



# Newsletter

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## Editorial

Everytime nature strikes the world with floodings, earthquakes, tsunami's and volcano eruptions, I immediately think of my IARTEM friends living in these areas. How are they doing? I then regularly contact them to be sure nature did not harm them. IARTEM has its members and connections all over the world. Being part of such an organization fulfils me with grace and inspires me to continue my efforts in establishing (research) connections between people. In the hope to contribute to a better understanding of each other.

Therefore I really look forward to meet many of you in Kaunas, by the end of September. Natalija Mazeikiene and her staff have done a wonderful job in organizing the 11<sup>th</sup> IARTEM Conference. We again have lots of papers to be presented and delegates from all the five continents, coming from countries like Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Ghana, Japan, Russia, South Africa, South Korea.

In this Newsletter: a success for Mike Horsley: the *IARTEM eJournal* is to be listed on the Open Access Journals Database (DOAJ) and its papers will be entered into the database. A further step in the development of IARTEM!

Hope to see you soon in Kaunas, Lithuania.

*(Arno Reints)*

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# NEWS FROM IARTEM

## News from the Board

### Santiago Volume finished

The Santiago Conference Volume has been completed. The editors, Jesús Rodríguez Rodríguez, Susanne V. Knudsen and Mike Horsley, have done a great job in editing all the papers. A special thank to Mike for editing the English language and Jesús to take care of a beautiful e-book. Both e-book and paper-book have been published on IARTEM's website, so: have a look!

A small number of printed copies will also be made through the University of Santiago. These will be available at the Kaunas Conference.

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### The e-journal is speeding up!

The IARTEM *eJournal* continues to go from strength to strength. The IARTEM *eJournal* is a peer reviewed journal with a distinguished international editorial board. It is managed by IARTEM and is dedicated to research on textbooks, teaching and learning materials and educational media.

Approximately six months ago Mike Horsley applied on IARTEM's behalf for the *IARTEM eJournal* to be listed on the American Educational Research Association (AERA) list of open access journals. The aim in having it listed was to increase its visibility and profile in the international research community. In response to this request the AERA has forwarded the request to the European Consortium that manages the Open Access Journal Database (DOAJ). As a result of this the *IARTEM eJournal* is to be listed on the DOAJ and its papers will be entered into the database. The Open Access journal requirement is that papers be freely accessible, and that authors are not paid for contribution.

There is also running a request to Scopus to enter the *IARTEM eJournal* on the Scopus data base.

The *eJournal* is published twice a year in July and December.

Volume 3 No 2 of the *IARTEM e-Journal* has been published in December 2010 ([Editorial Vol3 No2](#)), with the following articles:

Danielsson, Kristina (2010). Learning Chemistry: Text use and text talk in a Finland-Swedish chemistry classroom. IARTEM e-Journal 3 (2) 1 - 28 ([Abstract](#)) ([Article](#))

Rønningen, Anders (2010). Pictures from Ethnia: Peepholes into otherness: A brief analysis of pictures used in Norwegian music textbooks for the 8th grade. IARTEM e-Journal 3 (2) 29 - 42 ([Abstract](#)) ([Article](#))

Horsley, Mike, Knight, Bruce & Huntly, Helen (2010). The role of textbooks and other teaching and learning resources in higher education in Australia: change and continuity in supporting learning. IARTEM e-Journal 3 (2) 43 - 61 ([Abstract](#)) ([Article](#))

Askeland, Norunn & Aamotsbakken, Bente (2010). Understandings and misunderstandings of metaphor and images in science textbooks among minority pupils in Norwegian primary schools. IARTEM e-Journal 3 (2) 62 - 80 ([Abstract](#)) ([Article](#))

Bauer, Kathy (2010). Textbooks and teaching and learning materials: A case study from the Early Childhood classroom. IARTEM e-Journal 3 (2) 81 - 96 ([Abstract](#)) ([Article](#))

Issue Volume 4 Number 1 will be published on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2011, an Volume 4 number 2 will be published on December 30<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Please send any potential papers to [m.horsley@cqu.edu.au](mailto:m.horsley@cqu.edu.au).

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### **Membership policy reconsidered**

The Board is preparing a proposal for the General Assembly to reconsider its membership policy. The current linkage of the membership to attending a conference makes the membership very vulnerable and does insufficiently contribute to a continuous relationship between members and organization. The proposal among others states a disconnection between attending a conference and membership, and to offer members several priority rights. The proposal will be discussed at the General Assembly at the Conference in Kaunas.

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### **Dates of IARTEM-conferences and board meetings**

27 September 2011:	Board meeting in Kaunas, Lithuania
28 - 30 September 2011:	11th IARTEM-Conference in Kaunas, Lithuania
30 September 2011:	Board meeting in Kaunas, Lithuania

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## **IARTEM-Conferences**

### **28-30 September 2011: 11<sup>th</sup> IARTEM Conference in Lithuania**

IARTEM will hold its eleventh annual conference at Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, from 28 to 30 September 2011.

