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## THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION WELCOMES A NEW DIRECTOR

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As of September 1, 2015, the Boston College Center for International Higher Education will be under the leadership of Professor Hans de Wit. A Dutch national, de Wit currently serves as Professor of Internationalization of Higher Education at the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences and Director of the Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation (CHEI) at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy. He is also affiliated in a research capacity with Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

As his professional titles imply, Hans de Wit's academic work has centered heavily on examining the phenomenon of internationalization in higher education—including its historical manifestations and rationale, its conceptual and practical dimensions, its contemporary complexities and contradictions. De Wit has published widely on this subject, and is responsible for establishing the premier scholarly publication focused on this field, the *Journal of Studies in International Education*.

Hans de Wit has been a leader in the professional arena, as well. He was a founding member of the European Association for International Education (EAIE) and is a past president of that organization. He has received awards for his contributions to the field from a wide range of practitioner organizations around the world, and was selected as a Fulbright New Century Scholar in 2005–2006.

De Wit replaces founding director Professor Philip G. Altbach, who established the Center in 1995 and guided its development over two decades into a globally recognized re-

source for information and analysis on trends and developments in higher education worldwide. Altbach will remain actively involved in CIHE activities as a research professor at Boston College's Lynch School of Education, and as editor of *International Higher Education*, CIHE's widely circulated quarterly newsletter.

Altbach has described Hans de Wit as "Mr. Internationalization" in the world of higher education," and both the CIHE team and the Boston College community at-large are delighted to welcome him. Indeed, Maureen Kenny, dean of the Lynch School of Education where the Center is housed, has said of de Wit that—in addition to his status as a globally recognized scholar in the internationalization of higher education—he "brings extensive experience in program development and administration that will facilitate our reach across our campus, the nation, and to universities worldwide, including the wide network of Jesuit and Catholic institutions."

The enthusiasm around the appointment seems mutual. Hans de Wit has expressed a special affinity for Boston College, where he spent a year as a visiting scholar in 1995. He notes, "I am excited about this new challenge, as it brings together all I have done over the years as a scholar and practitioner, allows me to walk in the footsteps of a great scholar and dear friend, and work with a qualified and enthusiastic team of scholars and doctoral students at CIHE and in the Lynch School of Education."

CIHE now moves into its third decade of existence under the new leadership of Hans de Wit, with energy and excitement for possible new directions and initiatives, rooted in a shared appreciation for the Center's distinguished past.

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### NEW CIHE-RELATED BOOKS

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We are pleased to note that several books have recently been published that reflects research conducted by the Center for International Higher Education and our research partners. These three books speak to our longstanding interest in the academic profession and our conviction that academics are at the heart of any successful university. The research that underlies three of these volumes has been cosponsored by our continuing collaboration with the National Research University-Higher School of Economics–Moscow. The fourth is related to work cosponsored with the American Council on Education.

• *Young Faculty in the Twenty-First Century: International Perspectives*. Edited by Maria Yudkevich, Philip G. Altbach,

and Laura E. Rumbley. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press. 364 pp. \$90 (hb). This book consists of 10 national case studies—Russia, United States, South Africa, Portugal, Norway, India, Brazil, France, Germany, and China, as well as several comparative analyses. A paperback edition will be released later.

• *Academic Inbreeding and Mobility in Higher Education: Global Perspectives*. Edited by Maria Yudkevich, Philip G. Altbach, and Laura E. Rumbley. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015. 264 pp. \$100 (hb). Faculty inbreeding is a common practice in many countries. This book discusses the problems and realities of this topic in 8 countries—Argentina, China, Japan, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa,