

JOIN US IN SEATTLE FOR THE 12TH WORLD CONFERENCE!

Plans are proceeding smoothly for the 12th World Conference of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, which will be held July 29 - August 2, 1997 at the Sheraton-Seattle Hotel in downtown Seattle, Washington (USA). As you may recall, the topic for this World Conference is *"Connecting the Gifted Community Worldwide."*

World Conference Arrangements

Conference planning is being conducted at the World Council Headquarters at The Connie Belin & Jacqueline N. Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development. The World Council's Executive Administrator, Dr. Nicholas Colangelo, has received tremendous local support and assistance from the Local Conference Committee, co-chaired by Dr. Nancy Robinson (University of Washington) and by Dr. Gail Hanninen (City University-Seattle).

Drs. Robinson and Hanninen have assembled an effective and hard-working committee that is responsible for arranging local entertainment, hospitality, educational visits, and related events that will showcase the many attributes of Seattle.

Local Conference Committee chairs include Sarah Alsdorf, Stevie Bravmann, Paul Dugger, Kathy Dwyer, Sue Fischer, Jaysari Ghosh, Sonia Grunberg, Marsha Holland, Michele Houck, Linda Lewis, Sharon Lind, Mary Maffia, Barbara Maurer, Gayle Pauley, Barb Sailors, Robert Vaughan, and Barbara Whitson.

A. Harry Passow Memorial Lecture

In memory of one of the great leaders in the field of gifted education, the A. Harry Passow Memorial Lecture has been established by the World Council's Executive Committee

for delivery at the World Conference. The A. Harry Passow Memorial Lectures will be delivered at each World Conference by an individual or individuals nominated by the WCGTC membership and selected by the Executive Committee. The first annual A. Harry Passow Memorial Lecture will be delivered at the 1997 World Conference by Professors James Gallagher and Abe Tannenbaum.

Keynote and Invited Speakers

In addition to James Gallagher and Abe Tannenbaum, the following individuals will be delivering keynote addresses at the 12th World Conference: Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Joseph Renzulli, Nancy Robinson, and Dean Keith Simonton.

Invited speakers include: Raphi Amram, Susan Assouline, Barbara Clark, Nicholas Colangelo, John Feldhusen, David Feldman, Donna Ford, Mary Frasier, Miraca Gross, Barbara Kerr, Martha Morelock, Michael Piechowski, M.K. Raina, Karen Rogers, Linda Silverman, Lauren Sosniak, Rena Subotnik, Carol Ann Tomlinson, Joyce Van Tassel-Baska, and Wu-Tien Wu. In addition, a representative of Microsoft Corporation will be speaking at the Opening Ceremonies of the 12th World Conference.

Pre-Conference Educational Workshops

On the morning of Tuesday, July 29, 1997, six separate educational workshops will be offered. *Workshop #1*—Susan Assouline will present "Academically Able Elementary Students: Who Are They, and How Can Their Needs Be Met?"; *Workshop #2*—Barbara Clark will present "Brain Research: A Basis for Differentiating Education for Gifted Learners"; *Workshop #3*—Nicholas

Colangelo will present "Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Students"; *Workshop #4*—David George will present "Creating an Ethos of Achievement"; *Workshop #5*—Miraca Gross will present "Acceleration and Gifted Students: Why, for Whom, Where, and How?"; and *Workshop #6*—Klaus Urban will present "Creativity: Assessing, Challenging, and Nurturing." The workshops, to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, will be certified for participants to receive 0.3 CEUs. Registration for these workshops is possible on the World Conference Registration Form.

Youth Symposium

A 3-day Youth Symposium, *"Leadership, Technology, and Our Environment,"* planned by the Local Conference Committee and sponsored by the World Council, will be held July 30 - August 1, 1997 as part of the 12th World Conference. This year's Youth Symposium is for students ages 11-18 years, whose parents or guardians are registered participants at the 12th World Conference.

For additional information about the Youth Symposium, contact Dr. Gail Hanninen, City University, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, Washington 98055 (USA).

Optional Tours

Two evening special events are scheduled during the 12th World Conference.