Deadlines for registration and submitting abstracts now have been passed. If you still want to register or submit an abstract please contact our secretary James McCall: [consultmccall@btinternet.com](mailto:consultmccall@btinternet.com). Payment to be made by 14 July 2011.

So far more than fifty delegates have registered and we expect more to register in the coming weeks. The delegates come from all over the world: from Lithuania itself,

Australia, Denmark, Norway, Japan, the Netherlands, Scotland, Latvia, South Africa, Korea, Germany, Argentina, Brazil, China, Poland, Czech Republic, Cyprus, the Philippines, Ghana and Portugal - a truly international gathering.

There will be four workshops on a variety of topics, as well as a theoretical session. Full details of the workshops are available on our website, <http://www.iartem.no> together with instructions about registration and other conference details. *The full program will be published on the website by the end of August.*

Kaunas is a fascinating city with many interesting places to visit and the venue for the conference, Vytautas Magnus University, has excellent facilities and a very attractive campus. There is a good selection of hotels at various prices in Kaunas.

We look forward to welcoming old friends and new ones to Lithuania in September.

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### Mini-conference 2012 in Brazil?

Board member Tania Braga investigates the possibilities to organize the mini-conference of 2012 in Brazil. More information during the General Assembly in Kaunas and in the next Newsletter.

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## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

### National and International Textbook Symposium in Seoul, South Korea

The first Korean national and international textbook symposium was carried very successfully through in April this year in Seoul. More than 300 participants; researchers, educators, politicians and publishers attended the symposium. The symposium was arranged by the Korea Textbook Research Foundation with support from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. Focus was on trends and prospects of textbook policies.

IARTEM was invited to give congratulatory address to this very first symposium. President of IARTEM Susanne V. Knudsen gave her wishes for this symposium and hoped that it would generate co-operation with researchers of textbooks and other educational texts across countries and continents. Among the speakers were IARTEM board members Chae-chun Gim from South Korea and Eric Bruillard from France. Susanne V. Knudsen was the key note speaker, and in her paper she presented international trends of textbook research and policy. She talked about research on textbook connected to IARTEM and to UNESCO. Also, she gave examples of textbook policy in different countries, and talked about that

countries without government-approved textbooks have produced methods to evaluate textbooks. Furthermore, she questioned the concept of “the good textbook” and talked about the interaction of reader positions in the textbooks and the empirical readers of textbooks.

Chae-chun Gim and delegates from China and Singapore made their paper presentations in a panel about textbook policies. Eric Bruillard presented his paper in a panel about textbook development together with researchers from South Korea. In the panel about textbook application researchers and educators from USA and South Korea made their paper presentations.

It was a one day symposium; a day filled with many thoughts and visions; a rich day. Hopefully, this symposium is the first to be followed by annual symposium.

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### **Newsletter Georg Eckert Institut (GEI)**

The Georg Eckert Institute (Braunschweig, Germany) regularly publishes her Newsletter to colleagues in the field. From their latest Newsletter we derived the following information. If you want to receive the Newsletter: contact [info@gei.de](mailto:info@gei.de)

#### **How Do Educational Standards Affect Textbooks? Panel Discussion at the Leipzig Book Fair**

‘From Input to Output - From Contents to Skills’ was the title of a panel discussion held by the Georg Eckert Institute at the Leipzig Book Fair on 17 March 2011. The discussion, chaired by Simone Lässig and focusing on the introduction of educational standards and the effects they may have on textbooks, brought together such experts as Frank Biewendt (Thüringen Institute for Teacher Training, Curricula Development and Media), Wassilios Fthenakis (Didacta Association of the Education Industry), Andreas Gruschka (Goethe University, Frankfurt), Ralph Hartung (Hessian Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs) and Preben Späth (European Educational Publishers Group, EEPG).

Further information: [www.gei.de/aktuelles/veranstaltungen/termindetails/article/vom-input-zum-output-von-inhalten-zu-kompetenzen-was-bedeutet-bildungsstandards-fuer-schulbueroe.html](http://www.gei.de/aktuelles/veranstaltungen/termindetails/article/vom-input-zum-output-von-inhalten-zu-kompetenzen-was-bedeutet-bildungsstandards-fuer-schulbueroe.html)

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#### **Eckert. Das Bulletin 08. Winter 2010**

Our biannual brochure ‘Eckert. Das Bulletin’ aims to bring the events taking place in our institute closer to the public, and in particular to the media. Its concise and graphic layout appeals to readers within and beyond academia. Our aim is to keep you informed about research projects planned within the various work areas, and those which pool the expertise of the institute’s members as a whole. From time to time we publish special issues of Das Bulletin devoted to a special topic, such as the coming winter issue dealing with ‘Who is “we”? Reflections about Europe and Muslims’.

Further information: [www.gei.de/publikationen/eckert-das-bulletin.html](http://www.gei.de/publikationen/eckert-das-bulletin.html)

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