WCCI 16th World Conference: Integrating Education for Lasting Culture of Peace and Care of Planet Earth – It was a Ground Breaking Success!

Alliant International University President Geoffrey Cox Delivers Message at the San Diego WCCI 16th World Conference in Education

A special thank you to Dr. Cox for his active participation in WCCI Board Meetings, Opening and Closing sessions.

Keynote Speaker Reflections

Dr. Veerabhadran Ramanathan
Opening Keynote Speaker Reflections

He discovered the super greenhouse effect of halo carbons (CFCs) in 1975 and used observations to quantify the large global warming effect of black carbon. He led international field campaigns, developed unmanned aircraft platforms for tracking brown cloud pollution worldwide (Dimming Movie), and educates and trains the next generation of scientists. Based in his research, he developed a new approach for mitigating climate change that involves mitigating emissions of four short lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) to drastically reduce near term warming and slowing down the retreat of the Himalayan glaciers.

Among the many invited speakers and honorary guests was the WCCI President, Teresita Paed-Pedrajas, Geoffrey Cox President of Alliant University and Dr. Rhonda Brinkley-Kennedy Interim Dean, Hufstedler School of Education Alliant International University; UNESCO representative, Bettina Hausmann President & CEO UNA—USA San Diego - UN Foundation; Congressman Scott H. Peters and WCCI founder, Norman Overly, President 1987-1990 and Dr. Estela Matriano, Secretariat and Jerold Miller, Conference Program Chair. There was a special presentation by Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former Undersecretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations.

They all shared common perspectives of the uniqueness of this gathering, taking place at a critical juncture in WCCI’s role in world peace history, progress and outlook for Planet Earth. The key note speaker and WCCI President described the WCCI World Conference as a unique occasion to influence the future development of global education, peace and sustainability of planet Earth for the good of our many societies.

The WCCI 15th Annual Conference on Curriculum and Instruction for All people provided us a unique opportunity to have an electrifying impact on political will in the world peace movement and to mobilize global resources for worldwide universalization of peace through global education. The conference theme: Integrating Education for a Lasting Culture of Peace and Care of Planet Earth set the stage for the keynote speaker's message of "living side-by-side, plenary and concurrent sessions that followed. Professor Veerabhadran Ramanathan, who shared his vision on the conference theme using the lens of his research, established the overall context of this World Conference in the opening session. He has been conducting original research in Climate and Atmospheric Science since the 1970s.

Town and Country Resort and Convention
REFLECTION ON THE 16th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The 16th biennial WCCI international Conference in San Diego, California was an unforgettable and epoch making event as it was an assemblage of eminent scholars, seasoned academics and highly esteemed personalities from all parts of the world. We shared thoughts, research interests, skills as well as teaching experiences. I am glad to be part of a Special Interest Group (SIG) Peace Education where discussions and suggestions were made on how to build peace, keep peace and promote peace among people, communities, countries and the global community. The cultural night was memorable too as we exhibited our respective cultural attires and dances. It was entertaining and heart-warming. In all, we are all one. I give my undiluted appreciation to our dynamic, intelligent and ebullient leader, Teresita Paed-Pedrajas, EdD, and her support staff; to the Executive Secretary of WCCI, Carolina Caparros MEd, for her warmth and untiring efforts in reaching all concerned during the pre-conference preparations and the actual conference activities. She is indeed a global citizen. It is worthy to mention the WCCI Executive Director, Estela C. Matrino, EdD; the WCCI 16th biennial conference programme chairman, Jerold Miller, EdD; the past Presidents of WCCI and all others who worked assiduously to make the conference a success. I urge all of us to work hard towards the WCCI 17th World Conference holding in Chile, South America, to also make it memorable.

Jeminah Ndudi Mbakwen
Assoc. Prof. of Curriculum Studies
Participant, WCCI 16th International Conference
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Imo State University, Owerri
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MY EXPERIENCE AS A FIRST TIMER AT THE 16TH WCCI CONFERENCE

My experience at the 16th WCCI conference was awesome. The conference was very educative and informative. All presentations, papers and workshops were very well planned and timely executed. I learnt a lot from the paper and workshop presentations. I interacted with many participants from different countries. We shared experiences and exchanged ideas. It was an unforgettable and amazing experience. The city tour was a totally different and an incredible experience. It was exciting, fun and splendid. The conference venue and accommodation was a perfect match. The environment was serene, free from unnecessary distractions and very conducive for the conference.

