

Postsecondary International Network Newsletter

Spring 2000

PIN “Down Under” Conference 2000

Box Hill College, Australia and Christchurch Polytechnic, New Zealand, hosted the PIN Conference 2000. The conference attracted 35 participants from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States. The conference was opened at Box Hill College with a Welcoming Banquet and keynote speaker Lynne Kosky, Australian Minister for Post Compulsory Education. The Box Hill College program included sessions on technology, higher education systems, participant networking, and Australian educational programs. The Australian program concluded with a closing banquet at the College restaurant.

The conference moved to Christchurch for the second section of the program. Participants were entertained at the opening banquet by a Maori concert providing an opportunity to experience New Zealand’s cultural heritage. Jim Doyle, Executive Director of the Association of Polytechnics of New Zealand, provided the keynote address. The Christchurch program concentrated on technology, networking, and partnerships with business and industry. The New Zealand program concluded with a closing banquet at the Antarctic Centre.

Social highlights included TramCar dining, gondola rides, thermal springs, winery dinner, shopping, sightseeing, golf, and group interaction. The hospitality of the hosts in Australia and New Zealand was outstanding.

A Message PIN President, John Scott

It seems almost a lifetime since Boxhill TAFE and Christchurch Polytechnic hosted and the 2000 PIN conference. In reality it is only a matter of weeks and I am appreciative of the many notes of thanks, the e-mails and the invitations which have followed up on what has generally been agreed as an excellent conference. The excellence of this conference was largely as a result of the goodwill, the friendship and the energy of all those who participated.

I look forward to my two years as President of our network with enthusiasm tempered by misgivings. The enthusiasm is for the objectives and the continuation of the goodwill that builds between the active members of PIN. All of us are members of many associations and professional organisations and at times we question the value of our ongoing participation in such organisations. It is a simple fact that people belong to organisations as long as they sense some value and personal benefit. Whatever that will be is different from person to person.

Over the years I have come to look to PIN to provide strong personal relationships with energetic, expansive and internationally orientated colleagues. I now believe that PIN has provided some of the best professional interaction that I have had the good fortune to experience. Meeting colleagues who have become friends opens the door to conversations based on trust and goodwill. As that trust develops

the many objectives that we set from time to time, become easier to implement. I am enthusiastic about maintaining and building the strengths of PIN. It is your membership and your active involvement that is both the strength and the future of PIN.

My misgivings are derived from a realisation that our organisation must continue to regenerate itself with new members committed to the goals and objectives of an international network. No one single member of PIN can sustain the membership of PIN. The challenge for all of us is to build a network of caring and enthusiastic colleagues.

At the Annual general meeting in New Zealand, a range of projects was agreed with presidents from various colleges agreeing to act as advocates and coordinators. These projects come under the objectives set earlier by PIN, and will gather momentum as more of our members see the benefits of participating. A number of the initiatives require our financial support at an institutional level. This year for example, my Polytechnic has made a commitment to use some of our scholarship fund; our staff travel fund and student support grants to further the activities of PIN. We have been able to do this and support PIN with out finding additional funds. Other institutions do this already but I would encourage you to consider how by simply giving PIN initiatives a priority, you can effectively build the success of our network.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for your future association with PIN and to convey my warm appreciation to Cynthia Heelan for her leadership during her term as President and to welcome Peter Veenker as the elected vice-president.

If you haven't done so, please put the dates for the 2001 conference in your diary and I look forward to meeting as many as can participate.

John Scott

President/Tumuaki

Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology

PIN Conference Schedule

2001 Summer Conference

Summer Conference 2001 - Mohawk-US - Mike Schafer reports that the conference is in the planning stages and is scheduled for June 15-20, 2001. The first part of the conference will be held at the IMB Executive Training Center in New York, with the second part being held at Mohawk College, Utica, New York.

2002 Summer Conference

Dudok College, Netherlands, and Barnet College, England, will co-host the conference.

2003 Summer Conference

Western Piedmont Community College, USA, will host the conference.

Global Leadership Conference for Students

The Global Leadership Conference, May 21- May 31, 2000, sponsored by the Postsecondary International Network & Colorado Mountain College. The Global Leadership Conference is intended to internationalize member college's curriculum and provide students with global enrichment activities through conferences and exchanges. Last year the GLC had students enrolled from Canada, New Zealand, Scotland, and the United States.

The conference this year will center on the core themes of team building and relationship building. CMC has selected a course entitled Leadership Development, to build upon these themes. Participants will receive workshop sessions on multiculturalism, team building, relationship building, negotiation, conflict resolution, communication in the workplace, leadership styles, following styles, and leadership traits and behaviors. Classes will not only include theoretical foundations, but practical hands-on activities as well. Students will encounter these topics early in the conference, then will move to the out-of-doors to experiential activities that will allow them to pursue leadership skills and their metaphors in a different venue. The outdoor activities of a challenge course, river rafting (where they will be captains of the boats), and rock climbing are activities which serve as part of the Wilderness Studies degree program. They not only require teamwork but also individual leadership skills. After these activities students will have the opportunity for guided discussions (processing) as to their leadership and team metaphors.

