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ICASE President's Report to General Assembly

It has been a great honour for me to serve as President of ICASE from 2023 to 2026. During that time, I have sought to serve ICASE to the best of my ability and to contribute to the continued development of the organisation. The following areas summarise the main focus of my work during my term as President.

1. New website committee

One of the first matters to which I gave attention when I began my term as President was the establishment of a Website Committee. I wish to thank Bulent Cavas, Ryan Gallagher, Eoghan Long, Mary Mullaghy, Stephen Murphy and Yasemin Ozdem for attending meetings and contributing to the discussions.

The development of the new ICASE website proved particularly valuable in the organisation of the ICASE World Conference, as it provided a direct link to the conference website. In particular, I wish to thank Bulent Cavas for his outstanding work in maintaining the ICASE website assisted by Ryan Gallagher, Eoghan Long and Mary Mullaghy. The new Website Committee can now assist him in maintaining the website and ensure that it is kept up to date.

2. New system for organising the World Conference

In 2023, it became clear to me that the organisers of the ICASE World Conference needed greater assistance and support from ICASE and that the ICASE Management Committee needed to become more directly involved in the organisation of the conference.

I wish to thank the ICASE Executive for agreeing to establish a new system under which the ICASE Management Committee now has direct involvement in the organisation of the World Conference. Under this system, the President of ICASE has overall responsibility for overseeing the successful organisation of the conference and for providing regular progress reports to meetings of the ICASE Management Committee and ICASE Executive.

3. Updating the ICASE Constitution

It was also clear to me in 2023 that the ICASE Constitution needed to be updated. I wish to thank the members of the ICASE Management Committee for working with me to prepare a draft of an updated Constitution for publication on the ICASE website in December 2025.

This made it possible to give ICASE members advance notice of the proposed changes before the ICASE General Assembly and provided members with an opportunity to consider the proposed new Constitution in advance of its discussion at the General Assembly.

4. Regular meetings of the ICASE Management Committee

I am pleased to report that my suggestion that meetings of the Management Committee should be held one week before meetings of the ICASE Executive was accepted by the Management Committee. These regular meetings have been enormously helpful in dealing with the day-to-day running of ICASE and in preparing for meetings of the ICASE Executive.

I wish to thank the members of the ICASE Management Committee for their hard work and dedication to ICASE and, in particular, for giving up their free time on Saturdays to attend these meetings.

The practice of setting the dates of all Executive meetings one year in advance has also proved very effective. Each November, the dates of the Executive meetings to be held in March, June and November of the following year are agreed, thereby giving members plenty of advance notice.

5. Establishment of the *International Bulletin for Science Education*

On taking over the role of President in 2023, I felt that the existing ICASE Newsletters could be developed and reorganised into a more substantial publication. This led to the establishment of the *International Bulletin for Science Education*.

I wish to thank Stephen Murphy for taking on the role of Editor of the *International Bulletin for Science Education* and Rory Geoghegan for his valuable assistance with the typesetting and production of the publication. I also wish to thank those members of ICASE who have provided articles for this publication.

In planning for the future, I suggest the setting up of a database of all ICASE contacts (including all delegates from recent ICASE World Conferences) to inform them of the publication of each issue and to invite the contribution of articles to future publications.

6. Strengthening links with UNESCO

I wish to thank Teresa Kennedy, ICASE Representative to UNESCO, for her outstanding work in strengthening the close links between ICASE and UNESCO. Her attendance at UNESCO events and her regular reports and updates to members of the ICASE Management Committee and ICASE Executive have been invaluable.

The inclusion of Teresa's reports in the ICASE Bulletin for Science Education is of great assistance in highlighting the close links between ICASE and UNESCO.

7. Establishment of a Membership Committee

Throughout my term as President, I have been very conscious of the importance of building and strengthening ICASE membership. The development of the new ICASE website has made it much easier for individuals and organisations to join ICASE online.

As President, I was involved in establishing a new Membership Committee, initially chaired by Ryan Gallagher and consisting of the regional representatives Carol Aldous, Manuel Costa, Sufian Forawi, Cesar Mora, John Munro and Manabu Sumida.

There are, however, still important challenges to be addressed in maintaining accurate and up-to-date membership records and in increasing ICASE membership internationally. These will be matters for the incoming President and the Membership Committee to continue to address.

I wish to thank Baohui Zhang for taking on the role of Chair of the Membership Committee. I wish him every success in this important role.

Conclusion

Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the members of the ICASE Management Committee and ICASE Executive for their help, commitment and support over the past three years. I greatly appreciate the considerable amount of voluntary time that members have devoted to the work of ICASE.

In particular, I wish to thank Teresa Kennedy, Bulent Cavas and Mary Mullaghy for their hard work, advice and support throughout my term as President and for always being available whenever I needed their assistance.

It has been a privilege to serve as President of ICASE, and I am very grateful for the support and friendship that I have received from colleagues throughout the organisation.

As I conclude my term, I wish Cesar Mora every success in his new role as President of ICASE and Manabu Sumida every success in his role as President-Elect. I look forward to seeing ICASE continue to develop and prosper under their leadership.