The Special Interest Group meetings were very enlightening and informative (below). I had the opportunity of sharing my experiences in Early Childhood Education. In addition, I learnt a lot from the chairperson and members of the group. Indeed my experience as a first timer at the conference was fantastic.

I look forward to the subsequent WCCI conferences in the coming years with great excitement.

Hannah Onyi Yusuf, PhD.
Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria

Special Interest Group - Peace Education
Coordinator: Genevieve Balance-Kupana

Thank you for this opportunity to share my reflections on the WCCI conference!

First of all, I was very delighted to hear that the WCCI conference was being held in my local community, especially with the theme of building a culture of peace and sustainability, which is dear to my heart and has been the focus of my career. This was also the first time I had heard of the WCCI, so it was good to learn about the organization.

For me, the best part of attending the conference was the WCCI community. It is clear that you have a strong community connection, and that members have come together for years to discuss these important topics around curriculum and teaching. I found it to be a very good opportunity to network with colleagues from around the world who are passionate about education for peace. I particularly enjoyed attending the Peace Education Special Interest Group meetings.

I mostly attended the workshop portions of the conference, and very much enjoyed the interactive nature of these workshops. In terms of the workshop I presented, I very much enjoyed it and had a very receptive, engaged group for the activity that I presented.

Stephanie Knox Cubborn
Peace Studies
San Diego City College
San Diego, California
Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) New York Meeting

CSW59/Beijing+20 (2015)

The fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 9 to 20 March 2015. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world attend the session.

Themes

The main focus of the session will be on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including current challenges that affect its implementation and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The Commission will undertake a review of progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 20 years after its adoption at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. The review (Beijing+20) will also include the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly, the first five-year assessment conducted after the adoption of the Platform for Action, which highlighted further actions and initiatives.

The session will also address opportunities for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women in the post-2015 development agenda.


WCCI Panel Going to UN in 2015

WCCI as an NGO is always represented at the United Nations annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). This year it is known as CSW 59. The theme of this year’s conference is: Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development.

Challenges in Education for Gender Equality and Empowerment: Voices from India, Nigeria, Philippines, Turkey and the USA.

Description of the WCCI Parallel Session: The Panel Presentation of women representing five countries in four continents of the world would like to have their voices heard on how educating girls and women for gender equality and empowerment is being integrated in their governance system culturally, socially and economically.

In line with the 20th Beijing Anniversary Platform for Action (BPFA), the areas concern whose voices these women would like to be heard are in the areas of (1) women and poverty; (2) women and the environment; (3) violence against women; (4) human rights of women; and (5) education and training of women all of which are continuing challenges for the last 20 years. Women educators are relentlessly working very hard in their profession in order for their voices to be heard and have an impact on the social system.

Jessica Kimmel, the organizer concentrates on programs involving issues related to Asian and African women. Related news will be published at the WCCI website.
ANNOUNCEMENTS!

You are invited to visit the WCCI Website to contribute your ideas and news for the next newsletter issue. New Section topics include:

- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
- International Education Opportunities
- Young Global Leader Conference Report
- New WCCI or Chapter Events
- Online Journal Update

WCCI 16th ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Jerold Miller, WCCI 16th World Conference Program Chair

Nearly 185 papers representing 16 countries were presented in San Diego this August. The conference evaluation findings showed that conference themes, venue, interaction among WCCI members and conference organization were the participant most meaningful outcomes of the conference; topics, resources and quality of speakers was next followed by the conference venue, accommodations, quality of conference participation and conference proceedings. Secondly, the open-ended feedback from participants provided further details on this high level of satisfaction. The following six (6) areas were evaluated by participations in detail: Conference organization, program, themes/strands, hotel/venue, publications, special interest groups, closing international gala and food. The level of satisfaction by rankings that emerged from frequency counts of comments were as follows: 1 is most satisfied and 6 is the least satisfied.

1. Conference Organization
2. Conference themes/strands
3. Closing International Gala
4. Food
5. Special interest groups
6. Publications

Participants provided many suggestions for how to improve those areas that were least satisfying.

FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year WCCI Family!

In 2014 I was appointed to represent WCCI and its membership as the newly appointed editor of this important publication, which is a primary communication venue for the organization. I sincerely appreciated the enthusiasm for continuing this tradition when I spoke at the closing session about the newsletter belonging to all of us—the WCCI Family.

The vision for the WCCI Newsletter is always to keep our readers and members widely interested in basic and applied research, project bases learning, and to promote intercultural interaction and collaboration among researchers from different fields who are interested in advocating and supporting the mission and vision of WCCI, collaborators and our UNESCO parent.