Tillicum Village:

On Wednesday, July 30, there will be a chartered boat excursion to Tillicum Village on Blake Island, which will include a narrated harbor cruise and magnificent view of Seattle's skyline of Elliott Bay while enroute. After your arrival at Tillicum Village on Blake Island, you will enjoy
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appetizers of clams in a nectar broth, then go into the great cedar longhouse for a salmon feast, cooked over open fire on cedar stakes in the ancient Northwest Coast Native American fashion. Following dinner, you will enjoy "Dance On the Wind," an impressive stage presentation, which highlights some of the traditional dances, myths, and legends of the Northwest Coast. This tour is available at \$50 per adult, and registration for this event is available on the World Conference Registration form.

The Pacific Science Center:

On Thursday, July 31, participants can ride the Monorail to the 74-acre Seattle Center, home of the 1962 World's Fair and the world-famous Space Needle, for a reception and tour of the Pacific Science Center. At the Pacific Science Center there will be learning and entertainment opportunities for everyone—including virtual-reality basketball, viewing a presentation on the gargantuan screen of the IMAX theater, and taking a daring (but safe!) ride on a high-rail bike. This special event will be available for \$35 per person and registration is available on the World Conference Registration form.

Local Host-Family Link-ups

The Local Conference Committee is working on an opportunity to "link-up" visitors from outside the United States with Seattle-area families for an afternoon or evening of leisure activities. This will provide both groups with the chance to learn about each other's respective cultures and interests. Those wishing to participate in this unique program are encouraged to sign-up for the "link-ups" on the World Conference registration form.

Exhibits

Vendors from throughout the United States will be exhibiting their products/materials and presenting information on gifted education programs at the 12th World Conference. The exhibit hall will be located in the Metropolitan Ballroom on the third floor of the Sheraton-Seattle Hotel and will be open during the hours the World Conference is in session. We encourage everyone to visit the Exhibit Hall!

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

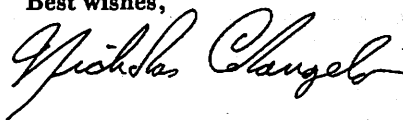
I want to let everyone in the WCGTC know that our energies at Headquarters have been focused on Seattle. The 12th World Conference to be held at Seattle, Washington, July 29 - August 2, 1997, should be outstanding. We have a number of internationally prominent researchers and educators who will be giving invited presentations, and we have had an incredible number of proposals submitted for presentations at Seattle. As an indication of the global interest in gifted education as well as interest in WCGTC, we have received proposals from 30 countries, on 6 continents.

The WCGTC Headquarters has been at the Belin-Blank Center for nearly two years. During this time, the Headquarters staff has done a tremendous amount of work in putting the WCGTC on solid foundation both in terms of finances and in terms of administrative structure. Frankly, there was a great deal of work that needed to be done. As you read this message, the WCGTC has its administrative and financial house in excellent order. The Belin-Blank Center has contributed extensively to the WCGTC financially as well as in time and personnel. I believe a successful conference in Seattle will provide the WCGTC a promising future.

In addition to my responsibilities as Executive Administrator of the WCGTC, I am also Director of the Belin-Blank Center. There are extensive new projects that the Belin-Blank Center is undertaking and these commitments would conflict with the needs of the WCGTC. I have informed the Executive Committee that I will no longer continue as Executive Administrator, nor will the Belin-Blank Center continue as Headquarters for the WCGTC. Our work as Headquarters will end with the close of the Seattle Conference.

I thank the many members and delegates of the WCGTC for their support these past two years. I look forward to seeing you in Seattle.

Best wishes,



Nicholas Colangelo
Executive Administrator
Myron & Jacqueline Blank
Professor of Gifted Education

Conference Registration

As with World Conferences past, members in good standing of the World Council, will be entitled to reduced conference registration fees. As part of the headquarters transition, past members who have allowed their memberships to lapse have continued to receive regular communication and publications from the World Council. Membership is now figured on the calendar year, so that all memberships will expire on December 31st of a particular year.

In order to qualify for the reduced conference registration fees, it will be necessary for memberships to be renewed for 1997. *If you have any questions about your membership status, please look at the mailing label on the newsletter envelope.*

Following your name is the expiration date of your membership in the World Council. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Headquarters right away.

The Sheraton-Seattle Hotel

The headquarters hotel for the 12th World Conference is the Sheraton-Seattle Hotel, 1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101 (USA), located in downtown Seattle.

