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Outreaching for Success

— A message from the President of SICET

Dear SICET members,

I wish you all had a very pleasant and excited summer.

With your involvement and support, SICET had a very productive year: our online journal, *IJTTL*, published its first issue of this year in June; the second issue of *JETDE* is published online and the hardcopy will be available at the AECT/SICET annual convention; the fifth SICET Annual Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, USA on Oct. 27-31; the sixth Summer Fellowship Program were successfully hosted by three universities: Hong Kong Institute of Education, Sichuan Normal University in Chengdu, and Southwest University in Chongqing.

15 SICET members submitted 23 proposals for a total of 45 presentations in the sixth SICET Summer Fellowship Program, which created a new record. Finally, six members presented at Hong Kong Institute of Education, six at Sichuan Normal University, and seven at Southwest university. Summer Fellowship Program provided a great opportunity for our members to share their research results and ideas with other experts in the field and to build academic connections among colleagues from different universities in China and the USA.

I would like to take this opportunity 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. Simon So (Hong Kong), Dr. Geping Liu (Chongqing), Dr. Ling Wang, Dr. Juan Yang (Chengdu), and their colleagues for their great job and hospitalities. Without their efforts, these events would not have been as successful.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to our SICET members who were involved in these events and made our SICET Summer a memorable event.

I also would like to take this opportunity to encourage more SICET members to participate in our Summer Fellowship Program and annual convention in 2010. I also would like to encourage you to submit your research manuscripts to our journals.

Best regards,

Shuyan Wang, Ph.D.

President of SICET

The 6th SICET Summer Fellowship Program Events 2009 Participants and Presentations

Dr. Pearl Chen, California State University at L.A.

- Creating Memorable E-Learning Experiences: Theory and Practice of Experience Design

Liangyue Lu, Syracuse University

- Understanding different perspectives: Building a learning community in a graduate online course

Dr. Yuliang Liu, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

- Experiences of Designing and Teaching Online Courses
- Instructional Design and Development for Online Courses
- Online Instructional Strategies

Dr. David Stone, WorldWired, Inc & **Nancy Stone**

- Narratives as Aids to Second Language Acquisition

David E. Stone, Southern Polytechnic State University & **Dr. Charles Xiaoxue Wang**, Georgia State University

- Online Course Development Models in U.S. Universities
- Enabling Faculty Use of Technology – Encouraging Growth and Adoption

Jennifer Styron, University of Southern Mississippi

- Cheating and the Call for Alternative Assessment in Web-Based Instruction
- Student Perceptions of Convenience and Effectiveness of WebCT in Distance Education

Dr. Harrison Yang, University of New York at Oswego

- Using Blogfolios to Enhance Interaction in E-Learning Courses

Dr. Charles Xiaoxue Wang, Georgia State University & **David E. Stone**, Southern Polytechnic State University

- Bridging Two Continents in a Virtual World: Integrate Second Life into an EFL Program

Dr. Ke Zhang, Wayne State University

- The R2D2 Model for Creative Online Learning with Emerging Technology



Participants at Sichuan Normal University

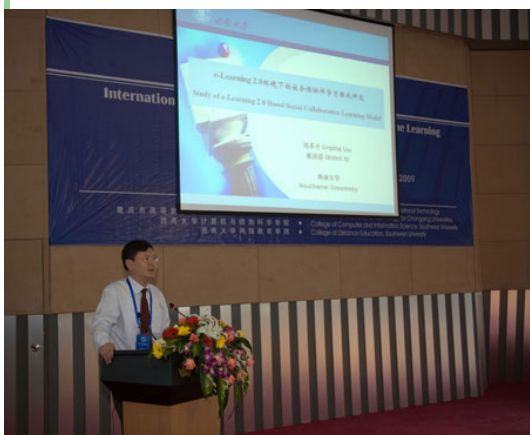


Dr. Ke Zhang is presenting at HKIEd.