We plan to use WCCI’s Newsletter and peer-reviewed journal to help attract and inform scholars who are concerned with curriculum and instruction in schools, colleges, universities and community agencies or organizations such as teachers, instructors/professors, administrators, directors, supervisors, curriculum theorists, scholars and researchers, students, parents and community leaders. (http://www.wcci-international.org/?mid=about).

I hope you will enjoy reading the first 2015 issue and we always welcome your feedback on any aspect of the newsletter.

PLEASE VISIT THE 16 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PHOTO GALLERY ON WCCI WEBSITE!

Sincerely,

Joyce Pittman, PhD
Drexel University
Philadelphia, US
From the Secretariat

VOICES FROM THE SECRETARIAT
Estela C. Matriano, EdD.
WCCI Executive Director

It has been almost six months ago that we had the WCCI 15th World Conference held in San Diego, California, the historic and only conference held in the United States of America. As you would read in this Newsletter it was a very successful event. It is my intention in this short article to share with you some prominent “voices” received through the Secretariat. They are inspiring and uplifting that would make you jump and skip and wish to go to the next WCCI Conference. Let me summarize and share these prominent voices in the best ways I can. I will end this article with a project proposal on how to make the person-to-person global commitment work (a phrase at the heart of the WCCI Constitution) as an instrument of voices heard loud and clear in every WCCI World Conference and activity.

From the Sponsors:

Congratulations on a Conference extremely well done. You should feel quite proud and gratified with the outcome of all the hard work. I am sure you were hearing rave reviews from everyone.

Russ Newman, PhD.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Alliant International University
San Diego, California

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation to both of you for all the hard work on this conference. It turned out beautifully. From the conversations I had with participants, the conference was a true success, which accounts for your leadership Estela! Thank you for making UNA, a part of this wonderful event; the Gala was sure the highlight for all of us illuminating the spirit of diversity and unity.

Carole, I know you have been working relentlessly and tirelessly on getting every detail together in making it as smooth as possible for the many participants from abroad. You have been the magical force behind the curtains, please know I appreciate all the sleepless nights and worries you most certainly had over the months. You are tremendous!

Bettina Hausmann
President & CEO
United Nations Association-United States of America (UNA-USA)
San Diego Chapter & UN Foundation

From the United Nations:

Dr. Matriano: You must be feeling lighter after working hard for many months to finally bring to fruition a very successful eight – day conference with educationists from various parts of the world. My special and personal tribute to you for that.

To Carole: A wholehearted word of appreciation for the fabulous job you did all thru the preparatory process and during the actual conference. In your quiet, subdued manner, you took care of many loose ends so that things will not go wrong.

I enjoyed the enthusiasm of the participants during the UN session and hope there will be larger WCCI contingency at the CSW- 59 next March in New York City. I will be delighted to catch up with them.

To the WCCI leaders such as WCCI President Tita Pedrajas and Board Member Carol Danao who worked diligently and to give the needed support to your leadership, you should be proud of them.

I wish to end with a big thank you to you, Carole, Tita and Carol for all your graciousness and courtesies shown to me.

Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury
Former Under-Secretary-General
And High Representative of the United Nations

From the Madrid, Spain Delegation:

Thank you very much for the nice conference in San Diego. It was very well organized, interesting topics and nice environment. We all had a very pleasant stay in San Diego. Thank you for your great effort.

All the best to you and your collaborators,

Best regards,

Catalina Martinez Mediano
Nuria Rioperez
Maria Lopez-Jurado Puig
Universidad Nacional de Educacion, (UNED)
From Republique Du Benin

Thank you so much for the great reception and care shown to us during the conference.

Dr. Patience Ezeana
Department of Languages Translation and Mass Communication
Houdegbe North American University, Benin, Republique Du Benin

From Nigeria

My love to all WCCI Family and my special appreciation to the Executives Carole Caparros, Jerry Miller and our dear Estela Matriano for their wonderful support and motivating members to participate actively not only during the conference but beyond.

Warm regards.

A’isha Isa
Kano University of Science and Technology-WUDIL
Kano. Nigeria

From the International Student Volunteers

The WCCI Conference was a wonderful international experience for us, the international students’ volunteers. We learned lots of different cultures and customs during the conference. We were glad to help. We were proud to represent the International Student Association (ISA) of Alliant International University.

