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Hall of Fame NEWSLETTER

Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors:

Dr. Gary E. Miller, Executive Director Emeritus, Penn State World Campus



Gary E. Miller

This spring the Board of Directors approved an important statement that defines the Hall of Fame's philosophy

about the nature of its role as an "international" organization. The statement reads:

The Hall of Fame is international in the sense that it honors adult and continuing education scholars, practitioners, and policy makers from all nations of the world. The Hall seeks nominees whose work has provided a model for practice, a theoretical or policy construct, or an inspiration to the profession that has had significant impact beyond the local boundaries in which they work.

The statement reflects the values of the Hall as a community of professionals in an increasingly global arena. Over the past few years—starting with the 2006 European induction in Bamberg, Germany, the Hall's membership has become significantly more international. In 2008, for example, the Budapest induction ceremony inducted 18 new members from 12 countries on five continents. As 2009 ended, several Hall of Fame members represented their countries at the UNESCO CONFITEA VI global conference on adult education in Belem, Brazil.

This year is an especially international year for the Hall of Fame. In April (as reported elsewhere in this Newsletter), the Hall presented a day-long symposium on "Preparing the Workforce for the Information Society"

as part of the Third International Conference on Adult Education in Iasi, Romania. In October, the annual induction ceremony will take place for the first time in Latin America, thanks to the good work of Jose Morales Gonzales (HOF 2002) at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Mexico. We anticipate that this induction will bring to the Hall of Fame new colleagues from throughout Latin America, as well as other parts of the world.

As the Hall of Fame becomes a truly global community of colleagues, all committed to the ideals of adult and continuing education, two things are becoming clear. First, of course, is that we all share a great deal in common. Second is that we have much to learn from each other. Each of us, throughout our careers, has been shaped by

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the unique social and historical context in which we have done our work. Understanding these contexts and sharing our experiences with rising scholars and practitioners is one of the great benefits that the Hall of Fame provides to the field.

In Romania, several Hall of Fame members were able to meet with doctoral students from Romania and elsewhere in Europe who came to share their research. This fall, the Hall will present a special session at the National Outreach Scholarship Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, where we will also have an opportunity to share a breakfast conversation with a group of emerging scholars. I hope many Hall of Fame members will be able to join us for that discussion.

Updates From University of Oklahoma Outreach:

James P. Pappas, Executive Director, IACEHOF



The past few months have proven to be eventful and productive for the International Adult and

Continuing Education Hall of Fame. It has been exciting to be part of what has historically been our most international year—from the Romanian Symposium to welcoming international nominations to planning our first North

American induction in Guadalajara, Mexico, in October.

In a year characterized by global economic challenges, I am pleased to report that the Hall has shown steady increases in its foundation endowment account and a small but steady stream of contribu-

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tions to our operating account. In response to questions regarding which account one should donate funds to, I strongly suggest the operating account, which funds expenses for travel and induction ceremonies, shipping, etc. The non-expendable endowment account will probably not experience significant growth in the current economy and will more than likely remain steady thanks to some annual giving. But the operating account allows us to continue providing services and conducting inductions.

Inductees for our North American induction ceremony have been selected and were approved by the board of directors at their June meeting. From a field of fifteen impressive nominees, the nominating committee selected twelve candidates who are outstanding professionals in adult and continuing education. The committee

gave special attention to the international scope of the Hall, as defined in our newly revisited "International Statement."

We hope to have strong participation at the induction in Mexico. Please see the Hall web page for information about this event. There you will find the two hotel options—Holiday Inn Express and Hilton. Hall events will be held at the university, and buses or shuttles will be provided by both hotels to transport members to and from the events. In this economy, it may be challenging for members and inductees to travel internationally; however, this event promises to be an exciting time as we celebrate our first North American induction in Mexico.

At our OU office, the Hall's financial reporting is now being aided by OU Outreach's Business and Accounting Office, which has done a remarkable job of

streamlining account reports and providing detailed information for all transactions. Additionally, our OU staff has successfully completed the electronic scanning of Hall archives, which had been accumulating since 1996.

Finally, for the 2011 induction, I am pleased to confirm our participation with the University Professional Continuing Education Association (UPCEA) conference in Toronto, Canada, scheduled for April 6-9, 2011. We will provide more information via the web page as the event approaches.

