

SPECIAL POINTS:

- Dr. Steve Yuen re-elected as SICET President
- SICET Online Journal Calls for Papers & Reviewers
- The First SICET Annual Conference at Orlando, Nov. 2005
- Pearls of Experience of 2004 Summer Lecture Trip to China

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SICET Newsletter

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President's Message

It was a great honor to be re-elected by the board to serve as your President. I am honored to represent SICET and very proud to serve you again. Thank you very much for your trust and continuous support, I will do my very best to serve the SICET for the next 12 months.



Dr. Steve Chi-Yin Yuen
The University of Southern Mississippi

We have replaced a board member who was unable to serve for the remaining term due to personal reasons. In addition, we added two new board members and one new student board member with a total of ten board members serving the association starting November, 2004. Also, the board elected the 2004-2005 SICET officers last month. Our strong and dedicated team is committed to provide excellent services to SICET members. Although SICET is very young, the board has been working very hard for you and has planned for numerous activities. In less than one and half years, SICET have had many accomplishments:

- 1 SICET is officially established and registered in Georgia.
- 2 SICET lead a successful Summer Lecture Trip to China last summer.
- 3 We are one of the sponsors of the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences (ACPSS) conference in Washington DC this year and the Global Chinese Conference on Computers in Education (GCCCE) 2005 conference in Hawaii.
- 4 SICET is launching a new online academic journal *International Journal of Technology in Teaching and Learning (IJTTL)*.
- 5 SICET was recently approved as an AECT affiliate.
- 6 SICET will offer a panel session "Writing for International Journal of Technology in Teaching and Learning" and a poster session "Build up the Bridge: Summer Lecture Trip and Fellowships in China" at the 2005 SITE conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

As you can see, the future of SICET is most promising and exciting. As we plan our association activities (journal, conference, summer fellowship, etc.), we need your support and participation in SICET. Please join us and become a SICET member. If you are already a member, we thank you for your continued support and urge you to renew your membership in January 2005. We need your involvement and support!

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a rewarding New Year.

Steve Yuen, President, SICET

[\(Read accomplishments in detail\)](#)

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2004 Online Board Meeting

SICET President, Dr. Steve Yuen, called an online board meeting on November 24th, 2004 right after the completion of the elections of board officers and members of 2004-2005. All the board members participated in the discussion of the following eleven business items proposed by Dr. Yuen.

Old Business Issues

1. ACET
2. Online Journal
3. Panel Session and Posters at 2005 SITE Conference in Phoenix, AZ

New Business Issues:

1. Non-profit Status for SICET
2. 2005 Annual Conference
3. Dual Membership with AECT
4. Membership Database
5. 2005 Summer Lecture Trip
6. SICET Web Site
7. SICET Newsletter
8. SICET Brochure

On December 1st, Dr. Yuen concluded the board meeting. With input and suggestions from board members, Dr. Yuen finalized the following decisions:

- **Online Journal**

Dr. Leping Liu, Editor-in-chief has done an outstanding job for preparing the call for papers, call for reviewers, manuscript evaluation form, and the structure of the editorial board. Board members will review the materials and provide the comments and suggestions before December 6th in order for Dr. Liu sending out the Call for Papers and Call for Reviewers before the end of the year.

- **Non-Profit Status for SICET**

Most board members have supported for applying 503c tax exempt status, which will help SICET obtain donations and outside funding. Dr. Yuen made a motion to have Dr. Ouyang to start the 503c tax exempt process.

- **2005 Annual Conference**

Dr. FengQi Lai and conference planning committee will take the suggestions and comments from board members to start the conference planning. Dr. Lai will contact AECT and coordinate the conference

planning. The board will be notified by Dr. Lai and the committee for comments and approval when the conference proposal is ready.

- **Dual Membership with AECT**

Some board members agree that dual membership is a good idea. Dr. Yuen will negotiate with ACET for dual membership benefit.

- **Membership Database**

Most of the board members agree that online membership database is important and will help facilitate membership management. Membership renewal will be sent out at least before/after the membership expiration. Acknowledgement of receiving membership fees as well as membership card should be sent to members who pay their membership dues. Dr. Lih-Ching Wang and Dr. Guoli Liang will work together with Dr. Tianguang Gao to develop the online membership database.