Yangyang Li, President
ISA, Alliant International University

My Proposal:

We heard from the different voices about the conference. They are positive feedback and we feel good about it. But what did we learn from it? It is easy to say. The conference is wonderful. The hard work paid off. For Carole, and me we feel rewarded intrinsically for the hard work. We are ready to work harder for the next conference, the WCCI 16th World Conference. But after going through all the fifteen world conferences I know fully well there is something to learn and to think about for the next one.

This time I am thinking that the members should be more realistic in being “linked” personally to one another. The Preamble of the WCCI Constitution promotes a person-to-person kind of relationship, which I have tried to practice myself since my beginning years with WCCI. In a way I have succeeded and kept those friends as long as I can keep them.

A good example is my way of tracking down the past Presidents of WCCI, the members of the Presidents’ Council. Every world conference tried to personally invite them to come and attend the conference as I am still blessed to be able to attend all of them. It is a pleasure and a privilege to keep in touch with this select group of WCCI leaders. It gives also the organization the chance to keep its leadership alive and well and provide a good example to the generations. However, sometimes it makes me feel sad to notice and experience that the numbers are also decreasing and more efforts have to be exerted in order to maintain and increase its membership. Thus we need the younger generation to come up and provide leadership to WCCI and keep the Presidents’ Council alive and well.

In closing, let me go back to my suggestion of a project on the person-to-person global commitment of WCCI. Here is my suggestion on this person-to-person project among WCCI members. Those who are interested to be engaged in this project can find a match from another country by emailing Carole at wcci@alliant.edu and ask for a name and information on a member using the attached form as a guide to the person he/she wants to contact.

Remember the purpose of this project is to actualize the person-to-person global commitment of members to WCCI in order to form a network of educators who will join together and educate for the mission and vision of WCCI. Together the two of you should work on an education proposal that is focused on a culture of peace and the universal realization of human rights as well as the care of planet earth.

Your proposal should be submitted to the Secretariat. We have not yet developed the evaluation plan to judge these project proposals but we hope to announce it as soon as this person-to-person project is already going on. This project will be featured at the WCCI 17th World Conference. We will be glad to answer your questions on this innovative project.

Thank you.
# Information Form for the Person-to-Person Project

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________ Country: ________________________________

 Telephone Number: ________________________________ E-mail: ________________________________

Educational Attainment/Background: ________________________________

Educational/Research Interests: ________________________________

Current Employment /Position: ________________________________

Grades/ Educational Level you teach: ________________________________

Hobbies: ________________________________ Interest(s): ________________________________

Please check one

Civil Status: single [ ] Married [ ] others, specify: ________________________________

When did you join WCCI? ________________________________

WCCI Conferences Attended:

Brief Description of Person-to-Person Project (please limit to 100 words only)

Please return the completed form to the Secretariat at wcci@alliant.edu

Thank you.
Dear WCCI Members and Friends:

Warm greetings from Manila, Philippines. By now all of us should have arrived safe from our wonderful trip in San Diego, California, USA, rested and resumed our official duties in our respective positions. We are grateful for the blessings of a pleasant journey and successful WCCI Conference.

On behalf of the WCCI Executive Board, it is my privilege to send everyone this special letter of thanks and congratulations to each one of you for your valuable contribution to the success of the historic and first WCCI world conference held in the USA. You have become part of the WCCI history, which will never be repeated. Thank you for being there. What I really want to convey in this letter of thanks are blessings and the good things we shared in this historic moments together. In addition I also included some recommendations for enrichment.

First of all please join me in this heartfelt appreciation for the excellent preparations and management of the whole conference by Dr. Estela C. Matriano, WCCI Executive Director and Ms. Carole I. Caparros, WCCI Executive Assistant who have prepared perfectly all the details of the program from its implementation. The three main speakers, Dr. Veerabhadran Ramanathan, Congressman Scott Peters, and Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury among others were conceptualization to its excellent.

Alliant International University Officials and Co-Sponsors are quite impressive in their roles and those I wish to especially mention are the following distinguished officials: President Geoffrey Cox, Provost and Vice President Russ Newman and Interim Education Dean Rhonda Brinkley-Kennedy, Dr. Jerry Miller, the Program Chairperson who worked very hard to see the whole program through successfully, Madeleine De Torsiac our trusted Treasurer, Bettina Hausmann, President of the United Nations Association, San Diego Chapter, another Co-Sponsor who contributed tremendously to the whole event.