The faculty for the conference have been selected for their expertise in each content area. They are not only teaching experts, but many are practitioners in industry as consultants or outdoor recreation professionals.

Students will also have networking opportunities both during the days and evenings to establish relationships with students from other schools and countries.

The dates for the conference this year are May 21-31, 2000. The conference will be held at the Spring Valley Center of Colorado Mountain College, in Glenwood Springs. Check out the following Website and slideshow from last year's conference: <http://www.coloradomtn.edu/global>. Program coordinator is: Sonny Conley, Colorado Mountain College, Phone: (970) 947-8495 and e-mail: sonnyc@coloradomtn.edu.

Meeting Highlights

PIN Annual Business Meeting

Monday, February 14, 2000

PIN Presidency

John Scott accepted the presidency from outgoing president Cynthia Heelan at the opening session of the conference. He stated that there is a need for continuity and to continue the direction that has been established during the presidency of Cynthia Heelan. The PIN priorities established in 1999 will continue to be the goals for PIN. He stated there is a need to attract new members, as there are several presidents who are retiring in the next two years.

Cynthia Heelan was recognized for her leadership of PIN during the past years.

President Elect

Peter Veenker, Australia, accepted the nomination to be president elect and the next PIN president. The term of president is two years.

PIN Priorities

Cynthia Heelan shared the five highest PIN priorities as defined by the membership. Members volunteered to champion the implementation of the priorities. The priorities and champions are:

Priority One - Participate in PIN Visits and Exchanges.

Person responsible: Tom Thomas.

Priority Two - The Organization is Informal - Keep Away from a Bureaucratic Organization for Those Wishing to Focus on Networking.

Person responsible: Mike Schafer.

Priority Three - Websites of Members are used to Understand Opportunities to Share.

Person responsible: Mike Schafer. Mike will develop a budget to maintain a PIN Website.

Priority Four- Global Learning Outcomes Exist for Eight Program Areas. Colleges Will Involve Three Faculty in One of Eight Program Areas Identified for FITPIN Development: Natural Resources, Hospitality, Business, Graphic Design, Quality, Customer Service, Journalism, and Diesel.

Person responsible: Cynthia Heelan.

Priority Five - Presidents Support Student Involvement in the Global Leadership Conference.

Person responsible: Cynthia Heelan.

FITPIN (Faculty Implementation Task Force of PIN)

The following members volunteered to be responsible for facilitating the internationalization of one program area. Each college will be responsible for identifying courses and a process to involve other colleges. The intent is to have a process in place to allow students to take a semester of course work at another PIN College.

Cynthia Heelan: Environment

Peter Veenker: Hospitality

Gretchen Naff: Business

Mike Schafer: Graphic Design

Marsi Liddell: Quality

Sandy Adair: Customer Service

Richard Jerome: Journalism/Popular Music

Tom Thomas: Diesel

The purpose of the Lead Institution is to provide leadership in the following areas: (1) Articulation of credit, (2) Exchange of ideas, (3) Professional development, (4) Student exchange, (5) Faculty exchange, and (6) Expand experience with global curriculum.

Role of the Lead Institution is to (1) Provide information about their program areas, (2) Initiate Website discussion, and (3) New Business.

Executive Committee Membership

Each country is eligible to have three members on the Executive Committee. Due to retirements and limited membership, vacancies exist for some countries. Each country selects their members on the Executive Committee. Australia identified their Executive Committee members to be John Maddock, Box Hill College, and Peter Veenker, Canberra Institute of Technology.

Attracting New Members

Discussion was held regarding the need to attract new members to PIN. There is a need to better define the value of being a PIN member, identifying the benefits of the network. Concern was expressed that the membership not be expanded to the point where person-to-person networking is lost. **Current members will assist in recruiting new members from their countries.** PIN will also explore the potential of expanding the range of countries. Some possible additions are Singapore, Japan, Korea, and Ireland. It was agreed that Russ Skinner would explore possible interest in Singapore, Japan, and Korea. Jim Doyle will explore possible interest in Ireland.

Honorary Members

Roy Murray and Tom Thomas are retiring this year after many years of service to PIN. Roy and Tom were designated as honorary members.

2000-2001 Faculty/Staff Exchange Visit Program

Applications are currently being taken for the 2000 Faculty/Staff Exchange Visit Program. The exchange and visit program is designed to facilitate faculty exchanges and visits among PIN member colleges. The exchanges and visits are designed to enhance the professional development of faculty and to further international understanding of two-year colleges. The colleges are expected to support and facilitate the exchange/visit process. The college and the faculty members develop the exchange or visit to meet their institutional and individual objectives.

PIN will award two \$500 (US) stipends to facilitate faculty exchanges and visits to each country for the

academic year. It is expected that the college will match the dollar amount of the stipend. The match will be cash or an in-kind contribution.

