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WCCI 18th World Conference on Education: “Role of Education for Global Citizenship in Promoting Social, Economic and Environmental Justice”

Oh, Rome, here we come!

“Rome is the city of echoes, the city of illusions, and the city of yearning.”

-Giotto di Bondone, Renaissance painter



Coliseum, an oval Amphitheatre in the center of the city of Rome, Italy

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greeting WCCI Family,

Once again, we invite you to join us in our 18th world conference that will inspire and engage educators and researchers around the world in an exploration of the processes and effects of global education in our yearning to advance economic, social and environmental justice by way of training and producing global citizens. We aim to motivate and educate leaders, faculty, students and teachers who are informed, sensitive, competent and active members of their local and global communities, who take part in the global governance

process, who seek sustainable and just solutions to global problems, and who advocate policy changes for the attainment of a just world. Scholarly discussions and exchange of ideas are critical to bringing about the dynamic educational transformation needed for creating a more impactful global society. Read more in this issue about sub-topics, themes, members and sponsors who join us in inviting you to meet us July 14-20, 2018 at [Hotel Villa Maria Regina Rome, Italy!](#)

Rome Virtual Tours. Go here:

<https://www.italyguides.it/en/lazio/rome/travel-guides/rome-video-guides/rome-in-a-nutshell>

Jessica Kimmel, WCCI President

From Manila to Rome – Unity and Diversity a message from the Vice-President

Thank God, our president, Jessica is back to good health: we wish the very best her. She has returned to work and she will join us in the Rome conference, but until then I try to substitute her as much as I can.



Asean delegates

The WCCI Philippines Chapter Conference (August 17-19; 2017) was one of the liveliest WCCI meeting I ever attended. Probably because it was not only the 31st National Convention on Education but also its first ASEAN Regional Conference (in collaboration with the Quezon City government).

Its Theme was: „ASEAN Integration: Opportunities for Peace and Global Education”.

School administrators, teachers and students from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), like Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam together with members from the host organization, the WCCI Philippine chapter created a wonderful mixture of people, trying to share the best practices of education.

During the Conference we had a successful WCCI Board meeting: after congratulating the Philippine together a conference with more than 400 participants the term of the current officers and Board Members to four year, discussed what are the implications of the status of WCCI as NGO/ECOSOC, extended the list of the Interest Groups, spoke about the importance to on useful projects and spent a lot of time on details of conference in Rome (including a fundraising campaign).



Board Meeting at Novotel Manila

From L to R: Julianna, Swee-Hin, Sandor, Teresita, Genevieve, Emmy, Estela & Carole

International Chapter to put we extended from two-year new special concentrate our next



Sandor and wife Julianna

After the conference I had the good fortune to spend a week at the seaside in the Philippines with my wife and we experienced the unique hospitality of the Philippine people.

I write this message in Rome at the end of my ocular visit to Hotel Villa Maria Regina, the place for our 18th World Conference. The hotel is at a lovely peaceful part of Rome: me and my wife found everything in order – waiting for us educators from all over the world to have a meaningful and enjoyable meeting. We only spent 3 days in Rome, but definitely can endorse the opinion of most visitors: Rome is not only the holy city of the Catholic Church, a unique center of ancient culture, but a place very much alive today – a place you must experience yourself.

So make sure you will come and bring with you your family, your colleagues, your friends.

See you all in July 2018 in Rome

Sándor Klein

Vice-President WCCI

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Members of WCCI:

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!

We observed this Joyful Season in diverse ways of celebrating this time of the year globally. Yet, I am happy to say that in the WCCI spirit we all join hands and celebrate the Culture of Peace that we honor in all cultures and dedicate to all peoples of the world.

These heartfelt greetings from the Secretariat also come with our deep appreciation to you, our brothers and sisters, for being loyal members of our WCCI family. For those of you who attended the WCCI 17th World Conference held in Budapest, Hungary on July 10-15, 2015, our sincere thanks. This may appear to be a little delayed but Carole and I believe that the WCCI Newsletter is the best means we have in reaching out to all of you.

We extend our most sincere thanks to those who came to attend the WCCI 17th World Conference in Budapest, Hungary. To those who were not able to join us in this conference, we wish to extend our appreciation for your continuous and loyal WCCI membership and support. We all belong to one world family, the WCCI family. Everyone is always in our constant thoughts and prayers in the WCCI Secretariat.

World Council for Curriculum and Instruction together with the University of Pécs and the National University of Public Service in Hungary organized the last 17th World Conference around the theme of *“Educating for Democratic Governance and Global Citizenship”* in Budapest this summer.

