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Welcome to the EASE!

On behalf of the Executive Members of the East-Asian Association for Science Education (EASE), I warmly welcome you to join our newly established society. The East-Asian Association for Science Education was officially established on Oct. 31, 2007, at the founding assembly held at Seoul National University. Its constitution (see next page) was developed through long and careful deliberation among the Preparatory Committee Members (now they are the Executive Members). The missions of our Association is shown as follows:

Missions of EASE

- *Fostering networks among researchers
- *Being a platform for collaboration and cooperation
- *Contributing to policies and practices through research
- *Enhancing research relevant to our culture and heritage



EASE Founding Assembly, Seoul National University, Oct. 31, 2007

We realize that we face certain similar problems and issues unique in our science education enterprise, whose resolution is urgently needed. In order to cope with them, our Association can serve as a strong platform for science educators in our regions to exchange/share ideas and practices mutually, I trust. For that purpose, we will provide several means such as Biennial Conferences, Summer Workshops for graduate students, E-Newletters, and a Website. In the near future, we would like to develop our own academic journal, as well. Right now, our membership remains still small,

but with the strong help of our members and supporters (see EASE website), we will try to do our best to increase the number of our members not only from our regions but also from other regions. Also, we welcome donations from individuals as well as institutions to improve our present poor financial background. This is the very first E-Newsletter under the (volunteer) editorship of Prof. Hisashi Otsuji, Ibaraki University, Japan. We express our special thanks for his great job. Also, we would be so happy if some of you are interested in joining us as the members of Secretary Office as volunteers to support Young-Shin and Hisashi's work.

The Association is YOURS. Why don't you join us?

(President of
EASE, Prof.
Masakata Ogawa,
Kobe University)



Prof. Masakata OGAWA

CASE 2008 in Kaohsiung



In the Chinese New Year holiday of 2008, the Conference of Asian Science Education (CASE 2008 <http://case2008.nknu.edu.tw/>) was held (Feb. 20 - 22) and ended in success at Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Prof. C.Y. Chou, National Kaohsiung

Normal University and the president of the Association of Science

Education Taiwan, hosted 517 participants from all over the world with 214 papers (6 key notes, 146 oral presentations in 11 separate rooms and 62 posters), three workshops, and one forum section on Asian science education. Though the CASE 2008 was planned and held independently with the EASE organization, this conference gave us a precious opportunity to meet with colleagues, *being a platform for collaboration and cooperation.*



Prof. Ching-Yang CHOU

Events of other Associations

- 2008 NARST Annual Conference www.narst.org
Mar. 30-Apr. 2, 2008 @Baltimore, USA
- 39th ASERA 2008 www.asera.org.au
Jul. 2-5, 2008 @Rydges South Bank Brisbane, Australia 200 words abstract should be submitted by Apr. 18 and registration fee by May 23.
- KASE 2008 Aug. 2008 in Korea www.koreascience.org/
- JSSE 2008 certcms.shinshu-u.ac.jp/jsse/
Aug. 22-24, 2008 @Okayama, Japan
- XIII IOSTE www.ioste2008.org
Sep. 21-26, 2008 @Izmir, Turkey
- ICSENS 2008 sens.snu.ac.kr/eng/
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 @Seoul National University
- 5th World Environmental Education Congress
May 10-14, 2009 @Montreal, Canada www.5weec.org
- ESERA 2009 www.naturfagsenteret.no/esera/
@Istanbul, Turkey

We are planning to have a sister relationship with some of these associations.



What is coming ?

1st Conference of the EASE will be held at Taipei for 2 and half days in Oct. 2009. Oral presentation with 20-min discussion followed by 20-min presentation, poster, etc. are open to all participants. Please prepare for this conference from now.

Summer workshop for research students in 2010 is also being planned. Your attention to making this happen is appreciated.

Join us !

I am the head secretary of the EASE, Young-Shin Park at Seoul National University, Korea.

For membership of EASE: It costs only US\$ 20 a year to be a member of EASE (US\$ 10 for students).

For more information: Just visit EASE Website. You can find useful information in EASE website: <http://ease-net.org>
Don't hesitate to contact me for further information. pys68@snu.ac.kr



Young-Shin PARK

Call for your regional information

This Newsletter is planned to be published at least quarterly. We also have plans to send email newsletters with information related to science education in East Asia and all over the world, to all members of EASE more often. Please send us any news about science education around you to news@ease-net.org at any time. We will help you spread the news around.

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Constitution of EASE**東亞科學教育學會規程****1 Name and Status**

1.1 The name of the association shall be 'The EASE (East-Asian Association for Science Education), referred to as 'The Association'. The Association comprises members from regions including China Mainland (中國大陸), Hong Kong(香港), Japan(日本), Korea(韓國), and Taiwan(臺灣). These regions are referred to as 'The Constituent Regions'.