Process

1. The Faculty Exchange and Visit Program Application Form should be used.
2. The program criteria must be addressed in the application.
3. The narrative should be no longer than 1000 words.
4. The college president/principal and the faculty member must sign the application form.
5. If there is a need for assistance in identifying a host college, PIN will assist in identifying appropriate host colleges.
6. Faculty Exchange and Visit Program Application are submitted to Executive Director, Bill Warner.
7. The Executive Committee reviews all applications.
8. The Executive Committee will identify the award recipients.
9. The PIN president will notify the successful and unsuccessful applicants by May 1.
10. The \$500 (US) stipend check will be sent to the college president, who will make the award to the faculty/staff member.

Criteria

1. All applicants must be PIN members.
2. The goals and objectives of the exchange or visit must be identified.
3. Activities that will be used to achieve the goals and objectives should be identified.
4. The benefits of the exchange or visit for the college, department, and the individual must be identified.
5. The exchange must be consistent with the goals of the PIN organization.

Forward your Faculty/Staff Exchange and Visit applications to Bill Warner, Executive Director.

PIN Member Highlights

Rob Turner, Olds College President, Receives National Leadership Award

Olds College President Dr. Rob Turner is the recipient of the 2000 Leadership Excellence Award from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC). This is the first time the award has gone to a College President. It usually goes to administrators and board members at Canada's 175 colleges.

ACCC President Gerry Brown says the selection committee "was extremely impressed with Dr. Turner's leadership qualities, his commitment to produce quality programs and quality students, and his outstanding contribution to Olds College and the community."

Rob, President since August 1995, was born in Saskatchewan, and raised in Manitoba and Alberta. Starting as a teacher in 1975, he has held increasingly senior positions at several post-secondary schools in Alberta and British Columbia. During his presidency Olds College enrolment is up 30%, seven buildings opened, the Olds College Centre for Innovation launched and several new programs started, like the Applied Horticulture Technology degree, the Land Information Systems diploma, and the Applied Agricultural and Entrepreneurship degree (for September 2001).

Locally he has been on the executive of the Olds & District Chamber of Commerce, helped launch the Central Alberta Business Development Institute and worked closely with regional government. On a bigger stage he is President of the Canadian Presidents' Network and led in the creation of the Alberta Centre for International Education and a similar body in BC. He has also led or participated in numerous international delegations over the last 20 years, most recently to Vietnam and Taiwan.

Known for his energy and ability to build partnerships, Rob is also a cancer survivor and has used his experience to help other sufferers' battle the disease. Rob will receive the Award at the ACCC Annual Conference in Whitehorse in May.

Roy Murray, Confederation College President, Announces Retirement

Roy Murray, President of Confederation College and past PIN President announced his retirement effective this summer. The college is planning two ways to celebrate President Roy Murray's retirement: Celebration Dinner & Recognition

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2000

\$60.00 per person (Includes Contribution to a New Student Bursary)

Retirement Social for Roy

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2000

\$10.00 per person (Includes Contribution to a New Student Bursary)

Confederation College's mission is to provide innovative, high-quality, learning and training opportunities for the primary benefit of Northwestern Ontario. Confederation College is a publicly funded, postsecondary institution serving the educational needs of northwestern Ontario and is one of 25 colleges operating over 150 campuses in both urban and rural settings throughout Ontario.

Established in 1967, Confederation College serves an area exceeding 215,000 square miles from the principal campus in Thunder Bay and area campuses located in Dryden, Fort Frances, Geraldton, Kenora, Marathon and Sioux Lookout. The college offers a full range of programs and educational services throughout the region; full-time postsecondary programs, part-time credit and non-credit

courses, specialty programs for business and industry, pre-employment and skills training programs; apprenticeship programs and cooperative/workplace training programs. Many of these educational services are provided utilizing a combination of traditional and distance modes of delivery.

Confederation provides educational services to approximately 3,200 full-time postsecondary students, 410 apprentices, 550 adult training students and 17,000 part-time continuing education students annually. A workforce of 418 full-time and approximately 300 part-time employees provides services with an operating budget of approximately \$45 million.

Michael Leech, Stevenson College Principal, Retires

Michael Leech, Principal of Stevenson College, Edinburgh, Scotland, announced his retirement effective February 1, 2000. The College has appointed Dr. Ray Harris as principal. Stevenson College has three sites in Edinburgh, two on the west side of the city and one in Leith; however, the College is also involved in delivering courses around the city, its' outskirts and beyond through community-based programmes, training for industry and commerce, and increasingly, distance learning.

During the 1998-99 year, the College has seen major changes in the context, which have a bearing on their work as a public-funded College. The Scottish Parliament came into being, and the further education sector is now the responsibility of the newly formed Scottish Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Department and the three Ministers who are in charge. The Scottish Further Education Funding Council (SFEFC) was formally established on July 1, 1999, with its responsibilities of making annual grant-in-aid payments to colleges and of monitoring the financial performance, the estate management and overall quality of college operations.

Student enrolments totaled over 20,000 for 1998-99. The commercial arm, Stevenson Business Training Limited, enjoyed a successful year's trading and contributed a surplus to the College's finances.

International initiatives included a very successful collaboration arrangement developed with Heriot-Watt University. Provision of foundation courses for Chinese students recruited by the University are now under way. The College has successfully completed a two-year EU-funded project under the SOCRATES/COMENIUS strand, involving opportunities for students to study in one or more European countries.