

## Secretary's Report, June 2023

Typically, the Secretary Report would bring the members up to date on two-years of ISATT activities since the previous conference.....however given the COVID-impacted years we have all just lived through, this report might seem somewhat 'out of step'. It is four years since we all gathered in Sibiu, Romania in July 2019. Today we are looking ahead to come together once again for the 20<sup>th</sup> biennial ISATT conference *ISATT 2023: Living and Leading in the Next Era: Connecting Teaching, Research, Citizenship and Equity* to be hosted by the University of Bari Aldo Moro Bari, Italy, July 3-7, 2023.

To date the ISATT 2023 scientific committee has accepted presentations from 166 individual/co-authored presentations, 18 poster presentations, and four symposia involving multiple conference delegates. Exceptionally, on this our 20<sup>th</sup> biennial conference and in celebration of the launch of the 40<sup>th</sup> ISATT Yearbook, there are 12 additional Symposia where authors of the various sections of the 40<sup>th</sup> ISATT Yearbook will present their work. The launch of the 40<sup>th</sup> ISATT Yearbook, published by Emerald in four excellent volumes will be celebrated at the conference.

In addition to the main conference, the Bari Conference Team has organized a pre-conference for graduate students commencing mid-day on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. A series of workshops lead by leading scholars and researchers in teaching and teacher education will provide a generative space for doctoral students to share their own research in progress and engage with peers and experienced researchers.

As of the end of May there were over 160 delegates registered to attend ISATT although at that time we were aware of many who were about to register. We are very much looking forward to connecting in person with all the ISATT members who can attend.

While we are all looking forward to connecting in Bari in early July, I wish to congratulate Magdalena Kohout-Diaz and Marie-Christine Deyrich for their excellent organisation and warm welcome to members in October 2022 to the ISATT Regional Conference in Bordeaux, France. This was the first time ISATT has gathered in France, and it was a huge success with an inclusive and dynamic series of presentations from experienced scholars and new ISATT members. It was a welcomed treat for us all after the social isolation of 2020 and 2021.

The ISATT Executive is saying thanks and farewell to members who have served in important ways over recent years and welcome to their replacements.

- **Juanjo Mena, Salamanca University, Spain**, has done great work as ISATT Treasurer over the past six years which is not a simple role given ISATT's international membership. Juanjo always brings a deeply thoughtful and compassionate lens to his work in the service of ISATT members and we are very grateful for his caring insights and steady guidance – essential when dealing with finances across an international membership. Juanjo is hoping now to enjoy being a supportive and active ISATT member, without the added responsibilities of managing ISATT finances.
- **Özge Hacifazlioglu, Turkey**, has been an enthusiastic ISATT Outreach Coordinator, and we thank her sincerely for her commitment and contributions to the ISATT Executive committee and her energy and commitment to connecting with new members.

- **Martha Prata-Linhares, Brazil**, has served as a *Member at Large* on the ISATT Executive Committee over recent years. Martha has brought perspectives from South America to our committee and has made a real contribution to the ISATT community.
- **Diane Yendol-Hoppey, USA**, has served as a *Member at Large* on the ISATT Executive Committee over recent years. We are most grateful for her support and contributions to the community.
- **Elke Struyf, University of Antwerp** has served as a *Member at Large* on the ISATT Executive over recent years and also was chair of the graduate students sub-committee. We are most appreciative of Elke's contributions to ISATT and look forward to her continuing as an active member of the ISATT community.

Other members of the executive have indicated their willingness to continue in their roles for a further term including: Prof. Cheryl Craig, USA, Chair of ISATT; Prof. Ruth Kane, Canada, Secretary of ISATT; Dr. Stavroula Kaldi, Greece (who will take on leadership of the graduate Student sub-Committee); Prof. Philip Riley, Australia (Newsletter Editor); and, Dr. Tara Ratnam, India (National Reps/ coordinator). We are grateful for the continuity that these executive members will contribute as we leverage the post-pandemic momentum that was initiated with the regional conference in Bordeaux in October 2022 and will most certainly to be amplified with our upcoming ISATT 2023 in beautiful Bari.

Welcome to incoming ISATT Executive Committee members:

- Nasreen Majid, University College London, UK is our incoming *ISATT Treasurer*. Stefinee Pinnegar, Brigham Young University, Utah, USA, is our incoming *ISATT Member at Large*.
- Stavroula Kaldi, University of Thessaly, Greece a current member of the ISATT Executive Committee will take over as *chair of the graduate students sub-committee*.

We offer congratulations to Nasreen, Stefinee and Stavroula and sincere thanks for their willingness to serve our community in these important roles. We are currently facilitating a vote for the new Outreach Coordinator having received two excellent nominations:

- Paul Magnuson, Leysin American School, Switzerland.
- Luiz Sanchez Neto, Federal University of Ceará, Brazil.

Check out their bios and short statements of intent on the ISATT website and indicate your vote.

Given the affiliations of the current and incoming members of the ISATT Executive Committee it is evident that there are many different jurisdictions represented from across our diverse international community.

The membership of ISATT has been impacted by the past years of the COVID-19 pandemic which has severely impacted (and continues to do so) some members capacity to fund memberships of professional associations. We have experienced a drop in membership from 202 in 2019 to 178 in 2023. We call on all members to encourage graduate students and colleagues to consider joining our supportive and unique international community.

At ISATT 2023 in Bari we will announce the location for the ISATT 2025 Conference. We received one outstanding bid for the 2025 conference and are very excited by what has been proposed. We will also activate calls for the 2024 Regional Conference.

I would like to conclude my report with my personal and heartfelt thanks to my fellow “small executive” members. Daniela Hotolean’s work as ISATT Administrator on behalf of ISATT is above and beyond. She keeps the committee members on task and is the ‘face’ of ISATT for our members. She is tireless in her advocacy and action on behalf of members. Juanjo Mena has served as treasurer through the challenging years of the pandemic with a calm and an ethic of care that provides so much reassurance as we navigate our ISATT business. Cheryl Craig, ISATT Chair is a force to behold. Over the past two years Cheryl has led the development, refinement, editing and publication of the 40<sup>th</sup> ISATT Yearbook with never wavering enthusiasm and a strong commitment to inclusion. She brings attention to the smallest detail, ensures graduate students and retired researchers are treated with equivalent dignity and respect and has seemingly endless energy. To work alongside of Cheryl is a unique learning journey that I am privileged to experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed working closely with these amazing colleagues and look forward to catching up in person in Bari and thereafter working towards ISATT 2025 and beyond!

I very much look forward to reconnecting with you all in person in Bari, July 2023.

*Ruth Kane, Secretary ISATT*