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New Executive Team at TIEC

Last April Dr. Dennis P. McCabe, Chairperson of the Texas International Education Consortium Board of Directors and President of Tarleton State University, announced the appointment of Dr. Nick L. Poulton as the third President and Chief Executive Officer of TIEC, to succeed Dr. Bill Franklin, who retired the previous December. Dr. Poulton served as the Executive Vice President and Interim President of TIEC.

Later in the year, the Board completed its search for a new executive team member with the appointment of Dr. Ronald Aqua as Executive Vice President, to succeed Dr. Poulton in that position.

Biographical Notes

Dr. Nick L. Poulton earned his Ph.D. in Higher Educational Administration at the University of Michigan in 1979, and has degrees in electrical engineering from Purdue University. He has led university development projects in Indonesia and Pakistan, served three years as Director of Planning and Development at the University of the South Pacific, based in Suva, Fiji, and managed a global environment project for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Dr. Poulton first went overseas while a faculty member at Purdue University to teach electrical engineering at Kabul University in Kabul, Afghanistan. He commented that, "This project involved a consortium of engineering schools in the 1960's and 70's, and I have been a strong believer in the consortium approach ever since."



Dr. Nick L. Poulton

Dr. Poulton has been active in several major TIEC projects, including leading teams of faculty and administrators from Texas universities who planned and designed a new private college for women in Saudi Arabia. He is currently managing the design and implementation of an Academic Bridge Program for the Qatar Foundation.

"TIEC is a unique organization that brings experts from the public universities in Texas to international education projects in a way that both benefit from the experience," Poulton said. "We use teams of colleagues from Texas and the host country, and we find that relationships are established that last far beyond the project itself."



Dr. Ronald Aqua earned his Ph.D. from Cornell University in Government with an emphasis on Japanese politics. He directed the Japanese and Korean Studies programs at the Social Science Research Council in New York for six years, and then spent 14 years with the United States - Japan Foundation serving as its first Program Director and then as Vice President.

More recently he directed the Center for International Security and Strategic Studies at Mississippi State University and taught in the Political Science Department there.

Dr. Aqua's extensive experience with grant making and project development processes will give TIEC additional capacity to develop new international opportunities for TIEC affiliated universities.



Dr. Ronald Aqua

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- Design work is almost completed for a path-breaking new Academic Bridge Program that will prepare Qatari high school students for success in English language based university programs. This program will begin operation in the Fall of 2001. More than 30 faculty and staff from 19 TIEC-affiliated universities have been working on 11 different teams for this multifaceted project.
- Architecture, Interior Design, and Art students are looking forward to the "Into Africa - Morocco 2001" summer program. This program takes advantage of the mixture of European, Mediterranean, African and Islamic styles that are an integral part of Moroccan culture.