- **2005 Summer Lecture Trip**

Most members agree Summer Lecture Trip should become an annual event. Dr. Ouyang will be in charge of this task and start planning. The trip program and selection of participants should be finalized before mid March. Dr. Yuen made a motion of changing "Summer Lecture Trip" to "Summer Fellowship," which has been approved by board members.

- **SICET Web Site**

Many suggestions have been provided for re-designing SICET web site. Dr. Lih-Ching Wang is working hard for this task. Other board members will provide help if needed.

- **SICET Newsletter**

Most of the board members agree that the next issue of SICET newsletter should come out before the end of the year. Dr. FengQi Lai will forward collected information to Dr. Youmei Liu for the newsletter.

- **SICET Brochure**

The SICET brochure will be redesigned to promote SICET and recruit members. Dr. Youmei Liu will get help from board members to redesign the brochure.

IJTTL — International Journal of Technology in Teaching and Learning

About IJTTL

The International Journal of Technology in Teaching and Learning (IJTTL) is a referred international Semi-annually online journal sponsored by the Society of International Chinese in Educational Technology (SICET). It publishes original materials concerned with the theoretical underpinnings, successful application, and potential for advancing technology integration in a global range at all education levels. Dr. Leping Liu is the editor-in-chief of IJTTL. Dr. Liu has contributed greatly to the founding and progress of IJTTL. With her hard work, IJTTL is in the process of calling for papers and reviewers for the inauguration issue in June, 2005.

Mission of IJTTL

The primary mission of the IJTTL is to explore multiple perspectives of technology integration and promote research, positions, and practices that advance the application of technology for teaching, learning and training.

Call for Papers

The inauguration issue will be published at the SICET Website ijttl.sicet.org in June, 2005. IJTTL is issuing a call for paper and inviting manuscripts under the main scope of integrating technology into teaching and learning on all related topics.

SUGGESTED TOPICS

- There are over 10 suggested topics for the manuscripts. Visit ijttl.sicet.org web site to see all the topics.

TYPE OF PAPERS

- **Research paper**
 - * Quantitative research
 - * Qualitative research
- **Practice-based paper**
 - * Technology integration experiences (Theoretical background is required)
- **Position paper**
 - New ideas, concepts (literature/theory support is required)

([Read detail submission information](#))

Call for Reviewers

IJTTL is issuing a call for reviewers and inviting scholars who are willing to serve on the editorial board of IJTTL. We invite reviewers who have had experiences of writing, publishing, or editing articles within the main scope of integrating technology into teaching and learning on the topics listed on ijttl.sicet.org web site. The potential reviewer's experiences need to cover at least five of the topics.

Reviewers are also expected to review two types of the following manuscripts:

- **Research paper**
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 - * Qualitative research
- **Practice-based paper**
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([View topics and IJTTL Reviewer Data Form](#))

SICET — An AECT Affiliate



Association of Educational Communications and Technology

Founded 1923, AECT is the world's largest publisher of information concerning a wide range of instructional technology. It is a professional association of thousands of educators and others whose activities are directed towards improving instruction through technology. It provides an international forum for the exchange and dissemination of ideas for the improvement of instruction.

With great effort from our President, Dr. Steve Yuen, SICET has become an AECT Affiliate, which is very important for the future development of SICET. As Dr. Yuen stated that "This begins our new partnership with AECT. We are now able to work with AECT on strengthening academic international connections, exchanges, researches and studies in educational technology for teaching and learning, and promoting the application of educational technology in Chinese education."

AECT will help us to host the first SICET Annual Conference. "As an AECT affiliate, we can work with AECT for offering concurrent sessions, roundtable and poster slots at the AECT annual conference. We are able to offer conference sessions to our members as well as AECT members. Also, AECT will gain the participation from our members who come from many different countries to attend the AECT conference and become AECT members. Furthermore, we will be able to work together in the future on many projects and activities in addition to the annual international conference" (Yuen).

SICET 2005 Conference

Dr. Feng-Qi Lai, Chair of SICET 2005 Conference, is working together with conference planning committee on the 1st SICET Annual Conference. With the help of AECT, SICET 2005 Conference will be held at Orlando, Florida, USA between October 18 to 22, 2005. SICET is inviting proposals to the conference. The detailed information on submitting proposal can be found on the web site of conference.sicet.org.