I want to express appreciation to those serving on committees, volunteering, participating in planning and events, and donors for your support as we continue this meaningful work together. Until next time.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES—Hall of Fame Symposium in Romania April 27, 2010

Part of the Third International Conference On Adult Education—*Preparing The Work Force For the Information Society*—Gary E. Miller



Gary E. Miller

On April 27, 2010, the Hall of Fame organized a day-long symposium as part of the Third International Conference on Adult Education at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania.

For the Hall of Fame members who attended, it proved to be rewarding as both a professional and cultural experience

Laurentiu Soitu (HOF 2008 Director of the Lifelong Learning Institute at the AIC University of Iasi, invited the Hall of Fame to join the conference, which was organized by the University, the Romanian Institute for Human Rights, and the Hall of Fame as part of the University's 150th anniversary celebration. "The conference," he said, "aimed to initiate and support a dialog between specialists and practitioners from continuing education and adult education . . . regarding the opportunities of workforce development in

the new conditions of the information society."

Dr. Soitu moderated the symposium, which featured presentations by three other Hall of Fame members: Dr. Marcie Boucouvalas (HOF 2003), Dr. Carol Kasworm (HOF 2002), and Dr. Gary Miller (HOF 2004).

Dr. Kasworm opened the symposium with a presentation on "New Possibilities for Preparing the Information Workforce." "It was evident," she observed, "that there is a strong commitment to be part of the world community of lifelong learning and to continue to seek out relevant insights and knowledge to enhance the work and roles of Romania in the global environment."

Gary Miller's session focused on trends in online learning for workforce education and the growth of inter-institutional collaborations. He was pleased to see the number of other papers,

especially doctoral student research projects, about online distance education.

Dr. Boucouvalas closed the seminar with a session that provided a historical context for understanding the social transformation that is underway and the implications for adult and continuing education. "Some of the most interesting discussions I had were during the breaks," she noted. "Much revolved around the nuances of culture, the human species, and different kinds of transformations." Much of the discussion, Marcie added, focused on the concept of "learning to be."

The Hall of Fame team also participated in a Doctoral Consortium—an opportunity for European doctoral students to present their research to their peers and to senior faculty attending the conference. This session sparked some of the best conversation of the week.

The Conference was certainly not all work. There were wonderful dinners

Romanian Symposium (continued)

with local music and dancing, along with a tour of a Greek Catholic monastery and Iasi's main cathedral. Diana Chicaiah and Adrian Istrimachi from the University of Iasi gave a guided tour of Iasi, the historical cultural center of Romania.

Following the conference, Laurentiu Soitu reported that "The HOF symposium was a good start for the European participants from the Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Hungary, and Romania, as well as those from the USA to become involved in debates and holistic discussions. All of the participants appreciated the HOF members' contributions to the Third International Conference on Adult Education, their capacity and openness to give information and suggestions, as well as

their active participation and their interest in the activities of the Ph.D. students."

To see more about the Hall of Fame Symposium in Iasi, please visit the Hall of Fame website: <http://www.halloffame.outreach.ou.edu/index.html>



HOF Members Laurentiu Soitu (Conference Organizer), Carol Kasworm, Gary Miller



Carol Kasworm, Gary Miller, Marcie Boucouvalas Attend Romanian Symposium

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Reflections On the Romanian Seminar—The University of Iasi "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Third Conference on Adult Education April 25-29, 2010 —Carol Kasworm



Carol Kasworm

It is a rare honor to engage in professional and intellectual dialogue in a dynamic cultural context. I found my experience at the both the Symposium co-hosted by the International Adult and Continuing Hall of Fame, as well as the full conference of the International Conference on Adult Education hosted by the Lifelong Learning Institute of the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi to be an intellectual and personable value.

As a conferee, I saw the dynamic development and support of the Human Rights committee and its work, the Romanian orthodox leadership and support of adult education and lifelong learning, as well as both the engagement of University leaders of Iasi and the faculty of Psychology and Education Science valuing the importance of the conference and of the work of the faculty and students in Adult Education.

