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We Want to Hear From You!

Please share your ideas, news, anything of interest to business educators around the world, or send your request to the "Collaboration Column".

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International President's Message

Enhancing our international collaboration

I hope you are well, dear colleagues and friends.

In this first communication as President, it is fitting that I introduce myself. This is in line with the commendable initiative of inviting members to write a brief profile about themselves in the newsletter in an attempt to enhance networking and collaboration. An invitation to do so has been first sent to the international members.

I am a lecturer and tutor in business education, retail and entrepreneurship, and the coordinator of the Masters in Teaching and Learning course in Business Education at the Faculty of Education, University of Malta. This course educates student teachers in the pedagogy of teaching accounting, business studies and economics. As of October 2023, I have been appointed as the head of one of our Faculty's departments, that of Technology and Entrepreneurship Education.

Before joining my University in November 2015, I have enjoyed teaching the business education subjects for twenty years at the secondary, post-secondary and tertiary levels. I also have 33 years of experience in the education of children, adolescents and youths in the informal education sector at centres of the Society of Christian Doctrine in Malta, of which I am a member (<http://www.scdmuseum.org/>).

When I joined the University in 2015, I was encouraged by my superiors to attend a business education conference. My internet search led me to SIEC-ISBE; I attended my first conference in 2016 in Graz, Austria. I recall travelling to Graz and, during the flight, saying to myself, "Where am I going alone!?" But then I fondly remember the family of friends I encountered during the nourishing conference. And I think that is SIEC-ISBE—a community of professional friends. Let us continue nurturing this aspect.

Since then, I have attended and presented at most SIEC-ISBE conferences, sharing aspects of my doctoral research. I have experienced my involvement with SIEC-ISBE as being in line with my own professional development goals while discovering a family of friends. In due course, I have encouraged colleagues, friends and student teachers to join the organisation.

Having last year obtained my PhD qualification in Business and Economics Education at the Institute of Education, University College London, it is my intention to continue sharing with others the knowledge, research and insights garnered during my PhD



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journey. This sharing of knowledge by all involved in SIEC-ISBE is an important aspect of the organisation.

My vision for business education is about sustaining a passion for teaching and learning in a global classroom that infuses ethics, values and sustainability, thus bringing to life the prescribed curriculum. My perspective is an inclusive one that entails the construction of bridges among people and across countries, the sharing of new ideas, and empowering young people and business education students with agency. May we at SIEC-ISBE continue to enhance this perspective in business education, contributing to the international collaboration between teachers, educators and lecturers working at various levels of the education system.

Hope is kindled in me for SIEC-ISBE when I receive positive responses from colleagues and student teachers when I invite them to become members; in these last years the number of Maltese members has increased to ten. We look forward to hosting the conference in Malta in 2025.

I perceive the enthusiasm and eagerness I encounter as a sign of hope for the organisation. It is hope that drives the human person. I have experienced how the organisation is relevant, especially for young people. Colleagues and students do believe in the benefits of joining an international collaboration and are willing to network and connect with international colleagues. I believe that the organisation has much to offer in this regard. Let us all keep up our efforts!

I urge each one of us to continue contributing to SIEC-ISBE (such as during conferences and in the newsletter) and invite others to join in. I kindly ask you to reflect on how you can renew your efforts in this regard.

Lastly, but not least, I would like to thank the outgoing President, Evelyn Meyer, for her sterling work, especially during the unprecedented times of the pandemic. Thank you Evelyn!

Peace be with you,

Dr Emanuel Mizzi

International President



Calling all business teachers around the world!

Did you know that we have an Internet Café on our website? We would love to post your favourite teaching tips, ideas, pictures of your classroom setup, or anything else you would like to post. Check out the Internet Café and send your submissions to Tamra Connor, SIEC-ISBE General Secretary for posting.

Feel free to leave a comment on any of the current postings!

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