Remarks from Host Universities

From Southwest University and Sichuan Normal University

Dr. Geping Liu



The SICET Fellowship Event at Southwest University in Chongqing, China was an International Conference on Development of Online Learning. The Conference lasted from May 20 -23, 2009 and was co-organized by Online Education College of Southwest University, Association of Educational Technology for Chongqing Universities, and SICET.

The Conference participants included over 50 professionals and scholars in the field of educational technology from different universities in Chongqing. In addition, about 60 graduate students at Southwest University also attended the Conference. The Conference presenters both from the USA and from Chongqing presented their research that was highly spoken of by the audience. The presentations at the Conference

Dr. Geping Liu is presenting at Southwest University in Chongqing.

covered a wide range of issues in online learning from course design, technology application, adopting online learning in higher education to its development trends. It was a precious opportunity for professionals and scholars of educational technology in Chongqing and the SICET Fellowship Program participants to learn from each other and to seek future collaboration possibilities both in developing online learning and online learning research. This conference was reported online both at the Southwest University and by Chongqing Higher Education

Research at:

<http://www.eduwest.com/pubhtml/2009-05-27/1243408306415.html>

<http://www.cqhes.cn/gjyw/ShowArticle.asp?ArticleID=331>

From the Hong Kong Institution of Education

Dr. Simon So

It was a great pleasure for the Hong Kong Institute of Education together with Sichuan Normal University and Southwest University to host the 6th Annual Summer Fellowship Program Events of SICET in Hong Kong. The theme for these events in this year was “Educational Technology Research and Development Trends” and we were honored to have a number of high quality presentations in the areas of Social Learning, Virtual Learning Environment, Learning Design, Creative Online Learning, Distance Learning, and e-Cheating.

It was a fruitful and enjoyable exchange among participants and presenters. We built strong friendship among us. We exchanged lovely gifts (especially thanks Jennifer to bring the gifts and certificates prepared by Dr. Shuyan Wang, President of SICET, all the way from the University of Southern Mississippi). We had lunch and dinner together. We visited the Avenue of Stars and watched the magnificent light show along the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade with spectacular harbor views at night. This memorable event was a great success!



Hong Kong Event participants at HKIEd: From left, Dr. Pearl Chen, Ms. Jennifer Styron, Dr. Harrison Yang, Dr. Ke Zhang, Dr. Simon So, and Mr. David Stone.

Comments from Participants

China Trip

Dave Stone

My wife Nancy and I were very honored to be invited to present a paper at Sichuan Normal University and at Southwest University last May. It was a special honor to be able to present with our oldest son, David, the Director of Instructional Technology Services at Southern Polytechnic State University. He is also a Ph.D. candidate at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia, studying with Dr. Charles Xiaoxue Wang.

Nancy teaches children how to speak, read and write English in a public elementary school. Her experiences include a theoretical and practical understanding of how this process can be improved through the use of new technology such as Virtual Reality. My own work focuses on several projects that have employed augmented reality and virtual reality to deliver education and counseling. Our efforts in these areas formed the basis for our presentations and discussions.

We were delighted by the kind and generous university faculty and staff who received us so graciously during our visit. These faculty members have translated technology into a wonderful tool for education for so many, many students. At Sichuan Normal University, we met with the Dean of the College of Computer Science, Dr. Ling Wang and Dr. Juan Yang, a Professor of computer science, who proudly showed us the beautiful new classroom building and library.

The waterfall and river that flowed out of the library beautified and fed the clusters of new buildings and new students growing below.



David and Nancy Stone at Southwest University, Chongqing, China

The water seemed a metaphor for the support, hope, and excitement in the eyes and hearts of these wonderful educators for the future of their cherished students and country. The leap for students working one day in the farm fields to leading the world in cutting edge technology has been born on their backs and is very impressive to observe.

It is our dream to provide improved language learning and cultural understanding between the peoples of China and the United States and the world. We believe that this is a time of special significance since more students from China now attend universities in the United States than from any other country. A hundred years ago, agricultural and domestic science technology was finally shared in the United States by universities to the common farmer.