World Conference registrants will be entitled to receive the reduced conference rate of \$145 per night for single or double occupancy. This reduced rate will be available only until June 20, 1997. Reservations may be made by mail, telephone (1-206-621-9000) or by fax (1-206-447-5525). Please be certain to

mention that you are attending the World Conference when you make your reservations. Due to the other popular activities occurring as part of Seafair, it is important that you make your hotel reservations early!

Seattle, the Emerald City

Seattle, a historical city in the Pacific Northwest of the United States, is also known as "The Emerald City." It is a wonderful blend of spectacular natural and urban beauty as well as the home of many corporations considered to be on the "cutting edge" of today's technology. The area boasts a moderate climate and is one

of nature's most spectacular areas.

Seattle's Puget Sound, mountain landscape, and off-shore islands will provide visitors from throughout the world with an opportunity to explore and learn. Additionally, Seattle-based companies such as Boeing and Microsoft are setting the pace for future technological advancements and are instrumental in "Connecting the Gifted Community Worldwide."

In addition to the special events currently planned to occur during the World Conference, we are fortunate to be in Seattle during the celebration of their annual festival Seafair, which begins July 11. Seafair is comprised

of over 50 community festivals in the Puget Sound area. While we are there, you may enjoy the following events: The arrival of the Seafair Fleet and free public tours of US Navy ships (July 30 - August 3); The Seafair/Southwest Airlines Torchlight Parade (August 1); and the Texaco Cup Unlimited Hydroplane Races (August 1-3).

The Executive Committee and the Headquarters Office Staff are extremely excited about the 1997 World Conference of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. We invite you all to participate in this most important conference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

Secretary Mayerhofer-Grillmayr Resigns

Wu-Tien Wu, president of the World Council's Executive Committee, reluctantly accepted the resignation of Secretary Barbara Mayerhofer-Grillmayr (Salzburg, Austria). Dr. Mayerhofer-Grillmayr has served as Secretary of the Executive Committee. On behalf of the entire membership of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, we wish to thank Dr. Mayerhofer-Grillmayr for her service to the World Council.

President Wu is pleased to announce, however, that Dr. David George accepted the invitation to rejoin the World Council's Executive Committee. He has agreed to complete Dr. Mayerhofer-Grillmayr's term as secretary, which will end August 2, 1997.

Executive Committee Met in October, 1996

The World Council's Executive Committee convened for its annual executive meeting October 21-22, 1996 in Vienna, Austria. The meeting, held in conjunction with the Fifth Conference of the European Council for High Ability, allowed the Executive Committee to address an extensive agenda.

Following the Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee was invited by Mr. M. Nazif Ulgen (Istanbul, Turkey) to visit Istanbul as the guests of a group of Turkish educators who are eager to propose Istanbul as the site for the 1999 World

Conference of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.

The site visit took place October 23-25 and included visits to the various venues available in Istanbul that could host the World Conference.

Arbeitskreis Begabungsforschung und Begabungsförderung e.V. receives Affiliated Organization Status

President Wu-Tien Wu is pleased to announce the positive vote of the World Council's Executive Committee to grant affiliated organization status to the Arbeitskreis Begabungsforschung und Begabungsförderung e.V. (Association for Research and Education of the Gifted).

The Arbeitskreis Begabungsforschung und Begabungsförderung e.V., chaired by Executive Committee member Dr. Klaus K. Urban (Hannover, Germany), is a union of German-speaking colleagues in Germany and surrounding countries. Among the association's purposes is the "promotion of gifts and talents as well as of research in giftedness."

The Arbeitskreis Begabungsforschung und Begabungsförderung e.V. joins the National Association for Gifted Children (USA) and the Youth Talent Development Association of R.O.C. as an affiliated organization of the World Council. Additionally, The Asia-Pacific Federation and the Ibero-American Federation are affiliated federations of the World Council. We welcome Arbeitskreis Begabungsforschung und Begabungsförderung e.V.

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK



The Executive Committee of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children voted to change some membership policies concerning membership expiration.