The Conference and Symposium was intellectually and technologically fascinating with a broad diversity of topics. Individuals, both professionals and students from both Romania and other coun-

tries, offered a wide-array of engaging topics of both practice and research. There were a number of topics focused upon teaching and learning in both face and e-learning environments, as well as concerns about work performance and adult participation in the information society. A number of papers focused upon teacher education in both the development of professionals, as well as in various evaluation strategies. In addition, there were more broadly focused conceptual and theoretical papers on social capital, the nature of lifelong learning, and self-directed or self organized learning. In addition, the three papers presented by the International Hall of Fame members – Dr. Gary Miller regarding trends in online learning, Dr. Carol Kasworm regarding trends in adult higher education and Dr. Marcie Boucouvalas regarding the changing nature of work in the information age society, each captured past, present, and future understandings, and the significance of our changing world of self, work, and community. Many of these presentations were video streamed onto the web for additional viewing, as well as the three Hall of Fame member presentations will be available for video access in

the future. In our discussions, it was evident that there is a strong commitment to be part of the world community of lifelong learning and to continue to seek out relevant insights and knowledge to enhance the work and roles of Romania in the global environment.

The hospitality of the Conference on Adult Education was truly impressive, with meetings of the Rektor of the University, key leaders of the Romanian orthodox church patriarchy, officials of Iasi, and key leaders and faculty in relation to the faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences. I will always remember the special visit to the Bucium monastery and their commitment to educating icon painters in their religious tradition. I will also remember city in the middle of a lovely spring day with profuse flowering of tulips and pansies. It was truly a beautiful city and university. As I shared with my colleagues at my university, it was a visit filled with caring and hospitable individuals, with beautiful sites, amazing food and drink, and a group of individuals that love to dance, dance, dance, through the evening. You should see Gary and Marcie on the dance floor!

Remembering Romania And the Third International Conference on Adult Education—Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași. Romania 25-29 April 2010— Marcie Boucouvalas



Marcie Boucouvalas

From 24-30 April 2010, per the invitation and organization of Dr. Laurentiu Șoizu, Director of the Lifelong Learning Institute at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University in Iasi, Romania, and the sole Hall of Fame member from Romania, Gary Miller, Carol Kasworm, and I traveled to Iasi, Romania to represent the Hall at the 3rd International Conference on Adult Education in Iași (pronounced Yaash), Romania (with the theme “Preparing the Work Force for the Information Age”). The plane touched down in a small somewhat hilly area of land known as Iași airport. I was grateful for the pilot’s obviously well honed landing skills. We deplaned into the bright sunshine and a refreshing breeze to launch our journey into Romania. Beginning with the greeting we received upon our arrival to the airport, throughout our stay, to our being transported back to the airport upon our departure the hospitality was ever so gracious. Throughout our stay we were immersed from early morning and throughout the afternoon and evening in a very well organized effort. Even the dogs, however, seemed organized. Every morning predictably at 2:00 a.m. we were serenaded with a mass medley of canine communication across the town it seemed. Those are the “laughs,” however, that I will remember for a long time.

From the airport we were escorted to our home for the week, the Gaudeamus Hotel that belongs to the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, and in the evening (25 April) we enjoyed a welcome reception and festive table spread by Rector of the University, Professor Dr. Vasile Ișan, who offered an energizing welcome to the conference, to Romania, and to Iași (which we learned how to correctly pro-

nounce). From the evening informal discussions I learned that we were at the oldest University in Romania, founded during 1860. The year 2010 marks their 150th anniversary.

The first full day of the conference (26 April) was just that: very full! The morning included welcomes that were substantively meaningful in nature and far from perfunctory introductions. For example, in addition to educating us about the University, the Rector--Professor Dr. Vasile Ișan--talked of matters such as the relevance of asking what I term “age old philosophical questions,” such as the purpose of higher education, repeatedly mentioning his interface with reading authors such as American philosopher Allan Bloom on the *Closing of the American Mind*. Other welcomes during the morning session followed suit in their reflective tone, including spokespeople from the Ministries, local and national authorizes, both governmental and patriarchal (scholar representing the Romanian Orthodox patriarchy/church), as well as official representatives from the University of Bucharest, the Dean of the faculty of psychological and educational sciences at Alexandru Ioan Cuza, and others. Also an integral part of the opening welcomes were representatives from the partners for the conference: The Romanian Institute for Human Rights (a rep for their Director Prof Dr. Irina Moroianu Zlătescu), our own Hall of Fame leader (Prof. Dr. Gary Miller) and the University’s Lifelong Learning Institute Director (Prof Dr. Laurentiu Șoitu). After a brief break the sessions continued until lunch and then proceeded all afternoon until after 7 p.m. when we departed for a reception and dinner at the hall of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Iași, seat of the Romanian Orthodox Archbishop of Iași. These are the grounds of a landmark in Romania dedicated to Saint Paraskeva whose remains are located there. Before dinner we were afforded the opportunity to visit the inside

Justin Moisecu Hall, Metropolitane of Moldova & Bucovina



of the church itself before proceeding to the hall for dinner.

