



IOSTE XIV

Chair's progress report on the XIV Symposium



Dear IOSTE colleagues,

Last week I was fortunate to be able to visit Slovenia and meet again with our hosts for 2010. I would like to take the opportunity to

report to you about that meeting and progress on the symposium arrangements.

kind regards,
Terry Lyons
IOSTE Chair

The symposium venue & facilities

The symposium venue is breathtaking – there is no other word for it. Bled and its surrounding are beautiful and will be even nicer in mid-June. The castle above is visible from the main conference room, so we will need to close the curtains to avoid distractions ☺. Some photos of

the hotel meeting facilities can be found on the next page. It is only a quick trip from Bled to the mountains, back to the capital or anywhere really. Accommodation is available at the Golf Hotel and at numerous less expensive places in Bled. Many hotel facilities (the pool etc.) are available to symposium delegates even if they are staying elsewhere.

UPDATE!

Proposal deadline

The organising committee received many requests for extensions to the deadline, and in response generously agreed to extend this to December 20. I hope you received this notice. However, it would make their job easier if authors could submit their two page proposals *AS SOON AS POSSIBLE*, rather than leaving it to the 20th, so that committee members can review as many as possible before Christmas - TL.



With key members of the organizing committee – Slavko Dolinšek, Tina Hribar and Anita Trnavčevič,

The organisation

My second visit confirmed my earlier view that we are in very good hands with Slavko Dolinšek and his team. The symposium has the support of the Minister for Education and the Rector of the University of Ljubljana. The symposium facilities are very suitable for our sessions and the staff very professional.



Svein Sjøberg, Terry Lyons and Slavko Dolinšek at a meeting with the Slovenian Minister of Education, Mr Igor Luksic (second from right) about IOSTE XIV.

The scientific program

The scientific program the organisers have put together should be interesting and thought provoking. To date

Thanks to the organisers for their work so far, and thanks to Svein Sjøberg for his valuable help. I have every confidence that the XIV IOSTE symposium will be a big success, and encourage you all to be a part of it. Please get your proposals in soon, and I look forward to meeting you in beautiful Slovenia.

they have three confirmed keynotes.

Peter Fensham is well known as a science education researcher and advocate *par excellence*, and a wonderful friend of IOSTE. Peter will address current and future issues in science and technology curriculum reform.



Peter Fensham

A second keynote address will be given by Professor Lučka Bogataj, a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Geneva. Professor Bogataj is vice-chair of the working group concerned with climate change impacts and adaptation. She will be addressing climate change issues in relation to education.



Lučka Bogataj

We also have Ellen Henriksen from the University of Oslo speaking about new approaches to encouraging gender equity in science and technology, and international research collaborations in this area. We are currently negotiating with a fourth keynote and will have further news by the first of January.



Ellen Henriksen



Above - main hall and parallel session room facilities. (Thanks to Svein Sjøberg for these photos)