It was proposed and accepted that all memberships will expire on December 31 of their respective years. This new membership expiration policy will permit the Headquarters to streamline its procedures by sending out membership renewals once annually instead of every month.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue of *World Gifted*, in order to qualify for the reduced World Conference registration fee, it will be necessary to renew your membership for 1997. If you wish to receive another copy of the membership application form, please contact Headquarters, and one will be sent to you immediately. If you have access to the Internet, you may also renew your membership electronically. The World Council has information (and membership) available on the webpage of the Belin-Blank Center (<http://www.uiowa.edu/~belinctr>).

UPDATED DELEGATES LISTING

It was noted that several countries with delegate representation in the World Council for the term 1993-1995, were not listed as having delegates for the 1995-1997 term. This non-representation may have been the result of either the non-renewal of elected delegates' membership in the World Council, or confusion surrounding the reporting of delegate election results to the World Council.

Dr. Nicholas Colangelo, Executive Administrator, contacted each previous delegate from non-represented nations and has encouraged the non-members to renew their memberships in order to retain their delegate status. For those instances where delegates from non-represented nations were current and active members in the World Council, those individuals have been advised that their delegate status has been reinstated.

The current list of 1995-1997 Delegates to the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children:

Argentina—Susana Gabrielli Barros, Maria de Carmen Maggio, Beatriz Tarulla;
Australia—Eddie J. Braggett, Harry Milne, Barbara Nichols;
Austria—Irmgard Küntz, Friedrich Oswald, Gerhard Pusch;
Belgium—Bernadette Moelans-Hermans;
Bermuda—H. C. Juliette Harris;
Brazil—Eunice Soriano de Alencar, Marsyl Bulkool Mettrau, Maria Lucia Prado Sabatella (alternate);
Brunei Darussalam—Omar H. J. Khalid, Apsah H.A. Majid;
Canada—Judy Lupart, Edna McMillan, Carolyn Yewchuk, Marjorie Coffin (alternate);
Denmark—Ole Kyed;
Finland—Kirsi Tirri;
France—Marie Martine Bonnard, Georges Nicoleau, Jean-Charles Terrassier;
Germany—Annette Heinbokel, Kurt A. Heller, Harald Wagner;
Hong Kong—Margret Hale, Helen Ku-Yu, Fred Lam;
India—Krishna Maitra, Muthusamy Srinivasan;
Indonesia—Reni Akbar Hawadi, Utami Munandar, H. Maulwi Saetan;

Israel—Erika Landau, Netta Maoz, Nitza Shachal;
Italy—Marina Martinetti;
Jamaica—Auma T. Folkes, Marjorie Humphreys, Marguerite Narinesingh;
Japan—Hirano Tomomi, Norio Iwata, Nobutaka Matsumura;
Jordan—Alia Tawfiq Fada, Fathi A. Jarwan, Muhyieddeen Touq;
Malaysia—Jackie G. K. Loh;
Mexico—Raquel Levy Bronsoler;
The Netherlands—Willy Peters, Marieke Schuurman;
New Zealand—Roger Moltzen, Debra Krancis;
People's Republic of China—Zheng Xing Gong, Pengzhi Liu, Zixiu Zha;
Peru—Sheyla Blumen-Pardo;
Philippines—Myrna U. Garcia, Aurora H. Roldan;
Portugal—Maria Lourdes Saleiro Cardoso, Arabel Miranda Coutinho, Paulo B. Fernandes;
Republic of Singapore—Ban Eng Goh, Nam Soon Lam;
Republic of South Africa—Shirley Kokot, Conrad van der Westhuizen, Belle Wallace;
Republic of South Korea—Koon-Hyon Lee, Jeong-hwa Moon, Myoung-Hwan Kim (alternate);
Spain—Juan A. Alonso, Amable Manuel Cima-Muñoz, Merce Martinez-Torres;
Taiwan—Hsingtai Lin, Emily Tai-Hwa Lu, Jan-Der Wang;
Thailand—Prapapat Niyom, Boonchird Pinyoanuntapong, Usanee Phothisuk;
Turkey—Umit Davasligil, M. Nazif Ulgen, Gulten Ulgen, Necmettin Bagci (alternate);
United Kingdom—Catherine Clark, Johanna M. Raffan, Peter Williams;
United States of America—Alexinia Baldwin, Richard E. Lange, Sally Todd, Robert Seney (alternate)

Delegates for 1997-1999 are now being elected by their respective nations' membership.