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It took dedicated individual extension pioneers and professors such as George Washington Carver at Tuskegee, Alabama and Martha Van Rensselaer at Cornell University, New York to literally drive horse drawn wagons of ideas directly to farm households. How awesome to see this done so well in China for all its people. We took a train trip through the Sichuan province, watching the construction and change occurring with lightening speed along its tracks. The beautiful hills and historic rivers of Chongqing first greeted us, but it was the youth and vigor of the staff and professors at Southwest University that opened our eyes to the future of Chinese higher education.

Geping Liu, Ph.D. Associate Dean, Professor College of Online Education spoke of his vision for expanding the highly effective online university. His staff of young professors brimmed with ideas and proudly showed us the new broadcast centers, the university potential, and the wide scope of programs already in place for online learners. We were pleasantly surprised to try part of an online English language reading lesson that included a story about Abraham Lincoln. We smiled to ourselves and thought that if Lincoln had been able to visit this young staff today, he would have felt right at home and been delighted to join in their efforts. All education is an act of hope. All public education is a public act of hope in a bright future for all people in a country.

We deeply appreciated the opportunity to visit China, to meet so many fine scholars and students, to share dinners with them and the excellent cuisine of Sichuan, and to visit the World Heritage Sites. We hope that we will have an opportunity to visit China again sometime soon. More importantly, we hope that the world will finally see the beauty, the excellence, and the bravery that is China through the gift of its modern technology.

Memorable Experience

Dr. Pearl Chen

The topic of my presentation for the *SICET 2009 Summer Fellowship Program - Hong Kong Event* was about creating memorable e-learning experiences. I found the trip imbued with many elements in the four experiential realms as I discussed in my presentation—educational, escapist, esthetic (the spectacular views of Hong Kong), and entertainment—that together made the event so fun, successful, and memorable.

I arrived one day before the event and took the opportunity to explore the city and visit my friends, Dr. Allan Yuen and Dr. Antony Kunnan, at the University of Hong Kong. The next day we had a full-day



Kong Event Participants in HKIED

program at the Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIED), where we had a chance to tour the beautiful campus and meet several colleagues of our host, Dr. Simon So. Despite the small audience turn-out due to summer recess and numerous other events at HKIED, I was very impressed with the presentations made by my fellow participants, Harrison, Dave, Ke, and Jennifer. It was interesting to learn about their research, the work they have done, the projects they are working on, as well as their schools and programs. After the presentations, we all hopped into Simon's car and he took us on a short tour to the Chinese University of Hong Kong campus.

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Comments from Participants

We then headed to the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront promenade to catch the symphony of light show. The night scene was amazing. Just like the Hong Kong's tourism slogan says: There's no place like Hong Kong!

I found the fellowship program a valuable experience for my professional and personal renewal and growth. It provided a great opportunity to make new friends, to share our common experiences in studying and teaching in the U.S., to learn from each other, to collaborate, to provide support to each other, and to learn about higher education in other parts of the world. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our host, Dr. Simon So again for the warm hospitality. I am sure the Hong Kong event has left behind a wonderful memory that will be lingering in all participants' minds for a very long time. I hope to see you all again in the future events.



Hong Kong Event participants are sharing information. From left, Dr. Ke Zhang, Dr. Dr. Harrison Yang, Dr. Pearl Chen, Dr. Simon So.

Mountain View of HKIED



Visit to Southwest University Liangyue Lu



Ms. Liangyue Lu is experiencing the broadcasting studio at Southwest University

I participated in the SICET Summer Fellowship Chongqi Event. During the event, I was impressed by the hospitality of the host university, Southwest China University. I was well taken care of from the moment when I arrived in Chongqi to the moment when I left. I am grateful to Professor Liu Geping and his colleagues for their thoughtful arrangement of the event. I also want to thank Dr. Xiaoxue Wang for his excellent coordination, from which I learned a lot. The friendship that I received from other event participants and the audience is valuable.