SICET will offer a panel session "Writing for International Journal of Technology in Teaching and Learning" and a poster session "Build up the Bridge: Summer Lecture Trip and Fellowships in China" at the conference.

For online journal session, four panelists, Dr. Leping Liu, editor-in-chief of IJTTL, Dr. Steve Yuen, Dr. Feng-Qi Lai and Dr. Guoli Liang will give an overview and discuss the mission and the scope of IJTTL. In addition, the panel will discuss (a) current trends and contemporary topics, (b) inviting reviewers, (c) call for submissions, (d) guidelines and tips for preparing manuscripts for IJTTL, (e) peer-review procedure, (f) special issues, (g) advantages and drawbacks of electronic publishing, etc.

Four scholars from US visited and presented at three universities in China in summer 2004. The purposes of the summer lecture trip were to: (a) establish a positive image of SICET to Chinese communities, (b) exchange thoughts and viewpoints with educational technology scholars in China, and (c) build collaborations between universities in the US and China. Five panelists consisting of the past participants, an official from a host university, and the SICET board members give an overview and discuss the mission of summer SICET lecture trip. The panel will also discuss: (a) scholarly exchange and fellowships, (b) inviting U.S. scholars, (c) call for proposals, (d) information and tips for preparing summer lecture trip in China, (e) arrangement by host institutions, (f) sightseeing opportunities, etc.

2004 Summer Lecture Trip to China

Pearls of Experience from ...

Steve Yuen:

"I truly enjoyed my visits at all three universities in China. My visit to these universities was a tremendous experience for me personally and professionally. I gained a wealth of knowledge regarding the technology implementation in education in China. I appreciated the arrangement which allowed us to share our knowledge and experiences and also had opportunities to discuss some critical issues facing the integration of technology in education in both China and US.

Personally, I am truly touched by the generosity of spirit and the kindness from Jihua and Geping. They are wonderful hosts. I email both of them after my arrival in Hong Kong and expressed my sincere and respectful thanks for their friendship, their trust, and their support to SICET. Indeed, SICET is fortunate to have these two gentlemen to be our regional director and associate director."



Grace Lin:

"If I have to use one word to describe my China experience, it would be "fantastic"...three universities, three different flavors. The audiences were very different, ranging from undergraduate students, graduate students, to university faculty. However, I

overall, people wanted to know "how". It is my conclusion that people are more interested in what we do, how we do it, what our problems are, and how we deal with those problems. I already have a topic in mind for next year! If things work out, I have every intention to visit China again next summer. [\(Read full text\)](#)

Lih-Ching Wang:

I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge the power of this visit to affect my own personal life. I am of Chinese heritage, and in earlier years of my life had often dreamed of visiting cultural and historical treasures such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Yangtze River. They appeared in the textbooks of my childhood and undoubtedly entered my thoughts as archetypes; the opportunity to visit them in person and appreciate their historical magnitude was truly powerful.



My role in this tour was to speak about technology integration and e-Learning in schools. In appreciation, my own university (Cleveland State University) was fortunate to be able to invite both Professors Geping Liu and Guoli Liang for a successful e-Learning collaboration event between CSU and Southwest Normal University, from October 27-30, 2004. Based on the wonderful feedback from their visit, both institutions are continuing to work hard to implement an ongoing collaboration between our institutions. Without SICET, none of this would have happened; I am most grateful to SICET for making possible the lecture tour which served as the genesis for these activities, and I am pleased to be able to further SICET's mission through this project. Based on my own wonderful experience, I would strongly encourage others interested in participating in SICET's summer fellowship program to do so at the first opportunity. [\(Read full text\)](#)