HOST NATIONS ARE SOUGHT FOR 1999 AND 2001 WORLD CONFERENCES

Host nations and sites are being sought by the World Council's Executive Committee for the 1999 and 2001 World Conference.

The Executive Committee has received comprehensive bids to host the 1999 World Conference from two cities: Barcelona, Spain, and Istanbul, Turkey. The site for the 1999 World Conference will be announced at the 1997 World Conference in Seattle.

Additionally, the Executive Committee is interested in receiving bids for the 2001 and 2003 World Conferences. Any individual or group of individuals interested in exploring the possibility of hosting a World Conference in their home country in 2001 or 2003 should request a copy of "Preliminary Guidelines for Developing a World Conference Proposal." This document has been designed to assist groups in determining whether adequate support and resources are available to them to pursue submitting a formal proposal to the Executive Committee to host a World Conference.

THE WCGTC ON THE WWW!

Access to the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children is now available on the Internet!

The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children is available through the home page of The Connie Belin & Jacqueline N. Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development on the World Wide Web (<http://www.uiowa.edu/~belinctr>).

By accessing this page, the web visitor may access general information about the World Council, renew their membership or join anew, and learn about the 12th Biennial World Conference in Seattle.

SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Croatia, Slovenia, India, Turkey

Dr. David George, Secretary of the World Council's Executive Committee, has visited several developing countries to give courses on the education of gifted and talented children.

The first visit was to Croatia and Slovenia, both these states from within the former Yugoslavia, seceded from the Federation in 1991, and have therefore avoided most of the civil conflict that has engulfed the region.

A two-day course was given in both Pula and Ljubljana for nursery and early-year teachers. Both Croatia and Slovenia are concerned with identifying gifted children early on and providing them early entry into appropriate programs.

Dr. George also attended and presented the paper "Talents Unlimited" at the National 3-Day Conference in Jaipur for the top 60 head teachers in India. He will return to India to participate in a lecture tour to several of the schools that were represented at the conference.

Dr. George later traveled to Turkey, where he visited a school recently established by a benefactor to provide opportunities for exceptionally gifted children of modest economic circumstances. Information has been circulated with 42,000 primary schools and head teachers are asked to nominate those children they believe would best benefit from such a school. The current enrollment at the school is 91, with a teaching staff of 22.

Bulgaria

Anne Senese (Newtown, Connecticut, USA) had the opportunity to participate in a professional exchange program in Bourgas, Bulgaria last year. During her time there, Mrs. Senese worked closely with Zoya Dimitrova, founder of Sveti Nikola, a foundation established in December, 1995 to support gifted children in the region and "to help overcome the isolation from the world tendencies in the field of youth creativity."

During her work with Sveti Nikola, Mrs. Senese was most impressed with the dedication of the Bulgarian people to the identification and nurturance of their gifted youth, which is a great economic challenge to a country that is working to establish itself following the breakup of the Soviet Union.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dr. Wu-Tien Wu

It has been over a year, and still it is hard to believe that Harry Passow has passed away. The relocation of the World Council Headquarters to the Belin-Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development at The University of Iowa was the result of Harry's efforts. The memories of our last reunion in Tampa in November, 1995, during the 42nd NAGC annual convention are still vivid in my mind.

I realize that we have lost a great mentor, and, most important, a wonderful friend. Harry deserves a lot of admiration and appreciation because of his great achievement and contribution in many aspects of education, curriculum development and gifted education in particular. However, as far as the WCGTC is concerned, we are in debt to him so much—Harry was a founding member of the WCGTC and served as the Honorable Secretary General for a long time before becoming the President of this organization (1985-89). He dreamed of extending our services to people all around the world, and he indeed made a great commitment. In tribute to Harry, the World Council has decided to set up the *A. Harry Passow Memorial Lecture* at every World Conference and has also established the *A. Harry Passow International Award for Leadership in Gifted Education*.

Harry's sparking smile and great ideas will be in our minds forever.

I have something else to share with you:

1. *I attended the 4th Asia-Pacific Conference on Giftedness held in Jakarta, Indonesia on August 4-8, 1996.* This was a very successful conference in terms of preparation, programs and the hospitality. Congratulations! Also, congratulations to Dr. Utami Munandar, chairperson of the organizing committee, on being elected the new President of the Asia-Pacific Federation of WCGTC! Dr. Aurora Roldan, the "mother" of the Federation, is to be appreciated for her many years commitment in and contribution to the Federation.