We, the Hungarian organizers, the members of WCCI Central and Eastern European Chapter were both honoured and excited to be the third country in the world to host the prestigious WCCI global conference for the second time. After the 2010 Conference in Pécs now we wanted to introduce to the WCCI community our beautiful capital city.

It was a great honour for us to welcome scholars, researchers and participants from all around the world in July 2016. This unique, remarkable event in Budapest,

in the Capital of Hungary had a nation-wide and even international publicity with a high importance in the academic life of our institutions. Altogether 6 days, 200 participants, more than 300 professional events: presentations, special interest group meetings, field trips and discussions resulted a great and successful conference where the presence, contribution, local, regional and worldwide experiences of participants helped to understand the past, present and future educational challenges of humankind.

We also hope that everyone had a year full of meaningful accomplishments. Our future issues of the Newsletter will return to the regular scheduled and will be published in the summer and fall, 2018. Please forward to the Secretariat any short article/report you have about WCCI, the upcoming WCCI 18th World Conference or related projects undertakings that you wish to share with fellow members. We are always glad to hear from each one of you.

This issue of the WCCI Newsletter will greet you with an exciting report and news items on WCCI 17th World Conference in Education held in Hungary in the historic and beautiful city of Budapest and a review of information about the WCCI 18th World Conference in beautiful Rome, Italy. This Newsletter will include: (1) a gallery of beautiful pictures; and (2) short reflection articles and reports on the exalting experiences written by the participants at the Budapest Conference. I could not stop reading some of them because they are so beautifully written as reflection of both their extrinsic and intrinsic experiences. I hope you find them as inspiring and informative articles that we hope will encourage you to join the next world conference in 2018 in Rome, Italy. The Rome conference announcement is included in this Newsletter. Please take note of it and plan to join us. Begin planning for the Rome Conference now. It will be worth every penny that you have saved for this conference. Should you need more information, please do not hesitate to call the Secretariat. See you all in Rome for the WCCI 18th World Conference in July 2018. ■

Blessings of good health, peace and love.

Estela C. Matriano, Ed.D.
WCCI Executive Director

Carole I. Caparros
WCCI Executive Assistant

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

WELCOME TO THE WINTER 2018
45th EDITION OF THE WCCI NEWSLETTER!

Dr. Joyce Pittman, USA Drexel University



Greetings and a warm welcome to our very first issue of this 2017-2018 academic year!

We could not be more excited to have made it to this point in planning **our WCCI 18th World Conference**. Please take some time to get to know the layout of our newsletter and upcoming conference by visiting the WCCI Website. You will notice the many categories of articles here. You can look at one category at a time, or just scan the articles on the front page before choosing the one to read first. Just as with a great book or journal, you may want to sit and read the whole thing at once, or come back to this issue several times to digest the articles more slowly. In 2014, when we set out to create an on-line newsletter, we wanted to promote use of emerging Web-based technologies to connect us to global stories, friends and colleagues around the world that print media does not always reach. We are honored to share the work and success of so many committed and thoughtful people through this e-newsletter.

The last time we met in Budapest, our mission was to examine global education, citizenship and governance and now in the 18th WCCI conference, we move on to advance this agenda to inspire and engage educators and researchers around the world to *explore processes and effects of global education in advancing economic, social and environmental justice*. We believe this can only happen through training, professional development and producing global citizens who are informed, sensitive, competent and active members of their local and global communities. However, for this training and development to be effective, global citizens must take part in global governance processes and understand how and when to seek sustainable and just solutions to global problems. These are citizens who are

willing to advocate for policy changes for the attainment of a just world. One example, the fight for the rights of immigrants living, working, studying and contributing to societies and worlds outside their birth homes is one issue that we must all engage dialogue and inspire our neighbors and institutions to support human, social and environmental justice for all.

We must bring such important issues to scholarly discussions, research papers, laboratories and online environments to exchange ideas worthy of *deeper thinking*. Such global dialogues are critical to bringing about the dynamic educational transformational and sustainable solutions needed for creating a more impactful global society. In each newsletter message, the goal of the editorial team is to stimulate your thinking and encourage you to continue using our communication platforms to share critical conversations and send messages that lift up our voices in the WCCI journal, newsletter and Websites.

Please continue to work with your regional groups, chapters and WCCI Sigs to discover through sharing--- new ways to grow and support this critical subject "**Role of Education for Global Citizenship in Promoting Social, Economic and Environmental Justice**": *Oh, Rome, here we come!*

Also, feel free to send comments on the articles to share your thoughts or email the authors to ask questions. We appreciate your support!