Most importantly, the intellectual exchanges in the event enlightened my thinking in the field of distance education. In the presentations and discussions, I observed similar issues and concerns that existed in distance education both in the US and China, such as assessment in distance learning and student participation and interaction in online courses. The tour in the College of Distance Education gave me a chance to see how Southwest University made every effort to provide high quality education to meet learners' diverse learning needs through its distance education system. From the picture, you can see that we visited their broadcasting studio.

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Lectures are recorded or presented live in the studio and then transmitted through Internet or satellite to thousands of learners all over China. *By other's faults, wise men correct their own.* The exchange of ideas and experience in the event provides a platform for us to understand the educational system in both countries and contributes to the development of theories and practices in distance education in both US and China.

The experience of participating in the SICET Summer Event is enjoyable and educational. I would encourage SICET members to participate in the future events.

It's More than An Academic Event

Charles Xiaoxue Wang

I was both an organizer and a participants of SICET Summer Fellowship Program 2009. When I was asked by Dr. Zhan, the Newsletter editor, to share my experiences with SICET members, so many wonderful memories came back and I did not know where to start.

First, I would really want to thank the hosts of our SICET Summer Fellowship Program events at Hong Kong, Chengdu, and Chongqing. Without their help and contributions, these events could never be possible!

Second, the SICET Summer Fellowship Program is a great opportunity to present their research in Chinese Universities and to learn from the colleagues in China. It is also a great opportunity to find your research partners in China.

Last year, at the SICET Summer Fellowship Program Event at Yantai, I met Dr. Hongbo Song, Dean of School of Foreign Languages of Yantai University. During the event, we shared our common research interests and started research collaboration right after the event. The results of our collaborations will be presented at the AECT Convention this year at Louisville, Kentucky.

However, our SICET Summer Fellowship Program is more than an academic event. In addition to academic goals we are trying to accomplish, we enjoy the hospitality and friendship, unforgettable sight-seeing, delicious cuisine, unique and splendid cul-

tural experiences, and more.

This year, I take this opportunity to visit my Alma Mater, Southwest University in Chongqing. This was my first time visit after I graduated from it 27 years ago. How exciting it was for me to present my research with my student at my Alma Mater. Dave and I went to visit my class master, professor Yingchun Yu the first evening when I arrived. We were so excited to see each other after 27 years. Dave has put the picture on his Facebook and named it "Three Generations of Scholars."



Dave Stone, Professor Yu, and Charles Xiaoxue Wang

This SICET Summer Fellowship Program event at Chongqing was well received and the Vice Mayor of Chongqing, Dr. Xiaojun Xie offered a dinner in honor of all the SICET Summer Fellowship Program participant from the USA.



Dr. Xiaojun Xie, Vice Mayor of Chongqing City (in the front middle) with the SICET Summer Fellowship Program participants from the USA.

Memories that Last forever...



On behalf of SICET, Dr. Harrison Yang is presenting a certificate to Dr. Simon So at HKIED event.



Dr. Charles Wang, Mr. David Stone, Dr. David Stone, and Ms. Nancy Stone at Giant Buddha in Leshang, Sichuan.



Ms. Jennifer Styron at Sichuan Normal University in Chengdu



Great hospitalities from the host Universities.





Dr. Yuliang Liu is presenting his research at Sichuan Normal University.



Dr. Joe Lo, Associate Professor, Head of MSST Department, Hong Kong Institute of Education is giving his welcome speech.



Dr. Ling Wang, the Dean of College of Computer Science and Technology at Sichuan Normal University, is delivering a welcome speech.



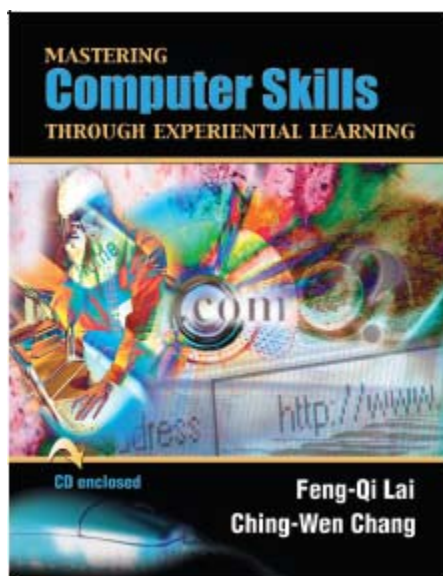
Ms. Nancy Stone is presenting at Sichuan Normal University.