Day 2 (27 April) was dedicated to our Hall of Fame symposium. As we arrived we were greeted by full screen alternating pictures of us taken from the plaques. They remained during the entire day. During the morning the four of us (including Laurentiu) introduced ourselves, our backgrounds and research interests that catalyzed an interesting discussion amongst some of the established professors. We focused especially on the social transformative aspects of our current times and implications for adult and continuing education. We spent the remainder of the day offering our individual presentations to a quiet but nevertheless non verbally engaged audience. The ambiance was respectful, especially given the ambiance. For both days we met in a large long room entitled the “Senate Hall,” with neo-classical architecture and a board style set up. High on the walls encircling the room were portraits of the lineage of University Presidents. I found one woman looking down upon us; Carol found two.

Some of the most interesting discussions I had were during breaks that day. Much revolved around the nuances of culture, the human species and different kinds of transformations, and later around a term I had used in my presentation (i.e. learning to be).

Remembering Romania—Marcie Boucouvalas (Continued)

At the conclusion of the day's academic events, we were escorted on a visit to the Bucium Monastery. What appeared as windows of the church, or perhaps I should call it a chapel, were exterior frescoes depicting a variety of religious scenes of the Eastern Orthodox tradition. While there, we were given a brief but meaningful introduction to Orthodox Christianity. We were also treated to a visit of iconographers at work, a rare opportunity to observe them painstakingly rendering ("painting") icons, being unmoved or not bothered by our presence. I have placed the word "painting" in quotes for lack of a better term because when one creates an icon in the Eastern Orthodox tradition the artist is usually in a spiritual space of consciousness which can often be conveyed to a spiritual worshiper interfacing with the icon. An icon is a spiritual expression in visual form. The aim is not aesthetic but spiritually inspirational. At the conclusion of this visit we visited the monastery's winery and partook of their wine.

The night concluded with a reception and dinner at the Bucium Motel, located on Bucium Hill in Iași, thus affording a panoramic view. The evening was replete with two musicians: an instrumental musician with his vocalist wife playing many Romanian folk songs and dances (Florin Buruiana and Angela Marta). Then I was surprisingly alerted that he wanted to know if anyone spoke Greek. I discovered that although he was Romanian he spent many years working in and among the Greeks and missed speaking Greek. He wanted someone with whom to speak, after which he announced that he would play a Greek song and dance and that I would teach the dance to others. So it went: an evening of multi-faceted dances. I must say that Laurentiu was most gracious in making sure that everyone had the opportunity to dance.

After a very full two days we rose and commenced day 3 (28 April) where we met in a different location due to the

fact that the Senate Room and the University was off limits because of a "high level meeting," as it was called, between the Romanian President and the Interim President of Moldova (a country with an interesting history that is nestled between Romania and Ukraine. We thank Carmen Rusu, a Ph.D. student who walked with us to ensure that we found the location and did not become lost. She really saved us. The day's activities consisted of two concurrent events: a symposium sponsored by the Romanian Institute for Human Rights and a consortium of the Doctoral Students. Because of the alternative accommodations for the day there was no simultaneous translation available and we were unable to participate in the Human Rights sessions. Although, with all due respect, we were offered a translator to sit with us it would have been far too disruptive so we all remained in the Doctoral students' session, which was most meaningful. Carol Kasworm and several Romanian professors moderated the session which Gary Miller eagerly picked up in the afternoon, stimulating student participation. Ideas as to how they might set up a means to stay in touch with each other and how they might better format any future symposia together began flowing. Although I did miss being with the human rights groups I left with them a paper I had done several years ago on the topic. More important, we all had a shared opportunity to interface with the doctoral students, an experience that I treasured. I believe we can make some connections between Romanian and American students on a doctoral path. In fact, it is an opportunity that we may want to discuss for the Hall to pursue further.