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REPORT FROM WCCI NIGERIAN CHAPTER



The World Council on Curriculum and Instruction (WCCI) Nigerian chapter is very much alive and maintains her annual programme every year. The Chapter organizes a seminar and a conference every other year to create a forum for members to meet and discuss issues

pertaining to education in Nigeria and global issues in general. The Chapter rotates her activities in her branches every third week of October of every year. The branches are: Abuja, Awka, Calabar, kano, Lagos, Nsukka, and recently Owerri. The new branch was inaugurated on July 9, 2015 at the Imo State University. The Vice-Chancellor of the University (President), Prof Victoria Adaobi Obasi, a strong member of WCCI Nigerian Chapter and WCCI International, hosted the members very well and presented the members of the executive with souvenirs.

Below is the picture taken with the branch executives during the inauguration with Professor U.M.O. Ivowi, the quondam President/coordinator, standing in between the current chapter president/coordinator, Professor Grace C. Offorma (on the right), and the branch chair, Professor Jemima Ndudi Mbakwem (on the left).



The chapter held her 11th Biennial conference in 2016 at the Imo State University. The hosting of the conference was bided by the new branch. The theme of the conference was *Sustainable*

Development Goals and Curriculum Development. The keynote was given by Professor Appolonia Nwosu, Dean, School of General Studies, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Ndudi Mbakem, Coordinator, Owerri branch, and from the while the Lead Paper was delivered by Professor Jemima Faculty of Education, Imo State University, Owerri.

The conference was attended by over 250 persons, which included: the Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Anthony Anwuka, the hostess, the Vice Chancellor Imo State University, Professor Victoria Aboabi Obasi, the wife of the Governor of Imo State, Mrs Okorocho, and all the women leaders from all the Local Government Areas in Imo State, the private sector, faith-based organizations, government officials, and teachers from all levels of education.

WORLD COUNCIL FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (WCCI)
 KANO BRANCH
 NIGERIA CHAPTER
Announces and invites members and the general public to her
Maiden Annual National Conference

ON THE THEME:
Curriculum, Peace and National Unity in Nigeria

WCCI is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in consultative status with the United Nations and was founded in 1970 at a conference in Asilomar, California, U.S.A. It is a transnational educational organisation committed to advancing the achievement of just and peaceful world community through collaboration in curriculum and instruction projects as well as dialogue in educational and social issue of a global nature. This conferences focuses on issues relating to how curriculum can be used to address the threat of terrorism, separatist agitations, tribalism and other forms of vices that threatens national unity and peaceful co-existence in Nigeria. It aims at exploring ways that curriculum at all levels of education in Nigeria can aid peaceful co-existence.

Sub-themes

- Education Foundations Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Language and Literature Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Science Education Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Vocational and Technical Education Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Technological Education Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Agricultural Education and Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Religious and Moral Education Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Entrepreneurial Education Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Early Childhood Education Curriculum, Peace and National Unity
- Political science education.
- Any Other Topic considered relevant.

<p>KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Prof. Rukayya Rufai (OON) Former Minister of Education</p> <p>SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR: HRH Muhammad Sunusi II (CON) The Emir of Kano</p> <p>HOST: Prof. Grace Offorma National President, Nigeria Chapter University of Nsuka, Nsukka, Enugu State</p> <p>LOC SECRETARY Dr Aliyu Yaya Aliyu Department of Curriculum & Instruction FCE, Kano</p> <p>Venue: Murtala Muhammad Library Complex, Ahmadu Bello Way, Kano.</p> <p>Conference Fees: -Conference Registration Fee: N10,000 -Membership Registration Fee: N 3000 -Vetting Fee (Optional) N 4000</p>	<p>LEAD PAPER PRESENTER: Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Bayero University, Kano</p> <p>GUEST OF HONOUR: His Excellency, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje Executive Governor, Kano State.</p> <p>LOC CHAIRPERSON Dr Halima Rabi Abdullahi Faculty of Education, BUK</p> <p>DATE: Arrival: Tuesday, 14th November, 2017 Opening Ceremony: Wednesday 15th November, 2017 Departure: Friday 17th November, 2017.</p> <p>Abstract Submission: Abstract of not more than 250 words should be submitted @ wccikanobranche@gmail.com</p> <p>Deadline for Submission of Abstract: Tuesday 7th November, 2017</p> <p>For further Enquiries contact: -Mike Adeyi on 08036443020 -Dr. Halima Rabi Abdullahi on 08083134360 -Dr. Aliyu yaya Aliyu on 08069068363</p>
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The Minister of Education, Professor Anthony Anwuka, informed the conferees of the Federal Government plans to formulate new policies that would promote education at all levels and lead to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Nigeria. Among the highlights of the conference was the launching of a book in honour of the Vice Chancellor of Imo State University, titled, *Teacher Education in Nigeria*, edited by Professor U.M.O. Ivowi. This year, the Chapter programme will be hosted by Calabar branch. Plans are already in advance for a very successful Seminar. The theme of the Seminar is Gender fairness in Curriculum Development. The presenter is Professor Alice Asim a very active member and former editor of the *Journal of Curriculum and Instruction*, of the Chapter and a member of WCCI International too. We are looking forward to having a very exciting outing in Calabar, a state of very rich culture. A major highlight of the Seminar will be the launching of the chapter journal; Journal of Curriculum and Instruction Volume 12, Numbers 1, 2, and 3. These are the deliverables from last year's conference.