1.2 'Science Education' shall refer to all aspects of education in respect of the natural sciences including physics, chemistry, biology, earth science, environmental science, general science, and applied science for learners of all ages.

1.3 'Research' shall refer to all forms of systematic inquiry.

1.4 The Executive shall, if necessary, establish the legality of this Constitution under national or international law as appropriate.

2 Aims

The aims of The Association shall be:

2.1 to enhance the range and quality of research, teaching and learning in science education in East Asia, in particular, those related to the culture and heritage of The Constituent Regions;

2.2 to provide a platform for collaboration in science education among The Constituent Regions;

2.3 to seek to relate research to the policy and practice of science education in The

Constituent Regions;

2.4 to represent the professional interests of science education researchers in The Constituent Regions;

2.5 to foster links between science education researchers in The Constituent Regions and similar communities elsewhere in the world.

3 Membership

3.1 Personal membership of The Association is open to anyone who has interests in science education research.

3.2 Applications for personal membership shall be made on the Application Form provided.

3.3 The title and privileges of being a 'Personal Member of the Association' shall only be enjoyed by an individual over a period for which all the dues required by The Association have been paid.

3.4 Organizational membership of The Association shall be open to organizations which have a constitutional interest in research in science education.

3.5 Applications for organizational membership shall be made on the Application Form provided.

3.6 The title and privileges of being an 'Organizational Member of the Association' shall only be enjoyed by an organization over a period for which all the dues required by The Association have been paid.

4 The Executive

4.1 Decisions made on behalf of The Association shall be taken by The Executive.

4.2 Each personal member shall have the right to one vote in any election concerning The Association.

4.3 The Executive shall consist of elected members, with at least two representatives from each constituent regions of The Association. All nominations must be supported by a proposer and a seconder, who are Personal Members of The Association. The proposer and the seconder must also be coming from different Constituent Regions. Each of those elected will serve for four years. However, arrangements should be made as far as possible such that about half of the members on the Executive will be re-elected in every other two years to ensure smooth transition and continuity of work of The Association.

4.4 President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer will be directly elected among the elected members of The Executive. The term of office for each of the above-mentioned office bearers will be two years.

4.5 If a position on The Executive falls vacant, The Executive shall fill it by whatever means they deem necessary and which do not contradict the above conditions, until the next occasion for an election.

4.6 The duties of the President shall:

a. take charge of the affairs of The Association, including presiding the Biennial Conference of The Association;

b. serve as a Chair of The Executive;

c. be or designate a representative to affiliate organizations;

d. serve as or designate a representative as spokesperson for The Association.

4.7 During the Biennial Conference, The Executive will present a written report, which shall include Audited Accounts, of The Association. This report will be uploaded onto the official website of The Association for perusal by Members who are not present at the Biennial Conference of The Association. In years when the Biennial Conference does not take place, the written report will be sent to all Members and posted on the website.

4.8 The Organizer of the next Biennial Conference of The Association (which shall be organized to support communication on research matters between members of The Association and with others) shall automatically be co-opted on to The Executive.

4.9 Elections to The Executive shall, wherever possible, take place during a Biennial Conference of The Association such that results may be announced at that Conference.

4.10 Amendments to The Constitution either shall be proposed by a majority decision of The Executive or shall be proposed by at least thirty other Members of The Association who, in turn, must be coming from at least three of The Constituent Regions.

4.11 An amendment to The Constitution shall be agreed by a two-thirds majority of the members of The Association who vote in the ensuing referendum.

4.12 The Headquarter of The Association shall be established in a City at the discretion of The Executive.

4.13 Important documents produced in the course of Association business shall have an abstract in at least two different Asian languages.

5 Activities

5.1 The activities of The Association shall be addressed by such means as The Executive shall decide.

5.2 These means shall include the organization of Boards and shall include the organization of the Biennial Conferences of The Association.

5.3 The costs of each activity conducted on behalf of The Association shall be met by, or on behalf of, the activity, less any administrative input that The Executive shall decide to make. Any surplus generated by an activity shall be the property of The Association.

5.4 In order to conduct the business of The Association, The Executive shall be empowered both to collect an Annual Membership Fee from personal and Organizational Members of The Association and to make applications to Fund-Awarding Bodies on behalf of The Association.

Job Posting by SNU: (Title) Assistant/ Associate Professor in Science Education at Seoul National University, Korea (Deadline) Open until filled starting as early as Sep. 1st, 2008 (Qualifications) Ph.D in science education (Salary) commensurate with experience (Financial Support) including an apartment on campus and air fare
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