2. *The Executive Committee of WCGTC held its annual meeting in Vienna on October 21-22, 1996 during the 5th European Council for High Ability Conference.*

Lastly, please be aware that our headquarters are currently located at the Belin-Blank International Center in The University of Iowa. Please feel free to contact our colleagues in the Headquarters. Of course, you are also welcome to advise or ask me on anything related to the World Council (note: before August 2, 1997 when my term is finished).

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Fifth Asia-Pacific Conference of Giftedness. September 1-5, 1998 in New Delhi, India. The conference theme is "Beyond the Classroom: A Global Perspective on Giftedness." Invited speakers include Professors Eddie Braggett, Barbara Clark, Norah Maier, M. K. Raina, J. S. Renzulli, and Wu-Tien Wu. For more information about this conference, please contact Dr. Krishna Maitra, D-2 University Flats, 8 Cavalry Lane, Delhi 110 007, India; Phone: 91-11-725-7995; FAX: 91-11-725-7336 or 725-7049; e-mail: maitra@giassdl01.vsnl.net.in or csec@doe.ernet.in.

REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

by Dr. Barbara Clark

During the past year, I have been involved in many activities that have been focused on establishing the Headquarters of the World Council at the Belin-Blank International Center in Iowa City, Iowa. One of the most exciting is my active involvement in the World Conference of the World Council in Seattle coming this July and August. The Local Conference Committee, under the leadership of Drs. Nancy Robinson and Gail Hanninen, was established and named over 20 committee chairs to develop the local hospitality, special events, and ambiance of the conference. This fine team continues to move toward a very exciting and successful conference.

Brochures for information and registration for the conference have been prepared by Headquarters and have been mailed out. A network of Delegates in each member country will be developed to promote the conference in their country and that initial contact will proceed as soon as the brochures are ready. Requests for conference materials are being received from many organizations and groups throughout Washington and across the United States.

The Call for Papers has gone out and, according to the Headquarters there has been a large number of proposals submitted. Some of the events of note include: An opening ceremony that will invite all of the educators and interested persons from the local area to attend at no cost to learn about the organization and its mission; a Wednesday evening trip to Tillicum Village on Blake Island to tour and dine (salmon bake) in an American Indian setting; a Thursday evening Monorail trip to the Pacific Science Center for a reception and tour arranged exclusively for conference participants; and a family link-up that will introduce those choosing to participate to the life-style of a family living in the Seattle area. A computer room is being planned with students and teachers to demonstrate the latest in software and how technology can be used in the classroom.

Confirmed keynoters and major speakers include: Abe Tannenbaum, James Gallagher, Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, M.K. Raina, J. Borland, J. Feldhusen, D. Feldman, M. Piechowski, J. Renzulli, and L. Silverman. A representative from Microsoft Corporation will welcome attendees. Preconference speakers include: Susan Assouline, Barbara Clark, Nicholas Colangelo, David George, Miraca Gross, and Klaus Urban. Students will be available throughout the conference for performances, demonstrations, and discussions.

Tours of Seattle and the area will be available prior to, throughout, and after the conference, and a cruise of the inland passage to Alaska has been arranged by the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC-USA) and will leave from Seattle, Sunday, August 3rd for 7 days.

Plan to attend and be sure that all of your colleagues are aware of this exciting and educationally enriching event. Wonderful food, beautiful scenery, and friendly, interesting people. We look forward to seeing you in Seattle, July 29 - August 2, 1997. All inquiries should be sent to Headquarters.