That evening we once again were treated to a dinner, this time at the Casa Bolta Reece Restaurant, hosted by the President of the Iasi County Council. Upon arrival we were first escorted underground through what was at one time hiding places for Romanians, similar to catacombs. We were told that many more

of these cave like tunnels are being discovered with controversies arising as to whether to preserve for historic reasons or to move on to make room for the new. Currently this underground tunnel that is part of the Casa Bolta Reece is used to store wine, and of course we were treated to a sample before we emerged to be seated for the night's meal of traditional Romanian cuisine. Much of the dialogue of the prior days continued during the meal. In addition, new dialogues emerged as I learned much about the experience of living as part of the former Eastern block countries and the range of experiences since 1989. I was also seated with several professors with expertise in artificial intelligence who were discussing their work with George A. Miller (they wondered if Gary was related). Miller is the founder of WordNet. He evidently worked with these colleagues in producing Balkanet (a WordNet system for Romanian, Bulgarian, Serbian, Czech, Turkish, and Greek). WordNet is a data base that organizes words in a manner purportedly similar to how the mind stores them and uses language. These are just a few highlights of a most educational evening.

The next day prior to departure we were escorted on a brief driving/walking tour of the highlights of Iași by Adrian Istrimschi and doctoral student Diana Chihaiia. Architectural monuments abound and UNESCO has designated several World Heritages sites in Romania, such as the Church of the Three Hierarchs (3 saints: Basil, Gregory, and St. John Chrysostom), where Alexandru Ioan Cuza is buried. It is currently undergoing restoration. We really appreciated the walk around. We then departed for lunch back at the Hotel Gaudeamus where a private dining room awaited us and two Hungarian participants who were flying out on the same plane. Laurentiu was extremely busy and called to several meetings but he was always there to greet us and make sure that we were okay. Our departure was no exception. As we packed

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History of the Hall of Fame

The story of the **International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame** officially began with the desire to provide a mechanism to honor and document contributions of the past to better build the future. **Dr. Thurman J. White** began the discussion of this idea with current leaders and officers of several associations and organizations (University Continuing Education Association, American Society for Training and Development, American Association of Adult and Continuing Education, ECOP/National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges).



Thurman White

After considerable discussion, the Hall was incorporated in the state of Oklahoma on September 20, 1995, as a nonprofit corporation. From the higher education organizations listed above a **Board of Directors** was chosen: **Thurman J. White**, Chairman; **John C. Snider**, Vice Chairman; **Monroe C. Neff**, Executive Coordinator; **Betty Ward**, Secretary; **John Holden**, Treasurer; and members-at-large **Marcia Bankirer**, **Myron D. Johnsrud**, **Ken McCullough**, **James P. Pappas**, **Edward G. Simpson, Jr.** and **E.T. York, Jr.**

Remembering Romania—Marcie Boucouvalas (Continued)

our luggage into the van there he was carrying mementos from Romania, and graciously wishing us safe travels, thanking us for our involvement. It is we who have much to thank him for: Quite an exemplar of the Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame.

Adrian and Diana drove us to airport, walked with us up to check in, and waited to ensure that we would depart safely. We were very well cared for throughout. Although I have tried to share the experience as much as possible in this brief reflection, I would be happy to further address any curiosities or questions.

My thanks,
Marcie Boucouvalas

North American induction in Guadalajara, Mexico October 2010

The 2010 Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be conducted at the Sixth International Congress on Continuing and Distance Education in Guadalajara, Mexico, on October 28. The Congress is co-sponsored by the Mexican Association for Continuing and Distance Education and CREAD, the Inter-American Distance Education Network. The conference will be held at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, under the leadership of Jose Morales Gonzales (HOF 2002).

Twelve nominees from seven countries on four continents have been invited to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the conference.

The theme of the conference is "Continuing Education in the Era of

Knowledge." Among the conference themes are innovation and pedagogical practice, e-learning, finances, quality and evaluation, and partnerships.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be the main event on Wednesday evening. In addition, there will be a Hall of Fame session during the program that will feature newly inducted members.

The conference will be held on the campus of the Autonomous University of Guadalajara. Participants may stay at either of two nearby hotels. For more information on the conference, visit this website: <http://congresoamecyd.uag.mx/>