## Dr. Harry Dangel from Georgia State University:

Of course, I was overwhelmed by the welcome and hospitality we were shown by the faculty and students in Guangxi. Their interest in and understanding of our presentations was shown by the many excellent questions and discussions that followed the formal program and even extended to some follow up emails with further inquiries and thanks. The personal exchanges and discussions during the conference, as well as during the meals and visits that followed were most meaningful and memorable. There is nothing more rewarding than working with others who are eager and ready to learn.

It was also surprising and pleasing how well it seemed that our presentations fit together to offer a shared perspective on using educational technology. It was certainly unplanned, but our mutual framework for how the use of technology must be guided by pedagogical principles, the role of students as active learners, and the importance of students constructing knowledge based on their own experiences resulted in complimentary presentations which seemed to engage and inform our audience.

## Dr. Steve Yuen from the University of Southern Mississippi:

It was a great privilege to participate in the 2008 SICET Summer Fellowship Program to China. Like the previous summer trips I went in 2004 and 2006, the 2008 SICET Summer Fellowship event in Guangxi was a great success. I truly enjoyed my visit at Guangxi Institute of Education in Nanning along with the outstanding team members, Drs. Harry Dangel and Stephen Harmon. Also, we made a sur-



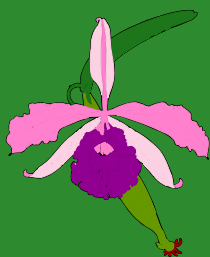
**Dr. Steve Yuen Presenting at Guangxi Institute of Education, Nanning, P.R. China**



**Dr. Harry Dangel from Georgia State University Presenting at Guangxi Institute of Education, Nanning, Guangxi, P.R. China**

prise visit to Guangxi Normal University in Guilin and gave presentations there as well. My trip to Guangxi was a tremendous experience for me personally and professionally. I was particularly impressed with the knowledge as well as the enthusiasm displayed by the students at these universities. Our hosts, Dr. Xinghui Wang at Guangxi Institute of Education and Dr. Gang Luo at Guangxi Normal University were absolutely wonderful. They were kind and generous. I enjoyed the opportunity to share my knowledge and experiences and interact with participants in Guangxi. Furthermore, I had wonderful time in Guilin, a city is hailed by many as being the most beautiful place in China. In an old Chinese saying, "Guilin overshadows all other cities of China for scenery." I got to see many shapely-rising limestone towers and crystal clear water in Guilin which are portrayed in many Chinese paintings.

For the SICET members who have never participated in the SCIET Summer Fellowship Program, I strongly encourage you to participate in the Program next year. The SICET Summer Fellowship Program offers an excellent opportunity for SICET members to present their research in China, learn about the current status and development of educational technology in China, and make friends in China. I look forward to joining other SICET members in the future SICET Summer Fellowship events.



# Lasting Friendship and Great Memories



Dr. Feng-Qi Lai from Indiana State University Presenting at the 2008 International Symposium on Research and Application of Educational Technology in Foreign Language Education at Yantai University



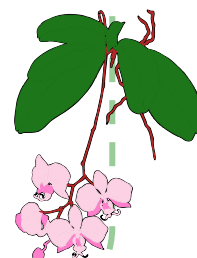
Dr. Xinghui Wang (the first on the left) and his Colleagues at Guangxi Institute of Education, Nanning, Guangxi, P.R. China made our SICET Summer Fellowship Program a great success!



Dr. Hongbo Song (the first on the right), Dean of School of Foreign Languages, worked closely with his colleagues to successfully host SICET 5th Summer Fellowship Program 2008 at Yantai University, Yantai, Shandong, P.R. China



Distinguished Guests at the SICET and Yantai University Conference

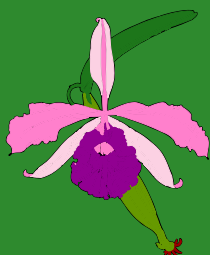


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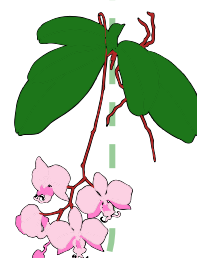


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Some Conference Participants at Yantai University, Yantai, Shandong, P.R. China



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