I wish to congratulate all the paper, workshop and panel presenters, chairpersons and all the participants who shared their researches, initiatives and activities aligned to the theme and at the same time challenged our participants to continue their scientific and academic research pursuits in the local, national, regional and global levels.
Congratulations to the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Coordinators for having challenged all their members to concretely plan their collaborative initiatives, programs, research and activities, that will continue their person-to-person contact as resource persons in their fields of expertise. We envision these groups to produce researched-based programs and activities that are relevant to create a culture of lasting peace and care for the planet earth. We are challenging every WCCI member to make his/her position be heard in their locale, national and international organizations. We expect all of us to network with other sectors of the society to be models, initiators, advocates, supporters of culture of peace and care for planet earth.

Let us be leaders in revising our curriculum to integrate peace education, human rights education, gender education, global education, informational technology literacy or media education, ethics and values education, early childhood education, special education, cultural arts communication and entrepreneurial education among others.

Let us consider subsidizing research projects in each of these SIGs, it is time for all of us to produce researched-based projects that will have an impact to the people in the locale, national and international lives of the society along the culture of peace and care for planet earth!

Please give us an update. We have the quarterly newsletter to publish our varied activities, programs and initiatives. Get in touch with Dr. Joyce Pittman, our Newsletter Editor. We have the Publication Committee Chair, Dr. Ismail Mirici as the Editor of our Journal to publish our researches. Give us through the Secretariat an update of your activities, programs, initiatives, and networking. We have Dr. Carol Danao, the Chair for the Research and Development Program who will come out with procedures on how we can produce lesson plans and come up with Accreditation Program on the Culture of Peace and Care for Planet Earth.

WCCI as a world organization should maintain its affiliation with the United Nations. There was quite an interest developed from the speech of Ambassador Chowdhury during the conference to attend the CSW Meetings in New York in March, 2015. This is a good sign of progress for WCCI. However, it is not easy to register in this NY/UN conference. A set of criteria will be developed by the Secretariat who among the WCCI members are qualified to attend the CSW meetings. Above all the delegate must be prepared to shoulder the financial expenses that the New York/UN meeting will require.

WCCI does not have in its budget the funds to pay for the expenses of the delegates to these New York City/UN meetings. It is either personal funds or your institution/university can pay for your expenses. It is better that this funding issue is clear to everyone to avoid confusion and misunderstanding.

We need to improve our membership too. Get more members from the different levels as well as from the leadership ranks of the educational sectors in your country. We also need to expand our membership to more countries of the world. Let us work together on how we can establish chapters in other countries. Network with friends from other countries and explore expanding your membership. Please enhance your membership collection so as to involve more bona fide members to vote during our election period. Let us elect the best leaders from our country to represent our voice, our needs, dreams and aspirations in this beloved organization. We will have an election coming so on. Please participate actively and vote in this election.

In the Philippines we have a strong movement in establishing the Student Chapter. We already have some 500 student members. This will introduce the future teachers to join our organization. You may also start with the WCCI initiated project, Student Teaching International Partnership Program to form Global Educators without Borders. This is an ongoing project that I started with National Kaohsiung Normal University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan; Maepra Fatima School in Bangkok, Thailand and with Alliant International University in San Diego, California USA for the past three years. I see the possibility of concretizing a program with New Delhi, India. If you need more information about this ongoing project, please contact me.

Let us pray for one another as peace lover, peace bringer, peacemaker, and committed and passionate steward of our planet earth!

I close with the sincere wish for a very good and healthy biennial preparation as I look forward to see all of you in the WCCI 17th World Conference.

God loves each of us!

Teresita Paed-Pedrajas, EdD
WCCI President 2014-2016
Dean, School of Arts, Sciences and Education
St. Dominic College of Asia
Bacoor City, Philippines
How Youth Engaged in WCCI's 16th Annual Conference in 2014

The youth participants came up with doable personal and group actions aligned to their interest groups in taking care of Mother Earth and us as future global educators. Below is one newcomer’s story.

A JOURNEY OF DESTINY

In December 2013, when I received an airmail from WCCI advising me to send abstract to enable me attend its 16th world conference in California, I was flabbergasted. Owning to the fact that I do not have any of my siblings residing in the States. I reluctantly wrote and sent my abstract as requested. Shortly after I received an invitation letter to attend the conference through my e-mail. This gave me the courage to seek for US visa. But, I felt sick for months and this has deterred me to write my paper. I gave up, feeling I could not attend the conference. God’s willing I recovered fully and wrote the paper. Eventually, I lost my E-Passport. In my attempt to secure another one, on my way to the passport office I had a ghastly motor accident which the driver my brother Kamal, my little son Abdullahi and I both survived the incidence. I did not relent, I proceeded to the passport office where I was re-issued another passport within 48 hours, what a surprise! Suddenly, I got the Visa and flew from Kano to Turkey where I transit for 30 minutes checking out to board U.S flight.