MINUTES OF THE WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED ROUNDTABLE

Saturday, November 2, 1996

Session at the National Association
for Gifted Children
Indianapolis, Indiana (USA)

Present from the World Council: Miraca Gross (World Council Executive Committee); Nicholas Colangelo (World Council Executive Administrator); Alexinia Baldwin, Connecticut (US Delegate to the World Council); Richard Lange, Illinois (US Delegate to the World Council); Sally M. Todd, Utah (US Delegate to the World Council); and Helen Siu Yin Ku-Yu, Hong Kong (Hong Kong Delegate to the World Council);

Also present: Jolene Beckman, Missouri, USA; Abbe Casl, New York, USA; Carman Domingues, Mexico; Ronald Glossop, Missouri, USA; June Haas, Alaska, USA; Laura Henderson, Kentucky, USA; Edna Leticia Hernandez, California, USA; Lisa Herak, Arizona, USA; Ann Larson, Utah, USA; Patricia Monroy, Mexico; Nina Arias Nelson, Arizona, USA; Kenneth Obeyhim, Brazil; Lilia Ruban, Massachusetts, USA; Brina A. Rubin, Florida, USA; Carolyn Sollman, New York, USA; Brian Sponcil, Iowa, USA; Kathy Stone, Illinois, USA; Wayne Warner, Georgia, USA.

Welcome: Sally M. Todd, Utah (US Delegate to the World Council), opened the session. Barbara Clark, Vice President of the World Council, was absent due to illness. She requested that Sally Todd conduct the meeting.

Introductions: Each of the World Council representatives were introduced, and each individual present at the meeting introduced him/herself.

World Council Update: Nicholas Colangelo, Executive Administrator for the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, shared materials and information relative to the World Council:

- Headquarters for the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children is now at the Belin-Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, 210 Lindquist Center, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1592 USA.
- A welcome letter was mailed out to each member of the World Council and to those who have been members for the past few years. This letter informed members of the new headquarters, sought an updating of the membership list and new memberships.
- The World Council is now on Internet: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~belinctr>. Membership in the World Council is now available through the www.
- The *World Gifted* newsletter will be published at Headquarters at The University of Iowa.
- The World Council journal, *Gifted and Talented International*, continues to be published at Purdue University. John Feldhusen, current editor of GTI, will be stepping down as editor at the end of June, 1997. A new editor is being sought through an international search. English is the official language of *Gifted and Talented International* at this time. The editor may be from any country.

- Secretarial support for the World Council is being provided by the Belin-Blank Center.
- Location for the 1997 World Conference was changed from Madrid, Spain to Seattle, Washington, USA. The World Conference will be Headquartered at the Sheraton-Seattle Hotel, which has 840 sleeping rooms. The World Conference room rate is \$145 per night for single or double occupancy.
- Conference pre-registration rate is \$325 for members vs. \$375 for non-members.
- Dr. Colangelo expressed the objective of the World Conference to be that of helping any given country to progress in gifted education.
- The World Conference will be July 29 - August 2, 1997. The Opening Ceremony will be free and available to any interested persons. There will not be a free day built into the conference program as has happened in past World Conferences. The Executive Committee will meet before, during, and after the World Conference.
- The site for the 1999 World Conference is still unsure. Letters of interest have been solicited. Responses have come from Brazil, Chile, Germany, New Zealand, Spain, Turkey, and Venezuela.

Comments: The quality of any conference is based on its presentations. There is a need for quality proposals for the World Conference. It was recommended that presenters in the United States consider plans, or joint presentations with people from other nations.

Publishing of Proceedings from the 1995 World Conference: Helen Siu Yin Ku-Yu reported that the Hong Kong proceedings are being worked on. The editor is currently completing his degree at Columbia University.

Publishing of Proceedings from the 1993 World Conference: The status of the Toronto Proceedings, headed by Norah Maier, is currently unknown.

International Conferences: Richard Lange reported on other international conferences or meetings. He pointed out that the World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children is held during odd-numbered years and federations meet during even-numbered years:

ECHA	World Conference	Asia-Pacific Federation of the WCGTC	Ibero-American Federation of the WCGTC
98 Oxford	97 Seattle	98 New Delhi	96 Oporto
96 Vienna	95 Hong Kong	96 Jakarta	94 Buenos Aires
94 Nijmegen	93 Toronto	94 Seoul	92 Munich
91 The Hague	90 Manila	92 Taipei	89 Sydney
88 Zurich	87 Salt Lake City	90 Budapest	

The NAGC (USA) will be participating in a conference in Montreal in 1997 and then the 1997 Annual Conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, November 5-9, 1997.

Another G/T Conference is being sponsored in Beijing to be held soon.

Other: Nick Colangelo proposed that eventually conferences may be conducted in the native language of the host country.

