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IERC Educational Research Symposium

The First IERC (Illinois Education Research Council) Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn, Naperville on Monday June 10 and Tuesday June 11, 2002. The Symposium opens Monday June 10th with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a keynote presentation by **Martin Orland**, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Education Research and Improvement (OERI) at the Department of Education. The title of his talk is "Federal Promotion of Scientifically Based Research in Education: Implications for Research, Policy and Practices, The Symposium will continue the on Tuesday beginning at 8 a.m. with presentation from Illinois researcher. For more information contact **Jennifer B. Presley** at ierc@siue.edu. 

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a pleasure to work with the Steering Committee during the past few months. We have had three conference calls to discuss Association business. Most of our discussions have focused on the upcoming IAR Conference in Champaign (November 7-8, 2002).

George Johnston, our Program Chair, has been working diligently to make the conference a success. Please submit your proposals to George by July 2002.

I would like to thank **Ronda Kline** for the excellent job in organizing the Fall 2001 conference in Galena. Everything was perfect!

I understand that due to budget constraints some members will be unable to attend the Toronto Forum. We will miss you, and I hope to see you in Champaign in November. For those who will be attending the Toronto Forum, please make sure to show your support to fellow Illinois researchers who will be making presentations.

The IAIR reception will take place Tuesday, June 4, at 5:00 PM. The location for the reception will be announced at the Monday meeting.

IAIR's Call for Nominations for officers and elected positions has been posted on the Association's website. Please take a moment to review and nominate one or more of your fellow colleagues.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Association, please contact me or any members of the Steering Committee.

Thank you,

Antonio Gutierrez, IAIR President 


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Call for Proposals for IAIR's 32nd Annual Conference


Just a reminder: the deadline for proposals for IAIR's 32nd Annual Conference is July 31, 2002. The conference is scheduled for November 7-8 at Hawthorn Suites in Champaign, Illinois

If you have an idea for a paper, a panel discussion, a demonstration, a table topic, or a research report, check the IAIR website at <http://www.ppsis.ilstu.edu/IAIR> for instructions and a proposal form. 

Comings and Goings

Annie Brady has joined the McHenry County College Office of Institutional Research and Planning as a Research Associate. Annie has a dual major in Chemistry and Math from UIUC and a masters degree in Math from Loyola University of Chicago. Annie will focus much of her attention on program review, assessment and fiddle.

George Johnston of Parkland College is now newsletter editor for e-parameters, the electronic newsletter for the National Council for Research and Planning (NCRP). NCRP, an organization for institutional researchers in community colleges, is affiliated with both AIR and AACC. In addition, George was one of four panelists from NCRP who presented a session on the state of general education assessment at the annual meeting of AACC in Seattle.

Got news about new staff, positions, changes, honors? Pass it on for inclusion in the IAIR Newsletter dquirk@mchenry.edu 

Where Did YOUR Students Go? Oakton Asked the NSC

Trudy Bers, Oakton College

Editor's Note: No, the National Security Council has not gotten into the business of tracking students. (At least not all our students--not yet.) We're talking about the National Student Clearinghouse and its EnrollmentSearch program. Oakton is one of several institutions subscribing to EnrollmentSearch. (you may have attended COD's 2000 IAIR presentation on their experience with EnrollmentSearch.) This is Oakton's story.

Oakton has conducted several studies using the EnrollmentSearch program. Recently we submitted the names and birth dates of the 35,144 students who last attended Oakton for credit courses in Fall 1997 through Spring 2001. This includes students who came to Oakton for summer sessions only and those who already had a bachelor's degree. What did we learn?

More than one-third of all students go to another college or university after Oakton. Of the 35,144 students in the cohort, 13,076 (37.2%) attended an NSC-

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participating institution after Oakton. This is a conservative estimate of the overall percent who go elsewhere because not all institutions participate in the Clearinghouse.

Students transfer to more than 640 other institutions. Students attended 642 different institutions as their first schools after leaving Oakton. Unfortunately, we cannot differentiate between whether students were taking undergraduate or graduate programs.

Schools that attract the largest number of Oakton students are in the Chicago area. Schools that attracted at least 250 Oakton students are the University of Illinois at Chicago (1,314); Northeastern Illinois University (1,160), DePaul University (957), University of Illinois at Urbana (865), Harper College (783), Loyola University (617), National Louis University (545), DeVry Institute of Technology (454), Northern Illinois University (414), Columbia College –Chicago (381), College of Lake County (345), Northwestern University (287), College of DuPage (270), and Illinois State University (263).

We are finding the National Student Clearinghouse to be a rich source of data about students. Results of several Oakton studies using NSC data provide consistent data that students transfer to numerous institutions and that studies based on the Illinois shared enrollment file depict just a partial picture of transfer. 