WCCI Nigerian Chapter had already planned to embark on the gender and education project, which was the brain child of Professor Noorjehan Ganihar (India) and Professor Grace

Offorma (Nigeria) during the meeting of Interest Group on Gender and Education, chaired by our noble and erudite Professor Emeritus, Jessica Kimmel, the current President, WCCI International., at California in 2014. Unfortunately, the project could not be executed due to some unforeseen circumstances.

WCCI Nigerian Chapter is a formidable family bent on forging ahead to sustain the philosophy of the Council: to cultivate the culture of peace and operate as a family. We wish the Board members God's grace and direction.

Professor Grace Chibiko Offorma
President/Coordinator
WCCI, Nigerian Chapter

Communiqué Issued at the End of the Maiden Conference of World Council for Curriculum and Instruction (WCCI) Kano Branch Held on the 15th November, 2017 at Murtala Mohammed Library Complex, Kano



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The Region 2 of the organization is made up of African Countries, South of the Sahara among which is the Nigerian Chapter. The Nigerian Chapter has seven branches; one of which is the *Kano Branch*. The branch comprises of members from North-West Nigeria especially Kano, Katsina and Jigawa states.

The Kano Branch of the Council held her maiden conference on the theme: **Curriculum, Peace and National Unity in Nigeria** with the aim of addressing the incidents of threat to peace and national unity that has become a recurrent decimal in Nigeria in recent time. The conference was chaired by the National President of the Nigerian Chapter of the Council, Prof. Grace Offorma of University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufai, OON, a professor of Curriculum Studies at Bayero University Kano and a former

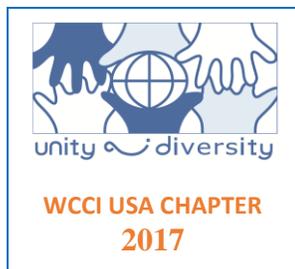


Minister of Education of the Federal Republic of Nigeria gave the Key-note Address while Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Bayero University

Kano presented the Lead Paper. There were also goodwill messages from the Emir of Kano, HRM Muhammad Sunusi II CON who was the Royal Father of the Day and ably represented by the Bauran Kano, Hakimin Rogo, Alhaji Mohammad Maharaz Karaye, as well as the Hon. Commissioner of Planning and Budget, Kano state Haj. Aishatu Ja'afar Yusif who represented Her Excellency, the wife of the Executive Governor of Kano State, Dr. Hafsat Abdullahi Umar Ganduje.

The conference was well attended by over one hundred and thirty (130) participants that cut across a wide spectrum of practitioners in the field of education from different states across the federation. They included eminent scholars, veteran educationists, educational administrators, school principals, and traditional rulers. After extensive deliberations on papers presented, participants made some critical observations and recommendations.





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**INVITATION
WCCI USA CHAPTER INAUGURAL CONFERENCE**

DATE: APRIL 7, 2018

PLACE: SOKA UNIVERSITY of America
1 University Drive
Aliso Viejo, CA

TIME: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**MORNING: BUSINESS MEETING
AFTERNOON: WORKSHOP**

THEME: "CURRICULUM MAKING FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP"

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PHILIPPINE CHAPTER REPORT

Highlight: WCCI ASEAN CONFERENCE



Delegates from different ASEAN countries attended the recently held First Regional WCCI-ASEAN Conference in Novotel Hotel Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City, Philippines last August 17-19, 2017 in cooperation with the local government unit of Quezon City, Philippines.