While on plane, amazingly, I had a re-think and cancelled the content of the article I intend to present. Instantly, I drafted another article entirely different but more suitable to the topic I wrote on the initial abstract. As written on the air ticket I assumed it was a journey for about 4:30 minutes. Amazingly, a seatmate informed me that the journey would last for about 13:30 hours adding the 9 hours time difference. I was shocked and wished I ended the journey in Turkey. But, I was already on aircraft. Alas! I arrived Los Angeles in the daytime but couldn’t find my way. I was wandering in the airport until when it was getting dark after my prayers.

I walked to the security agents and plead with them to connect me with the WCCI executives. Though it was late and all had closed from business for the day, the great Teresita picked the phone and advised the security agents to direct me to my destination where I finally arrived Town & Country Resort & Convention Center in the early morning hours of 16th August, 2014.

I joined my colleagues in the opening ceremony and participated actively in the conference activities, which was facilitated by several concurrent sessions on a daily basis along side the befitting breakfast, tea breaks and luncheon.

We went on a city tour organized by WCCI to various historic places in San Diego like the Cabrillo monument, Layola beach, Balboo park, Gas lamp city, Coronado island, La Jolla Cove, etc. etc. It was quite exciting, educational and fun. To bring the conference to an end, we had an international banquet night where conference participants across the globe showcase their cultural dance in their attire.

A Journey . . . continue on page 11
There are also links to UNESCO initiatives that may be beneficial to educators around the world. The United Nations (UNESCO) office has reviewed our wiki and approved our site to include links to their Peace Education Projects.

The UNESCO Curriculum Project includes project-based learning. The first project focuses on teaching and learning for a sustainable future. This is a multimedia teacher education program. The second project is on UN peace education projects. WCCI members may also be interested in available Webinars. Click on the link for Webinars to view current offerings.

There are webinars on WCCI and on special topics. There are also webinars on technology tools for teachers. If any of the technology tools interest you, special arrangements can be made for a Webinar with Dr. Minnie Ladores, Coordinator or Dr. Joyce Pittman, Associate Coordinator.

The Global Education Special Interest Group is an important and vital part of the WCCI Conference. It is given ample time to meet and discuss the mission of each group. Likewise, they are asked to discuss in detail their plans for their group in terms of projects that they would pursue in the interim period of two years until the next biennial world conference comes around at which time they will convene and give a progress report of their project. In the San Diego Conference, the SIG in Global Education came up with a concrete plan for their group. The following is a summary of their report.

Our decision is to focus our global education efforts on “Caring for the Human Family.” We have five action plans (four that we will work on and one that WCCI as a body need to define for us) of our report. We said we would begin where we are (in whatever state, position we find ourselves) to study the needs of the human family (of our immediate area of responsibility) and respond accordingly - first on a personal level before we look outside ourselves for responses to the needs we have perceived. Then we engage others. The second is to integrate values in our education efforts, etc.

Sr. Flor Deza, SPC
Global Education SIG Coordinator
St. Paul University
Manila, Philippines
The Philippines cultural group led by the immediate past president were simply the best on stage, which we all cheered to rejoice with them. All conference attendees were offered with certificates of Appreciation and another certificate of Recognition was given to me in respect of the paper I presented titled Integrating Self-Reliance Curriculum for Purdah Women: A Panacea for a Lasting Culture of Peace.

With support from Jerry Miller and Carole (WCCI Executives) the article was later published by IOSR Journal of Research and Method in Education November, 2014.

As a first time attended of WCCI International conference, I must commend on the esteem graciousness and good co-ordination of the executives who worked as a team and family to satisfy the needs of participants across the globe. I suggest that next time continental dishes like rice, macaroni and spaghetti should be part of dishes served in luncheon on a daily basis.

My kindest regards to all the conference executives and attendees in San Diego 2014.

Isa A’isha
Kano University of Science and Technology-WUDIL
Kano, Kano, Nigeria
WCCI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS 2014-2015
AND RECOGNIZES LIFE MEMBERS AND INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

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CANADA
STUDENT MEMBER: Ashley Manuel

CHILE
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LIFE MEMBERS: Hamed Inam ● Mohammad Inam
PHILIPPINES


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Dear WCCI members and the Executive Board

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