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USA - The Association for International Credential Evaluation Professionals (TAICEP), an international professional association, announces its new leadership. Margit Schatzman of Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc., USA, has been appointed President of TAICEP.

“As President of TAICEP, I look forward to serving credential evaluation professionals around the world. The TAICEP leadership is committed to addressing the needs of the profession. As we build the organization, we will focus on providing resources, establishing and promoting standards for the profession and advocating for members as they serve internationally educated people everywhere. We look forward to working cooperatively with the other associations who share a commitment to the field,” Schatzman said.

TAICEP is an international association and members from all countries are welcome to join. Established in the spring of 2013, TAICEP held its first symposium in October 2013. At the symposium, TAICEP members set a Transition Committee the tasks of appointing a new leadership group and establishing a secretariat.

Effective 14 February 2014, Schatzman is joined by co-Vice Presidents Jeanie Bell, University of Colorado Boulder, USA, and Jenneke Lokhoff, Nuffic, Netherlands. Nancy Katz, Evaluation Service, Inc., USA, is Secretary and Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert, Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, USA, is Treasurer. Robert Prather has been appointed Executive Director and will manage the Secretariat.

International credential evaluation professionals from Canada, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and the United States have been appointed to committees on, Standards, Membership Outreach, Programs, and Governance and Finance. Task forces have been formed addressing professional development and training, resources for members, and the first general meeting. For more information, see attached list of members.

The primary goals of TAICEP are to identify and develop theories, methodologies, and best practices used in international credential evaluation and to be an advocate for the profession. The operational principles of TAICEP are collaboration, volunteerism, inclusiveness, and international orientation.

For more information on becoming a member, friend or a supporter of the association, please visit www.taicep.org.

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TAICEP Executive Committee

President: Margit Schatzman
Co-Vice-Presidents: Jeanie Bell and Jenneke Lokhoff
Secretary: Nancy Katz
Treasurer: Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert
Governance and Finance Committee Chair: Nancy Katz (also serves as secretary)
Standards Committee Co-Chairs: Sarah Ledwidge and Rolf Lofstad
Membership Outreach Committee Chair: Pilar Menendez
Program Committee Chair: Sue Lindeblad
Executive Director: Robert Prather (ex-officio)

Governance and Finance Committee

Chair: Nancy Katz
Members: Jeanie Bell
Margaret Donaldson
Jenneke Lokhoff
Jasmin Saidi-Kuehnert (ex-officio)
Margit Schatzman

Standards Committee

Co-Chairs: Sarah Ledwidge and Rolf Lofstad
Members: Todd Colvard
Ellen Silverman
Emily Tse
Margaret Wenger

Membership Outreach Committee

Chair: Pilar Menendez
Members: Herman de Leeuw
Drew Feder
Justine Watts
Linda Zaks-Walker
Program Committee

Chair: Susan Lindeblad
Manas Mambetsadykov
Natasha Sawh
Jessica Stannard

Professional Development and Training Task Force

Co-chairs: Natasha Sawh and Jessica Stannard
Members: Kate Freeman
David Millar
Aleksander Morawski
Jamie Nolan

Resources for Members Task Force

Chair: Manas Mambetsadykov
Members: Drew Feder
Peggy Hendrikson
Erik Johansson
Lou Nunez

First General Meeting Task Force

Chair: Susan Lindeblad
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Tracy Swierenga
Joshua Trevers
Justine Watts

TAICEP Committee membership list as of February 24, 2014