

### President's Message

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the inaugural issue of the *Journal of International Social Studies*, the official publication of the International Assembly. This journal will not only serve the intellectual and research needs of our members; it will help in building a strong international community dedicated to the promotion and strengthening of global education around the world.

Educational associations such as the International Assembly that seek to bring together teachers, scholars, and activists from around the world to a common forum and to help them share their knowledge and experiences in a supportive environment, need a journal. In a sense, the *Journal of International Social Studies* is a forum connecting diverse views and perspectives on global education.

Each year, more and more global educators from all parts of the world join the International Assembly. Our members participate in our annual conference and present their papers on global education themes including human rights education, peace education, and cultural diversity. To sustain these activities we always wished to have the papers published in a journal.

Needless to say, it has been a herculean task to put together a journal. Nevertheless, all our efforts have finally paid off and the *Journal of International Social Studies* has arrived.

I congratulate the editor, Dr. Beverly Milner (Lee) Bisland, and associate editor, Dr. Gloria Alter, for their tireless efforts in making our wish a reality, and, on behalf of the IA members and the executive board, I sincerely thank them for their hard work.

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