This conference is a milestone in the history of our organization, the WCCI and our ASEAN counterparts. The conference gathered 450 delegates, including 100 foreign delegates, composed of education leaders, teachers, and student teachers who shared and exchanged the best of ASEAN educational trends, practices, and innovative approaches to teaching and learning. It also provided the occasion for a rich cultural exchange, sharing knowledge, networking, and strengthening relationships and cooperation among ASEAN participants.



Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista, our partner and sponsor, delivered his Opening Remarks where he advocated the strategic importance of closer cooperation in education and human resource development among ASEAN member countries.



President E. Garon emphasized on her Opening Remarks the importance of having a sustainable network thru person-to-person relationship via Special Interest Groups.

Different cultural presentation from the delegates coming from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Other participating delegates were from Hong Kong, Hungary, Canada, Taiwan, and USA.



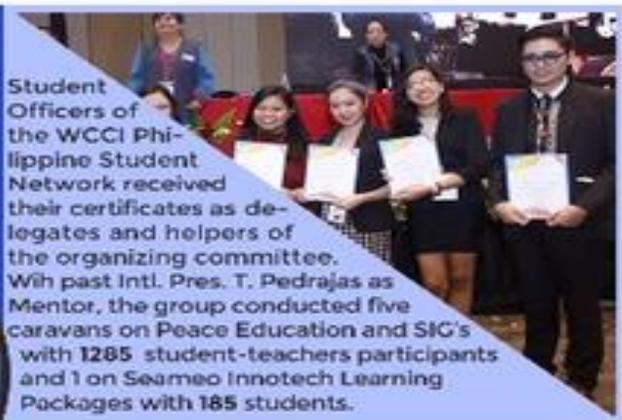
Celebrating ASEAN Cultural Heritage thru Exhibits from ASEAN Countries. Ribbon Cutting by the president, former ambassador and consultant on ASEAN Affairs, Dept. of Foreign Affairs Rep., and Office of the Quezon City Mayor Rep.



Commission on Higher Education Secretary, Dr. Patricia Licuanan delivered the key note address on Strengthening on ASEAN Education Today.



Wreath laying at the Quezon City Triangle for Manuel L. Quezon "First Philippine Commonwealth President". Present President E. Garon with Executive Asst. C. Caparros, and ASEAN Delegates.



Student Officers of the WCCI Philippine Student Network received their certificates as delegates and helpers of the organizing committee. With past Intl. Pres. T. Pedrajas as Mentor, the group conducted five caravans on Peace Education and SIG's with 1285 student-teachers participants and 1 on Seameo Innotech Learning Packages with 185 students.



Special Interest Group (SIG) on Global Education, Peace Education, and Human Rights Education by International Board Member Swee-Hin Toh, Ph.D. Other groups tackled Early Childhood, Special Education, & Lifelong Learning, Sustainable Community Development, Gender Fair Education, Teacher Education, Ethics and Values, Arts and Culture, TVET & IT Education.

MEMBERS TO DATE:
143 Individual Members
9 Institutional Members
9 Lifetime Members
161 Total Members



Also present is Council of Presidents and the International Board; VP S. Klein (Hungary), Exec. Director, E. Matriano (USA)



The Officers and Board Members of the WCCI-ASEAN Conference Organizing Committee.

WCCI 18th World Conference on Education

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE (Postmarked by April 1, 2018)

Member	Member 2017-2018	Non-Member
Regular	US\$400	US\$ 450.00
Student	US\$275.00	US\$ 300.00
Guest*		US\$ 350.00

Guest registration fee does not include conference materials

Registration fee includes: luncheons, breaks, international banquet and conference materials

Early Bird Registration Fee is strongly encouraged due to space limitation. Early Bird Registration must be postmarked or received by April 1, 2018. Registration fees received after this date will be held and applied to the On-Site Registration Fee.

Registration must be accompanied with a letter from the Secretariat confirming you are current on your membership. Without current membership (2018), you are not considered paid member. Therefore, you will have to pay the Non-Member fee.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEE (Postmarked after April 1, 2018)

Member	Member 2017-2018	Non-Member
Regular	US\$ 450.00	US\$ 475.00
Student	US\$ 350.00	US\$ 375.00
Guest *		US\$ 400.00

ONE DAY REGISTRATION FEES FOR ROME, ITALY PARTICIPANTS ONLY

ONE-DAY REGISTRATION FEE EURO 100.00 which includes meal and conference materials

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:

Hotel Villa Maria Regina - Roma

Deadline: May 15, 2018

Please make your hotel reservation by sending an email to Cristina Alessio at info@villamariaregina.com

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HOTEL RATE:

Double room for single occupancy Euro 75/room/night + tax
Double occupancy for double use Euro 85/room/night + tax

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