
New International Scholars Association

At a recent meeting to discuss linguistic, literary and pedagogical aspects of World Englishes in Honolulu, Hawaii, a new international scholarly association was launched. The organization is named **International Association for World Englishes (IAWE)**. The Steering Committee for the Association was formed during the conference on "Culture and Literature: Issues of Interpretation and Comprehension" organized by the East-West Center, Honolulu (May 11-15, 1992) and consists of: James E. Alatis (Georgetown), Kimberly Brown (Portland), Wimal Dissanayake (East-West Center, Honolulu), Braj B. Kachru (Illinois), Peter Lowenberg (San Jose State), Cecil L. Nelson (Indiana State), Anne Pakir (NUS, Singapore), Larry E. Smith (East-West Center, Honolulu), S.N. Sridhar (SUNY Stonybrook) and Tamara Valentine (South Carolina, Spartanburg). The main objective of the Association, said Larry Smith, organizer of the recent Honolulu Conference, is to "establish international links among those who are involved with any aspect of World Englishes in research and/or teaching. The Association will focus on global issues relating to three major aspects of World Englishes: language, literature and methodology." IAWE replaces the International Committee on World Englishes formed in 1987 at Georgetown. The charter annual membership fee is \$10.00. Requests for further information and membership applications may be addressed to: Professor Cecil L. Nelson, Dept. of English, Root Hall A-261, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47802, USA; phone: (812) 237-3164, -3167.