Greetings from the Chair of the IADMS Education Committee

The IADMS Education Committee is comprised of individuals who research, mentor, study and teach dance all around the world. From New Zealand to Hong Kong, Canada, the UK, and US, this committee is one of the most active in the IADMS organization. As the chair of this ambitious committee, I have the honor of relating the good work that the individuals on this committee have undertaken, efforts designed to enhance teaching and an understanding of dance science at all levels. We accomplish this in many ways from “A Day for Teachers” during the Annual IADMS Meeting, to resource papers and posters, to the Dance Educator Network, and the Bulletin for Dancers and Teachers. Currently all of these resources can be accessed on the IADMS website, and our goal is to reach teachers and students both inside and outside of the IADMS organization.

Our most recent “Day for Teachers” took place during the Basel, Switzerland IADMS Annual Meeting. With presentations ranging from “Motivation” to “Alignment” to “Nutrition,” participants gained new insights during the lecture and the interactive discussions. One comment was clearly voiced during this session – teachers want more workshops! We are currently planning a workshop to be held in Vancouver, Canada in March and at DeSales University near Allentown, Pennsylvania in April. Other workshops are in the planning stages, but if you would like to request a workshop in your area, please contact us at education@iadms.org. And please consider attending the 25th IADMS Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania October 8-11, 2015 with “A Day for Teachers” on Thursday, October 8.

Two new papers are on the IADMS Resource Paper tab of the IADMS website: “Perfectionism,” written by Sanna Nordin Bates, and “Technique Options for the Injured Dancer” by Kitty Daniels. Please look at the IADMS Website under Resources for Teachers to find these and many other valuable resources.

The Dance Education Network continues to grow, and this committee publishes four newsletters per year. If you are not a member of this network, please send an email to education@iadms.org, so you can start receiving the newsletter and other information on IADMS initiatives. Finally, look for IADMS on Facebook and in a new blog. As you can see, the Education Committee is committed to outreach and education. Please enjoy the Bulletin for Dancers and Teachers, and please share this information – as well as information about IADMS with your colleagues and students.

Regards,
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