Alexinia Baldwin reported that she has been a delegate throughout the years of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. She encouraged everyone to reach out internationally and do what can be done to strengthen gifted people throughout the world.

Miraca Gross, one of the new members of the World Council Executive Committee, reported that she is happy that there is a new World Council headquarters with a sound base for administration. "There is a need for stability and international credibility that can link us internationally."

A representative from the Global Awareness Division of NAGC suggested that they were a good link for collaboration with the World Council.

A question was asked if there would be a Youth Conference associated with the Seattle Conference. Nick Colangelo reported that there would be no youth summit at the conference this year, however there will be youth involvement, and youth products could be included in displays. [Editor's Note: The Youth Symposium of the 12th World Conference was established after this roundtable was held.]

Meeting Closed: Everyone was thanked for their attendance and input and the meeting was closed at 11:45 a.m.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS UNDERWAY

The WCGTC Delegates for the 1997-1999 term are being elected by their respective nations' membership and the results are currently being reported to Headquarters. Simultaneously, the general membership has the opportunity to nominate qualified individuals for the offices of President and President-Elect and for three positions that will be available on the World Council's Executive Committee.

In May, the election ballots with the names of all qualified candidates will be sent to the WCGTC Delegates. The results of the Delegate and Executive Committee elections will be announced at the 12th World Conference in Seattle. The newly-elected Delegates and Executive Committee officers and members will be officially seated at the conclusion of the 12th World Conference in Seattle (July 29 - August 2, 1997).

The members of the Executive Committee whose terms expire this summer are David George (United Kingdom), Janice Leroux (Canada), and Cedric Taylor (Republic of South Africa). Additionally, the terms of President Wu-Tien Wu (Taiwan) and of Vice President Barbara Clark (United States) are also expiring.

At this time the WCGTC wishes to extend its appreciation and gratitude to Wu-Tien Wu, Barbara Clark, David George, Janice Leroux, and Cedric Taylor for their continued dedication to the needs of gifted children internationally and for their tremendous efforts on behalf of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.

A. HARRY PASSOW — FOUNDER AND FRIEND



Shirley and Harry Passow

As members of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children know, A. Harry Passow died on March 28, 1996. Harry was one of the finest scholars and educators I have ever known. A man of great professional and personal integrity. Harry's résumé of professional contributions to gifted education are remarkable. To many of us he was a mentor. In my dossier for promotion from

Assistant to Associate Professor, the first letter of support is from Harry Passow. I will always treasure it.

Harry was a founder of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. It was an organization that he believed was needed and could help children around the world. Harry impacted so many areas of gifted education, yet nothing perhaps so strongly in his later years as international issues on gifted education.

Above all, Harry was a wonderful human being. In academia, as in so many areas, there are jealousies, "turf wars," and egos. Harry always cared about people and ideas and rose above "the little things" that bog down so many others. Harry is irreplaceable in our field.

Seattle will be the site of the 12th World Conference and the first *A. Harry Passow Memorial Lecture*. James Gallagher and Abe Tannenbaum will be the first presenters of the memorial lecture. Shirley Passow will also attend the memorial lecture to present on Harry and his work. The *A. Harry Passow Memorial Lecture* at the World Conference is a fitting and respectful recognition. I look forward to sharing the inaugural lecture with you.

Nicholas Colangelo

Executive Administrator

Myron & Jacqueline Blank

Professor of Gifted Education

SEARCH FOR NEW EDITOR FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED INTERNATIONAL

Dr. John Feldhusen has served as Editor of *Gifted and Talented International* for five years. His term ends in June, 1997. The Executive Committee of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children seeks applications from its membership for the position of Editor of *Gifted and Talented International*. Interested individuals should submit a vita and a letter describing his/her interest and qualifications as they relate to the criteria listed below:

1. Significant scholarly activity in gifted education as reflected in grants, publications, and presentations at conferences.
2. An established reputation in the field of gifted and talented education, preferably at the national and international level.
3. Active participation in the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children over a period of five or more years (e.g., regular attendance and presentations at conferences).
4. Experience in editing material for publication.
5. Ability to work with a team of editors in formulating journal policy and in implementing that policy.
6. Ability to write clearly, concisely, and correctly.
7. Appropriate institutional support.

Vita and letter of qualifications should be sent to:

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