



The World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium

WINHEC Newsletter – 001 / 19

Greetings to you all the family of WINHEC and WINU. Our anticipation of a joyous reunion in Taiwan in late July – Early August is tempered by the loss of our dear elders Dr. Delbert Horton and Dr. Anne Leisha. Delbert was the strong support for not only our sister Laura, but for all of the WINHEC family, as he was one of the pillars that helped to progress our collective efforts since the early days of WINHECs formation. We all had a close and treasured relationship with the ‘big-man’ and are devastated at his passing. I acknowledge that these are sentiments that would be shared by all of the WINHEC family and many others as this amazing man had the ability to touch each and every heart by his kind and gentle demeanour and his commitment to bringing about change in education for First Nations Peoples, not only in his own homeland, but across the world. Our hearts go out to Laura and family and our wider Canadian community who have hosted us so many times with Delbert there as the rock.

Aunty Anne was another of those amazing people who by their sheer presence made us better people. Her efforts to improve the conditions of her people through education are exemplars for us all. I have included Prof Boni Robertson’s words about her as a tribute to Aunty Anne and to Uncle Bill and the family:

Aunty Anne's unexpected passing has shocked many of our colleagues, government and university representatives and community leaders, who are only too aware of the long standing, diligent and dedicated work that she has accomplished over the years through her work with First Nations youth and education. Aunty Anne's legacy will live on through her work with our national and international networks such as NATSIHEC, WINHEC, WINU and WIRA, all of which her family have advised she spoke of fondly and with great admiration and respect

We have lost one of the true warriors in our communities as Aunty Anne was widely respected and recognized for her tireless fight for all First Nations Peoples to have access to basic human rights, justice and education. Many families and young people in our local communities have had their lives significantly transformed because of the caring and diligent work of Aunty Anne. I am sure that over the years Aunty Anne, as with many of our Elders, have left an indelible impression on the lives of many of us who had the honour of meeting this most incredible lady and leader. I am

personally devastated by the passing of this most amazing, caring and beautiful mentor, elder and friend. Aunty Anne's sense of loyalty, her dedication, leadership, wisdom, humour and commitment will be deeply missed.

With much cultural love and respect.

We were able to confer Aunty Anne with the WINU Honorary Doctorate in October 2018.



To Delbert and Aunty Anne I extend this blessing on behalf of the WINHEC / WINU / WIRA family:

Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, kia tere te kārohirohi i mua i tō huarahi, ā, ko tō hoa haere ko te rangimārie.

May peace be widespread, may the sea glisten like polished jade, may the shimmer of light guide you on your way, and may peace be your travelling companion.

Travel well our dear friends!

Dates for AGM – 31 July to 5 August

I thought that I would pass on some of the information that I have been able to get from Jolan in Taiwan so first off, let me acknowledge our Taiwanese family for hosting the 2019 AGM. A local site is being created for the 2019 AGM by our hosts and we look forward to receiving the address to this site.

On arrival in Taiwan Jolan will hopefully have some of her students at the airport and main train station to assist those attending the AGM. The plan is:

1. To take the Airport Metro Express to Taipei Main Railway Station. This will cost NT 160 (approximately \$US 5.20 one-way, 30-min ride).

2. To then take the train from Taipei Main Railway Station to Hualien. This will cost NT 440 (approximately \$US 14.50 one way, between 2-hours 10 mins and 3-hours 30 mins, depending on type of train).
3. If you are looking at flying, there are only two flights daily from Song San Airport, Taipei to Hualien. Jolan does not recommend this method of travel. The train trip will allow us to see more of the countryside.
4. There will be local transportation arranged for uplift from Hualien station.
5. Jolan will block book the NDHU campus housing for the AGM and is also investigating a package at local hotels.
6. The on campus accommodation comes in 2, 4, or 6-person configurations with a cost of NT 1200 (approximately \$US 39 a night including breakfast). The link to take a look at the accommodation is <http://www.lio168.com/about>. It is only in Chinese but you can click the number of beds required 2, 4, or 6 on the left side.

Let Jolan know your needs (how many nights and what type of room) and she can pre-arrange that for you. She will try to come up with packages for all different options next month.

WINHEC Orders of Merit and WINU Academic Awards

Please give consideration to those people in your communities who have made outstanding contributions to Indigenous education. In the next newsletter we will let you know the various categories for the WINHEC Orders of Merit. The WINU Vice Chancellor has sent out the call for nominations for academic awards. We are opening and closing the call for nominations earlier than we have in the past so that recipients can be informed earlier and organise travel arrangements.

The opening date for nominations is 15 January and nominations are due to Dr. Peter Hanohano by 30 March. Confirmation of awards will be made by 30 April. Please refer to the website for details.

Youth and Elder Camp

Last year's youth and Elder camp hosted by the Sámi High School and Reindeer Husbandry School was a great success. Aotearoa is looking at sending another group over to Taiwan and it would be great to see other nation's young people and Elders getting together as they did at Guovedageaidnu. It is important to get younger people and Elders involved in our movement to ensure its longevity and future leadership. I would encourage all of our members intending to attend this year's meeting to consider including local youth and Elders as part of your contingent.

More to follow

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