President's Message — Accomplishments

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- SICET is officially established and registered in Georgia. We are now in the process of applying 503c tax exempt status for our association. With 503c non-profit status, SICET will pursue outside funding and seek sponsors for conferences and academic activities. Contributions to SICET will then be tax deductible.
- SICET lead a successful Summer Lecture Trip to China last summer. Lead by the Summer Lecture Trip coordinator, Dr. Guoli Liang, a total of 4 members (Gouli Liang, Grace Lin, Lih-Ching Chen Wang, and Steve Yuen) participated in the trip. The summer trip was well planned with outstanding support and warm hospitalities provided from Dr. Song Jihua at Beijing Normal University and Mr. Liu Geping at Southwest Normal University. The SICET team visited three universities in May and early June of 2004: Beijing Normal University, Southwest Normal University, and Beijing Culture and Language University. Each of the visiting team members made a three-hour presentation at each institution and had the opportunity to interact with faculty and students. Furthermore, the SICET team toured many beautiful places in China with the sponsorship of Mr. Liu and Dr. Song. Overall, our first summer lecture trip was a great success and feedback was very positive. We shared our knowledge and experiences and also discussed some critical issues facing the integration of technology in education both in China and US. Most importantly, our association was able to establish contacts for future collaborations in China.
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- SICET was recently approved as an AECT affiliate. As an AECT affiliate, we have the opportunity to work with AECT on projects and activities. Also, we are working with AECT to host our 1st annual conference at the AECT conference. The 2005 AECT International Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida and we have scheduled a full day of sessions on October 21 (Friday). Please mark the date and plan to present and/or attend our first annual conference. The 2005 AECT/SICET Conference Chair, Dr. Feng-Qi Lai, will send out the Call for Proposals and conference flyer very soon.
- We recently negotiated with AECT for dual membership and received an incredible deal for our members. If you are a SICET member and want to join AECT, you will enjoy all membership benefits from AECT.
- SICET will offer a panel session "Writing for International Journal of Technology in Teaching and Learning" and a poster session "Build up the Bridge: Summer Lecture Trip and Fellowships in China" at the 2005 SITE conference in Phoenix, Arizona. A dinner party is also planned on March 3 (Thursday) immediately after the poster session. Please plan and join us in these activities at the SITE conference.

2004 Summer Lecture Trip to China -- Grace Lin

A Fantastic Experience

After returning from China, several SICET student members contacted me and asked about my experience. Their questions echoed my initial fears: Will people look down on me because I am only a student? Will they ask tough questions I cannot answer? How do I prepare for the presentation? Do I qualify for the next fellowship? Fear no more. As long as you are fully prepared before leaving for China, just relax and enjoy the hospitality once you are in this beautiful motherland. The key is to be fully prepared if you are a novice presenter like me.



In preparing for the lectures, I spent hours researching for materials, composing the presentation, and rehearsing it with my colleagues. This process along was helpful in my personal and professional growth. As a graduate student, this lecture experience helped push my presentation skills into the next plateau and increase my confidence in public speaking.

If I have to use one word to describe my China experience, it would be “fantastic”...three universities, three different flavors. The audiences were diverse, ranging from undergraduate students, graduate students, to university faculty. Nevertheless, generally speaking people wanted to know “how”. It is my impression that people are more interested in what we do, how we do it, what our problems are, and how we deal with those problems. I believe the host universities have benefited from our visit as much as we have benefited from this experience. I think the lecture team would not be representative of the nurturing spirit of SICET without a student member. Graduate students, start thinking about an interesting topic and be ready to join the next lecture series!



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2004 Summer Lecture Trip to China -- Lih-Ching Wang

Pearls of Experience ...

For 16 days in May and June 2004, it was my great pleasure to visit China on a SICET's summer lecture trip. I would like to express my profound gratitude and appreciation to our Chinese hosts and to SICET, who together made possible a truly extraordinary trip which will have a lasting effect on both my professional and my personal life. Prior to our departure, Professor Guoli Liang spent a great deal of time coordinating arrangements from the U.S., and upon our arrival Professors Jihua Song and Geping Liu worked very hard to make us welcome; we received royal treatment from them, their colleagues and their students in China, and I was humbled by the level of consideration and respect I received.

While I had worked very hard to prepare my lecture material before the trip, it was really because of our hosts, and their colleagues and students, that this lecture tour was successful; their interest, their questions, and their contributions to discussions were truly the heart of the experience for all of the participants. My interactions with our Chinese counterparts were the source of some of the most important insights which I was able to bring home with me; I was impressed and enlightened by understandings gained during this trip, and they will continue to affect my professional thinking throughout my career.



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