

# Candidate for Chairperson



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The decision to let my name stand for ISATT's Chair position is directly connected to my desire to 'give back' to an organization and a profession that has given generously to me. My previous work as ISATT's Secretary has readied me for the opportunities and challenges the Chair position will inevitably present. During my term as Secretary, the organization institutionalized biennial regional conferences, published a 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary volume, introduced the collaborative research grant program and expanded its membership from 24 countries to 48 countries—with members' countries of origin continuing to expand in the interim. Concurrently, ISATT's extended reach has positively affected the ISATT-affiliated, Taylor & Francis journal, *Teachers and Teaching: Theory and Practice*. *TTTP* is now not only Scopus-ranked, but also a research-intensive publication whose impact factor is on an impressive rise. My vision for ISATT is to draw on our association's past successes and to move confidently into the future, despite the enormous world shifts that are underway. In my view, ISATT has a significant leadership role to play in the coming years. Our study association needs to continue to refine its model of how international scholars collaborate across differences and to leverage its Taylor & Francis relationship to reflect *TTTP*'s elevated status. We also need to seek representation on a number of influential international agencies to ensure ISATT's voice is being heard. Lastly, ISATT must continue to nurture novice scholars and to seek large-scale grants where new and experienced researchers can locally address issues of global importance.