

## IAPCHE report to Education Consultation April 4-5, 2008

Below we list the highlights along with pages (where relevant) in the attached issue of *Contact* where you can read more about them.

- **Grants Received:** A collaborative research project to study the worldwide growth of Christian higher education has been supported by The Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship (\$28,000) and Baylor University (\$5,000) have supported the project as conducted by IAPCHE, the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity, and Baylor faculty member Perry Glanzer (*Contact*, 1). This project arose out of our consultation with the CCCU and ICHE last June at the CCCU's offices in Oxford. The studies and database will well position IAPCHE for strong membership growth.
  
- **New Faces**
  - **New Regional Advisors:** Rich Gathro joins IAPCHE as our new North American Regional Advisor (*Contact*, 2) and Godfrey Nguru, Vice Chancellor at Daystar University in Nairobi, recently joined IAPCHE as our Africa Regional Advisor (*Contact*, 2).
  
  - **New Regional Directors:** Isaac Mutua is IAPCHE's Regional Director for Africa and J. Dinakaral now serves as IAPCHE's Regional Director for Asia/Oceania. We are currently raising funds for these offices and positions and exploring a collaborative relationship with the Christian Reformed Church that would allow us to secure a Regional Director in Latin America this August (*Contact*, 4).
  
- **Upcoming Regional Conferences:**
  - Christ's College (Taiwan) will host IAPCHE's next regional conference with the theme: "Christian Higher Education and Globalization in **Asia/Oceania**: Realities and Challenges" on May 3-6, 2008. We are grateful for the many pledges from members who have supported travel for delegates from low income countries—there is still time to contribute! (*Contact*, 1,4).
  
  - **Southern Africa** Conference: "Raising the Flag of Christian Higher Education for Christian Schooling" will include addresses by Sue Hasseler (Calvin College) and Elaine Botha (Redeemer University College). This will take place at Northwest University, Potchefstroom Campus on August 26-28, 2008 (*Contact*, 5).
  
  - The Netherlands: the Conference Committee has chosen a preliminary theme "Bridging the gap: integrating Christian faith and professional practice in a pluralistic society" for this April 20-23, 2009 conference for the **European** region (*Contact*, 6).
  
- **Publication:** The English language proceedings of the Nicaragua conference are in print and all ARIHE institutional member libraries will receive a copy.
  
- **Memberships** (as of March 25, 2008)
  - Individual: 747
  - Institutional: 58