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## WCCI MOVES TO CALIFORNIA

### A BIG THANK YOU!

PIYUSH SWAMI, PH.D.  
WCCI PRESIDENT

The Madrid Conference is over and all the participants have arrived home safely. Even though all flights were delayed due to terrorist incidents in New York and Washington on the second day of the conference, everyone was able to get their flights within a day or two of their original time. We have heard from many of them since the conference. Although this is a terrible time, it makes crystal clear the importance the mission of WCCI and the role it plays in promoting peace and human rights throughout the world. We are neighbors, colleagues, and friends no matter where we live or work.

I wish to publicly acknowledge and commend our hosts at UNED who did everything possible to make us feel welcome in Spain. They were gracious and kind to all of us and were always available when we needed them.

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### NOMINATIONS NEEDED

WCCI NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS  
NOMINATIONS

SUDESH AHLAWAT  
CHAIR: INTERNATIONAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE

It is refreshing to note that the time for changing WCCI guards has come. The present, energetic and inspiring leadership will be leaving and we will welcome the new. Faith and reason, though complimentary ways of seeking the truth, are at a crossroads with sharpened dilemma in the world to day. The current scenario imposes new responsibility on the WCCI leadership.

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SUE FAN FOO  
WCCI SECRETARY

ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (AIU) at the San Diego, California campus, is the new home of the WCCI Secretariat effective January 2, 2002. AIU has six campuses in California and three abroad. This historic move was approved in a meeting of the WCCI Executive Board on September 9, 2001 during the Tenth Triennial World Conference at the Universidad Nacional de Education a Distancia (UNED), Madrid, Spain. Two of the high-ranking officials of AIU, Karen Schuster Webb, Dean, School of Education and Karen McLean Donaldson, Director of the Systemwide Cross Cultural Studies Institute presented the proposal. After a cordial and careful deliberation of the proposal, the WCCI Executive Board approved it unanimously. Dean Webb and Director Donaldson expressed their warm welcome to WCCI at AIU and Piyush Swami, President of WCCI, graciously accepted it.



The transfer of WCCI to AIU was prompted by the retirement of Estela C. Matriano from the University of Cincinnati on September 1, 2001. A post retirement position as Professor for Estela Matriano, and an accompanying instructor position for Carole Caparros, together with a home for the WCCI Secretariat at the AIU San Diego, California campus, was a timely offer and a perfect fit to the

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I, on behalf of all the members of the international nomination committee, invite WCCI membership to make nominations for the posts of President, Vice-President and three executive members. Those who have conviction in WCCI ideology and democratic models of education, which lay the foundation of peaceful and harmonious cultures, have good standing and active participation of a minimum two years, are invited to come forward to serve the WCCI within the framework of its constitution. Please prepare the form with following information:

1. Name of the nominee
2. Address, country, WCCI region of the nominee
3. Triennial Conference attended with year and place
4. Executive Board meeting attended-year and place
5. Membership-yearly/life-year.
6. Brief about the nominee (100-words only)

Your full Name, Country, Region, Position in the WCCI and signatures.

Executive members cannot contest for a second term. This is the only announcement. Please use all mail modes so that the information about the nominee reaches this office by December 15, 2001. Ballots will be mailed January 2002. Election results will be published in the March 2002 issue of the WCCI Newsletter.

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They did everything in their control to ensure that the sessions were on in time. Participants were able to get to the field trips and all the events on and off-campus. Friday evening's reception at the historical City Hall with the Honorable Mayor of Madrid and the cultural show were highlights for us all. Most participants enjoyed being in Madrid and Spain and we learned a great deal about the Spanish system of education. The local culture was a great hit for those who were experiencing it for the first time. Thank you Professor Ramon Perez Juste, Dr. Beatriz Alvarez, and the entire local team for your hospitality and commitment to making this one of the best conferences.

My very special thanks to two of my colleagues and delegates of the conference. Prof. Jeff Gordon and Prof. Peter Cardullias from the University of Cincinnati helped the US participants to communicate with their families on September 11. Since the telephone lines were extremely busy, they were able to establish a contact by email with a person in Cincinnati who relayed all the telephone and Internet messages back and forth from the participants to their families. They kept the service available to everyone throughout the remainder of the conference.