Ms. Nancy Stone is discussing with Dr. Juan Yang from Sichuan Normal University after her presentation



New Books from SICET Members

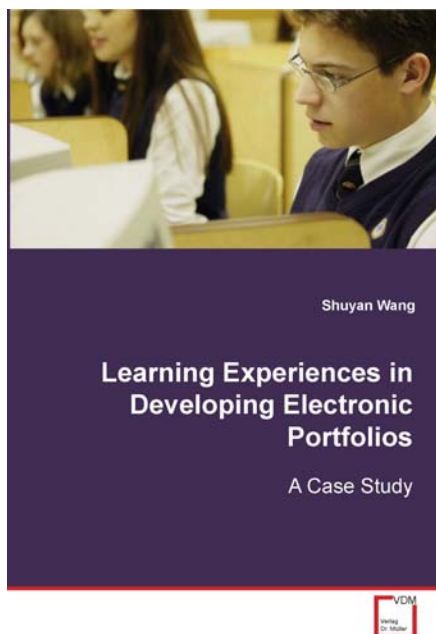


Dr. Fengqi Lai

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SICET Community News Flash

Editor's Message

Dr. Hong Zhan

Dear SICET Members,

From this issue, our SICET newsletter launches a new column for you to share information all about you. You may have always been too busy with your life, work, and study, but please stop to smell roses on the way back home and take a moment to share your thoughts, feelings, happiness, accomplishments, and even hardships with SICET members, who al-

ways care, support, and love you.

Happiness will never be decreased by sharing; hardships will be softened by seeking compassion and support from others. Joy shared is joy increased. Pain shared is pain lessened. There is always someone who can benefit from experience, idea, and knowledge you are willing to share. Your way of life may be an enlightenment to those who are seeking a way out, and your accomplishments may inspire others to achieve

what they do not think they can.

I would like to thank Yuxin Ma, Fengqi Lai, Shuyan Wang, and Guoliang Cui for sharing great news about their lives, study, and research in this issue, and I look forward to hearing more news from all of you in the future.



Dr. Yuxin Ma in University of Louisiana at Lafayette has become mother of two lovely girls. Her second girl Molly was born on December 13, 2008.

Congratulations, Yuxin! Enjoy the blessing experience of being a mother!

Greetings from Mr. Guoqiang Cui

It would always be enjoyable to share my information with others, letting them know about me and getting to know more people in our field. I graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi on December, 2008 with a master's degree in Instructional Technology. This is my first year study in U.S. I reaped a lot in this first year and I am especially grateful to my advisor, Dr.

Shuyan Wang who helped and supported me a lot whenever I met with difficulties. I came back to China on February, 2009 and taught in Yantai University for another semester. I stepped into another new stage of my life during this semester. I got married on May, 16. Though we did not have much time to prepare for the wedding, it turned out a great one with a lot of relatives' and friends' presence. I went back to U.S. in August, studying for

doctoral degree in Virginia Tech and I hope to graduate in three or four years.

Cheers!



SICET New Board Members

Thanks to the continuing support from all SICET members, the election for the 2009-2010 term board members has successfully completed. Five new members are elected and will be appointed at SICET 2009 conference in Louisville, Kentucky late this month. Please join me in congratulating the new board members.



From left on the top:
Mr. Guoqiang Cui, doctoral student at Virginia Tech
Dr. Juhong Liu, James Madison University (JMU)
Dr. Youmei Lou, University of Houston
Dr. Tina Wu, Central Connecticut State University
Dr. Dazhi Yang, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

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