

**ALTBACH FESTSCHRIFT PUBLISHED**

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Chapters include topics such as higher education innovation in India, center-periphery theory, world-class universities, tuition and cost sharing, quality assurance, the academic profession and academic mobility, and various aspects of internationalization.

## NEWS OF THE CENTER

This has been a particularly active period for the Center. Our main project was the first international conference of higher education center directors and policymakers, held in Shanghai with the cooperation of Shanghai Jiao Tong University on November 2–3, 2013. The event was funded by SIDA, the Swedish International Development Agency, with the assistance of Santrust, a South African nongovernmental organization. Laura E. Rumbley was the main organizer of the event. A theme issue of *Studies in Higher Education* will be published, containing the papers prepared for the meeting; and a “Shanghai Statement,” which can be found elsewhere in this issue, was approved by the participants.

In September, the Carnegie Corporation approved a major grant to support two key Center activities: the ongoing publication of the Center’s flagship publication, *International Higher Education*, and the reinvigoration of the International Network of Higher Education in Africa (INHEA). INHEA, founded by Dr. Damtew Teferra at CIHE a decade ago, is now under his leadership at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa and remains closely affiliated with the Center.

CIHE is collaborating with the International Federation of Catholic Universities in organizing a year-long leadership training program for Catholic university rectors in Latin America. The program, which will be conducted in Spanish, is coordinated by Laura E. Rumbley, Liz Reisberg, Iván F. Pacheco, and BC higher education program chair, Ana Martinez-Aleman.

CIHE is also collaborating with the consulting firm, Global Opportunities Group, headed by CIHE alumnus David Engberg, on a study commissioned by the British Council and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to examine nationally funded scholarship programs for outbound international mobility in 11 countries. The results of the study will be delivered at the 2014 Going Global conference in Miami in April 2014.

Center director Philip Altbach has been appointed to the Committee for the Competitiveness of Russian Universities by Education Minister Livanov. The committee, which met in Moscow on October 26–27, 2013, is responsible for selecting several Russian universities to receive extra funding to improve their global standing. Altbach continues to serve on the international advisory committee of the Graduate School of Education at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

CIHE, in collaboration with the National Research University–Higher School of Economics in Moscow, is working on a research project on “academic inbreeding.” Project researchers met at Boston College in December to discuss their research. A book will be published from this research. A previously CIHE-HSE research project, on the challenges facing young academics, resulted in a book that is now in production with the State University of New York Press.

The 3rd edition of the Center’s *Higher Education: A Worldwide Inventory of Centers and Programs* is now in final production. This publication contains an extensive global catalogue of the research centers and graduate-level degree programs focused on higher education, as well as a comprehensive listing of journals and other key publications in higher education worldwide.

CIHE associate director Laura E. Rumbley has been appointed as coeditor of the *Journal of Studies in International Education*. She continues as chair of the publications committee of the European Association for International Education.