Later this year, the Center expects to see the release of its first-ever true “e-book,” published by Lemmens Media, Bonn, Germany. Higher Education: A Worldwide Inventory of Research Centers, Academic Programs, and Journals, 3rd Edition presents a comprehensive global picture of higher education research and academic training activities around the world. Also forthcoming, the October special issue of the journal Studies in Higher Education will feature the papers presented at the November 2013 Shanghai “International Higher Education Research and Policy Roundtable” meeting, convened by CIHE with the support of the OECD project—Innovation, Research and Higher Education Development—and funded by the Swedish International Development Agency.

The Center’s current collaborative project with the National Research University—Higher School of Economics (HSE) in Moscow concerns global university rankings and their effects on specific universities in selected countries. The research group, from 11 countries, will meet in Moscow in October 2014 to discuss research findings. Last year’s project, on faculty inbreeding, will result in a book to be published by Palgrave-Macmillan. At the same time, an earlier HSE collaborative project on the challenges facing young faculty is currently in production with the State University of New York Press. The Center’s ongoing research collaboration—headed in Moscow by HSE’s vice rector and director of the Laboratory of Institutional Analysis, Maria Yudkevich—has been highly productive and reflects the research interests of both institutions.

The International Network for Higher Education in Africa (INHEA), jointly hosted by CIHE and Higher Education Training and Development, University of KwaZulu-Natal, has recently launched its new biannual publication, The International Journal of African Higher Education. The journal is freely available on the Open Journals System hosted by the Boston College Libraries, and may be accessed here: http://ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/ijah.

The Center’s involvement with the European Association for International Education also continues to flourish. Associate director Laura E. Rumbley chairs the EAIE’s publication committee, and will be both co-directing a workshop in research as well as co-presenting in a session at the EAIE conference in Prague in September. Center director Philip G. Altbach will be a featured speaker at that conference. He will also speak at a seminar sponsored by the Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation (CHEI) at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan. The CHEI and CIHE have a new collaborative arrangement that will result in an annual theme issue of International Higher Education on internationalization, edited by Prof. Hans de Wit, director of CHEI.

The Center’s work with the American Council on Education’s (ACE) Center for Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE) also successfully continues. Work is underway on the publication of an occasional paper focused on an analysis of national and regional policies for internationalization around the world. ACE/CIGE and CIHE are also planning to produce in early 2015 a fifth installment in the ongoing series of “International Briefs for Higher Education Leaders.” This edition will examine key issues of concern in relation to international double and joint degrees. The previously produced Briefs #1 through #4 in this series will be compiled in book form and published by SENSE Publishers later this year.

The Center welcomes Georgiana Mihut as our new graduate research assistant, who joins second-year doctoral student Ariane de Gayardon in supporting the work of the Center. David Stanfield, who has been a GA for the past several years, has completed his PhD and has accepted a position as Head of Research and Development for the Council of International Schools, based in Leiden, the Netherlands. Dr. Yukiko Shimmi, who also served as a CIHE graduate assistant and completed her PhD in 2014, has been appointed as a lecturer in international education at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo.

The Center also welcomes the following visiting scholars for the coming period: Dr. Gladys Beatriz Barreiro, of the University of São Paulo (Brazil), and Dr. Julie Mathews-Aydinli of Bilkent University (Turkey). Dr. Xiong Geng, of Nankai University (China) will soon be wrapping up her year-long visiting scholar experience with us.

Of significant importance in the wake of Philip G. Altbach’s retirement from the faculty, Boston College has initiated a search for a faculty member in international higher education, who will also serve as the full-time director of the Center for International Higher Education. Information about the position and the application process can be obtained here: http://apply.interfolio.com/25365.