

## **The Sixth SICET Annual International Convention**

Oct. 26-30, 2010 Anaheim, California

The Sixth SICET Annual International Convention was successfully held as part of 2010 AECT International Convention “Cyber Change: Learning in Our Connected World”, on October 26-30, 2010 in Hyatt Regency Orange County, Anaheim, California. At its annual convention, SICET sponsors three keynote speeches, two general sessions, and twelve concurrent presentations. About twenty Chinese scholars from US, China, and Taiwan took part in the SICET Lunch/Outing on Thursday.

The three keynote speakers are: Dr Simon So, a faculty member in Information Technology at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, Dr. Geping Liu, Professor and Associate Dean at Southwest University, China and Dr. Xibin Han, the Associate Dean of Institute of Education at Tsinghua University. In their keynote speeches, Dr. So presented on the pedagogical and technological considerations of mobile learning; Dr. Han, analyzed the isolated operation of learning management systems in Chinese universities and proposed a comprehensive plan of integrating pedagogical model and software architecture in E-learning environments; Dr. Liu, via Skype introduced the E-learning in higher education in China.

The concurrent presentations include various topics related to technology integration, online learning, media-based and mobile learning, Web 2.0 and Second Life. The international touch of SICET is reflected in presentations that explore and research on the use of emerging technologies such as cross-cultural online learning and Second Life in learning English as a Second Language.

The general session reported the progress achieved last year, discussed the plan for next year and presented the “Best Presentation Award” and “Best Student Presenter Award”. In addition, the session was concluded with recognitions to the excellent services to SICET officers by Dr. Shuyan Wang. On behalf of SICET, Dr. Tina Wu also presented the Appreciation to Dr. Shuyan Wang for her excellent leadership in the past as SICET president and to Dr. Xiaoxue Wang for his excellent service as Director of Research and Public Relations. During the board meeting, the past president, Dr. Shuyan Wang, introduced SICET traditions including board member’s commitment and responsibilities for SICET. The new president, Dr. Tina Wu, appointed new board members and officers and led the discussion on various topics regarding the future plan.

To share our excitement at the convention, view the photo gallery ([Here](#)).

The presentation topics and abstracts are listed below for your interests.

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Keynote Presentations

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM North Tower - 2nd Floor, Salon VI

Dr. Simon So: “Pedagogical & Technological Considerations of Mobile Learning”  
([Click here to view Conference Flyer in PDF](#))

Dr. Xibin Han: "Research and Practice of Integrated E-learning Environments in Universities"  
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Dr. Geping Liu: "E-Learning in Higher Education in China: Current Practice & Future Trends"  
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Concurrent Presentations - Session One: Online Learning  
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM North Tower - 2nd Floor, Salon VI

*Just-in-Time Interactions: Effective Tools for eLearning Success*  
Presenter: Tina Wu, Central Connecticut State University

*Promoting problem solving in online collaborative learning: A mixed-method study in Taiwan*  
Presenters: Ke Zhang, Wayne State University; Jui-Long Hung, Boise State University; Fei Gao, Ohio University

Concurrent Presentations - Session Two: Technology Integration  
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM North Tower - 2nd Floor, Salon VI

*Students' Understanding of Technology and its Integration*  
Presenter: Shuyan Wang, University of Southern Mississippi

*The Effectiveness of computer-based multimedia instruction in Chinese character recognition*  
Presenters: Hui-Ya Chuang, University of Northern Colorado; Heng-Yu Ku, University of Northern Colorado

Thursday, October 28, 2010

Concurrent Presentations - Session Three: Technology Integration  
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM North Tower - 2nd Floor, Salon VI

*Technology Integration in Chinese Higher Education*  
Presenters: Shuyan Wang, University of Southern Miss; Ying Chen, Beijing JiaoTong University

*Wikis versus Blogs as a Reflection Tool in College Teaching*  
Presenter: Chun-Min (Arthur) Wang, National Hsinchu U. of Ed.

Concurrent Presentations - Session Four: Online Learning  
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM North Tower - 2nd Floor, Salon VI

*Informal Adult Online Learning: More Than Technical Savvy*  
Presenter: Meng-Fen (Grace) Lin, University of Hawaii

*The Diffusion of Horizon Wimba into Online Courses*  
Presenters: Jennifer Lynn Styron, The University of Southern Mississippi; Ronald A. Styron, The University of Southern Mississippi; Rongfei (Terence) Geng, The University of Southern

*Comparative Study of Virtual University in Developed and Developing Countries*

Presenter: Xiaojun Chen, Purdue University

Concurrent Presentations - Session Five: Web 2.0 and Second Life

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM North Tower - 2nd Floor, Salon VI

*An Investigation of Web 2.0 and Interaction*

Presenters: Yu-ching Chen, Chinese Culture University; Zhigang Li, University of Central Florida

*Effects of an EFL Program in Second Life*

Presenters: Xiaoxue Wang, Florida Gulf Coast University; Hongbo Song, Yantai University; Xiaoning Guo, Linyi Normal University; jingxia Liu, Linyi Normal University; Qi Wang, Georgia State University; Christy Hunt, Georgia State University

*Cyber-collaborative Model to Promote Teaching and Learning Mandarin Chinese in Second Life*

Presenters: Hong Zhan, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ; Hsiu-Jen Cheng, Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan; Andy Tsai, Institute for Information Industry

General Sessions

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM North Tower - 2nd Floor, Salon VI

Board Meetings

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM North Tower - 2nd Floor, Laguna Suite

Tina Wu, Convention Chair

Juhong Liu, Convention Planner