Message from the Chair of the International Council on Education for Teaching

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Welcome to the 58th ICET World Assembly 2014

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to the 58th World Assembly of the International Council on Education for Teaching at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

ICET's main focus is to promote a high quality education for all learners by educators who are appropriately qualified and recognized as motivated and committed professionals and practitioners. As such ICET's mission is to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of learners in all parts of the world by providing opportunities for those involved in their education to share knowledge, practice, resources, and expertise and establish active partnerships that are designed to enhance the quality of teaching and learning and improve life opportunities for young people.

The 2014 World Assembly in Canada entitled "Moving Forward in Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Leadership" will provide opportunities for all participants from different parts of the world to share and discuss their ideas and enhance their knowledge in this field. Curriculum, Pedagogy and Leadership are key concepts to better understand and improve the education of teachers and students worldwide. I encourage all participants to work collaboratively and to participate in the various programme offerings. Your perspectives in the discussions, meetings and activities throughout the conference will enrich your own and others' experiences. Also, do find time to participate in the social activities.

Planning and organizing an event such as the WA of ICET is not an easy task. So, I would like to express my gratitude to Shirley van Nuland and her team who have organized such a great event. Thank you very much.

Welcome to the WA 2014 and please enjoy your time with colleagues and friends.

Maria Assunção Flores