Update on IAIR's Not for Profit Status

Joe Rives


After I assumed office in November, the Steering Committee asked that I investigate and pursue both federal and state not-for-profit and tax exempt status. I am happy to report the good news that **Angela Engel** from Illinois State University and I were able to discover. The Illinois Association for Institutional Research has federal tax exempt and not-profit status. A letter is filed among the IAIR treasurer's materials. IAIR does not need to reapply annually for this status. It is maintained until a point in time that the organization decides to change its

IAIR at AIR


Illinois Presenters

IAIR will be well represented at this year's AIR Annual Forum in Toronto. About 37 Illinois researchers will be participating in or facilitating sessions, meetings, and presentations. (See page 4 for a listing of sessions featuring Illinois speakers.) These include the University of Illinois' Dr. **Stanley Ikenberry**, who will give the Sunday Evening Plenary: *Information Support to Advance the Academy* and **Gerry McLaughlin** of DePaul who will give a Wednesday morning plenary for Track 5: The Practice of Institutional Research. His topic will be *Professionalism, Frontiers, and the Practice of Institutional Research*. Gerry is also a co-leader for a Saturday morning workshop, *Conducting Faculty Salary Analyses*. As he mentioned in his letter (page 1), **Antonio Gutierrez** has arranged a tasty presentation at the IAIR meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 AM; he has arranged for coffee and rolls, courtesy of IAIR.

IAIR Confab at AIR Toronto

As in past years, we are planning an informal social gathering for IAIR members. It is scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 5th. Those who have attended in the past will tell you that the gathering is an excellent opportunity to mix with Illinois colleagues over free appetizers and drinks. As chief scout, Antonio will find a location; He'll share the details (as in when and where) at the Monday IAIR meeting at 7:30 AM. 

status. The only paperwork required is when a new treasurer assumes duties, so that the federal government has a postal contact. Because IAIR has both federal tax exempt and not-for-profit status, it has the same with the State of Illinois.

According to the Illinois Department of Revenue, federal standing on these matters subsumes state standing as well. So what does this mean for the organization? In the past our not-for-profit status enabled IAIR to open, earn, and operate an interest bearing checking account. Unfortunately with the tragedies of September 11, this is no longer an option. However, IAIR proudly remains a financially healthy organization with a current balance of \$12,700. 

Illinois Presenters, Participants & Facilitators at the 2002 AIR Forum in Toronto

Institution	Presenter/Facilitator	Session Ids *
City Colleges of Chicago	Antonio Gutierrez-Marquez	110-452; 28-635; 34-310
College of DuPage	Harlan M. Schweer	<i>38-359; <u>71-035</u></i>
DePaul University	Gerald W. McLaughlin	111-348; 14-552; 17-586; 211-546; 27-322; 32-500; 34-361; 62-W11
DePaul University	Joseph W. Filkins	111-348; 211-253; 27-255; 37-163; 39-362
DePaul University	Laura E. Kehoe	<i>15-427</i>
DePaul University	Liz A. Sanders	111-348; 39-362
DePaul University	Russell Patterson	211-546
DePaul University	Susan Stachler	111-348; 39-362
DePaul University	Todd L. Chmielewski	211-546; 28-260
Eastern Illinois University	Julia A. Abell	<i>110-331; <u>11-S26</u>; 39-362</i>
Illinois Central College	David Cook	16-568
Illinois Central College	Guy R. Aylward	16-568
Illinois Central College	Lawrence Kellerman	16-568
Illinois Community College Board	Scott J. Parke	110-452
Illinois Math & Science Academy	Steve Cordogan	28-324
Joliet Junior College	Mary-Lou A. D'Allegro	<u>69-015</u>
McHenry County College	Donald L. Quirk	110-452; 24-357; 37-351
McHenry County College	Helen J. Campbell	<i>211-313</i>
Moraine Valley Community College	Elizabeth F. Reis	<i>110-358</i>
Northeastern Illinois University	Susan K. Doyle	<i>210-448; 37-163</i>
Northern Illinois University	Beiling Xiao	38-363
Northern Illinois University	James Daniel House	111-157; 29-635; 34-354; 38-444
Northern Illinois University	Robin G. Rothamer	<i>33-350</i>
Oakton Community College	Gwen Nyden	210-132
Oakton Community College	Marilee McGowan	210-132
Oakton Community College	Trudy H. Bers	<u>16-075; 17-586; 210-132; 710-031; 71-030; 76-080</u>
Parkland College	George H. Johnston	110-358; 35-418
Parkland College	Sharon A. R. Kristovich	110-358
Richland Community College	Meeta B. Goel	28-379
Rock Valley College	Penny S. Billman	<i>24-319</i>
University of Illinois at Urbana	Marilyn M. Murphy	<i>33-360</i>
University of Illinois at Urbana	Stanley O. Ikenberry	12-012
Waubensee Community College	Kristia A. Diaz	210-170; <u>69-015</u>
William Rainey Harper College	David Smalley	16-330
William Rainey Harper College	Dawit Teklu	<i>110-384; 32-300; <u>71-050</u></i>
William Rainey Harper College	Laura R. Crane	16-330; 211-369; 24-178
William Rainey Harper College	Liz McKay	24-178
William Rainey Harper College	Maria Moten	16-330

* Please note: Presentations, workshops, panels, etc. are bolded. Meetings and committees are underlined. Facilitation is *italicized*.