



**International Society for Education through Art
Société Internationale pour l'Éducation Artistique**

**Organizers of the InSEA Art Education Research and Development Congress
University of Education Heidelberg and University of Education Karlsruhe
Prof. Dr Carl-Peter Buschkühle
Prof. Dr Joachim Kettel
Prof. Mario Urlaub**

Dear Carl-Peter, Joachim, and Mario,

On behalf of the InSEA world council and delegates who attended the recent Horizons - Research and Development Congress in Heidelberg I want to thank you most sincerely for a tremendously successful event. It is a tribute to your hard work and successful organization that two hundred and seventy two delegates were attracted from thirty five countries for this historic event. As I mentioned in my opening speech this is the first InSEA Congress to be held in Germany for twenty years. It is wonderful to see the world organization represented again in Germany. You have recognized an important need in the field of that education for a stronger focus on research and the issues surrounding the application of that research. The design of this conference directly addressed that need and made a substantial international contribution to the progress of thinking and practice in the field of art education.

During the conference I was approached by many delegates who commented on the value of this meeting to them. The sheer volume of presentations ensured that there was something in the conference for everybody. There was much to be gained from the meeting and I personally was rewarded by many of the sessions that I was able to attend. In addition the social events added an important element of collegiality to the proceedings and I know everybody who attended enjoyed them very much.

Anyone who has organized a substantial conference like this one understands the enormous amount of work and attention to detail that is required to ensure success. It is important to acknowledge our recognition of your effort to bring this conference to fruition. You have much to be proud of!

On a personal note I want to thank you very much for the accommodation arrangements that were made for my wife Kerry Freedman and me. Other members of the world council were also extremely grateful for the hospitality extended by the organizing committee. An added bonus for us was the opportunity to explore the beautiful city of Heidelberg and the castle before returning to the United States. Please extend my best wishes to all members of the organizing committee and thank them for their outstanding contribution on behalf of the InSEA World Council.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Boughton', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

**Prof. Dr. Doug Boughton
InSEA Past-President**