The ecumenical service conducted in the evening on September 11, was a new and spontaneous event for a WCCI conference. Delegates representing eight different faiths were very gracious to offer prayers for peace and calm throughout the world. The delegates realized how connected we all are, and how much we all yearn for peace throughout the world irrespective of our differences in religion, ethnicity, or national origins. I am deeply grateful for the support that all of you provided to each other. I am indebted to Prof. Larry Hufford and Prof. Norm Overly for guiding me and supporting me as we dealt with the extra ordinary events of September 11.

Of course, the entire conference rests on the shoulders of our erstwhile Executive Director, Estela Matriano. She is the eyes and ears for WCCI, and was never flinching in her responsibilities in directing the entire conference with a steady hand. My special thanks to three other persons, graduate assistants whose services are numerous and without whom this conference would not have been successful. They are: Paula Ferrer (UNED), Sue Fan Foo and Lavette McMasters (Cincinnati). Carole Caparros was the person behind the scenes to ensure that we had enough resources to carry out our individual tasks.

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Lastly, thank you all the participants who came from different parts of the world to learn, teach, and share yourselves with each other. Ultimately, it is you - the delegates and members of the WCCI - who are the strength of this organization.

Now all of you should begin planning for the next WCCI Triennial conference in Australia. We will be meeting in Wollongong, NSW. The proposed time for the conference is July 2004. Hope to see you all there!

**THE WCCI INVITES YOU**  
TO THE  
11<sup>TH</sup> TRIENNIAL WORLD CONFERENCE  
WOLLONGONG, AUSTRALIA, JULY 2004

**Hosted by the**  
**University of Wollongong**  
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**Note:** Conference Theme and update will be  
in the next Newsletter, March 2002.

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International status of both WCCI and AIU which can now be actual partners for success in their global mission. AIU in San Diego, California, will be the fourth home for the WCCI Secretariat, which historically has "roots" in the birth of WCCI at Asilomar. Dr. Louise Berman, 3rd President of WCCI, mentioned the fact that a few of the faculty members of the former United States International University (USIU) which is now AIU were at the Asilomar, California Conference in 1970 which gave birth to WCCI as a world organization. WCCI must have been destined to capture part of its roots with this transfer to AIU. This is the fourth home of WCCI. Its first home was Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City for 10 years (1970-1980), with Alice Miel and Betty Reardon as Executive Secretaries. Its second home was the School of Education, Indiana University for 13 years (1981-1993) with Maxine Dunfee as Executive Secretary. Its third home was the College of Education, University of Cincinnati for 8 years (1993-2001) with Estela Matriano as Executive Director. Together with WCCI at AIU as its fourth home (2001- ) are Estela Matriano reappointed as Executive Director and Carole Caparros reappointed as Treasurer and Executive Assistant.

In January 2003, the international education conference to be jointly sponsored by AIU and WCCI will be held in San Diego, California. This international education conference has been traditionally held as a WCCI mid-triennial international conference since 1992 at the University of Cincinnati. This conference is organized for educators from all over the world to meet and build collaboration networks, while at the same time it provides an opportunity for the WCCI Executive Board and the World Conference Committee to meet and prepare for the next triennial meeting.

We look forward to this conference in San Diego as a timely preparation for the WCCI 11th Triennial World Conference in Australia in 2004. WCCI wishes to thank AIU for opening its doors and giving WCCI its fourth home.

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## IN MEMORIAM



*Suzanne Elliot Cortez.*

### **SUZANNE CORTEZ: A LOYAL WCCI MEMBER AND NKU FACULTY**

Sadly, Sue Cortez, a loyal member of WCCI and Associate Professor at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) passed away on October 11, 2001 at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio after a 13-year battle with cancer. A Memorial Service for her was held on October 18, 2001 at the University Theater of NKU. Piyush Swami represented WCCI in this Memorial Service and delivered a tribute to Sue. He was joined by a number of WCCI members. She has been an active member of WCCI and has attended a number of the world conferences. She helped Piyush Swami and Jean Benton in the conference program for the Madrid Conference. She actively participated in the Madrid Conference in spite of her illness. As an international educator, Sue has been a member of various organizations and has conducted research on Japan. She visited many countries of the world and one of her main interests was helping foreign students feel at home in USA.

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