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AIEA Recognizes Dr. Randall Martin with 2021 Charles Klasek Award for Outstanding Service to the Field of International Higher Education

Washington, DC (February 17, 2021)—The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce Dr. Randall W. Martin, Executive Director of the British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE), as the 2021 Charles Klasek Award recipient. The award recognizes his service as a scholar and researcher, educator and mentor, senior administrator and advisor, organizer and advocate within the field of international education.

Conceived as a tribute to Charles Klasek’s outstanding contributions both to AIEA and to International Higher Education, the Klasek Award is presented each year at AIEA’s annual conference to individuals with a record of long-standing and exceptional service to the field. “Chuck” Klasek was a founding member and the third president of AIEA in addition to his achievements at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

For 33 years, Martin has led an extensive and varied career that has demonstrated his commitment and excellence to international education. Under his leadership, BCCIE became the British Columbia Council for International Education (changing from Centre to Council) and was granted core funding from the BC government in 2008. It then became a Crown Agency of the Province of British Columbia in 2012—the only one of its kind in Canada—mandated to support and provide direction to the International Education sector in and for the province, from public and private K-12 and post-secondary as well as the large language-training sector. Martin has overseen the growth of the sector to greater than a $7 billion enterprise directly employing over 54,000 people. Per capita, BC is the largest and most attractive destination for international students in Canada, and Randall’s work has raised the global capacity, profile and success of BC through professional development, engagement with global associations and the creation of platforms and partnerships with governments and sub-government associations across Europe, the Americas and Asia. BCCIE has achieved several milestones, including attracting the APAIE conference to Vancouver, for the first time ever outside of Asia and Oceania and the first time ever in the Americas (now postponed due to COVID19 to March of 2022), becoming the National Secretariat for Canada for the UMAP consortium, and becoming a formal Affiliate Member of SEAMEO.
Philipp Reichert Receives AIEA's Harold Josephson Award for Professional Promise in International Education

Durham, N.C. (February 16, 2021) — At its 2021 Annual Conference, the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) recognized Philipp Reichert as the recipient of the Harold Josephson Award for Professional Promise in International Education.

The Josephson Award honors the memory of Dr. Harold Josephson, a long-time leader in AIEA who passed away in 1998. Josephson also served as Associate Vice Chancellor of International Programs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The award recognizes deserving graduate students for outstanding contributions to the field of international education.

No award was given this year for Student, Professional Category.

The 2021 Josephson Award is presented to Philipp Reichert from University of British Columbia, Okanagan. Reichert completed his doctoral degree in late 2020, and will have completed a series of certificate programs by May of 2021.

A dedicated professional, mentor, and model citizen, Reichert has proven himself to be a key innovator and advocate for international education, at the national and international level, making significant contributions both in his professional positions, but also during his time as a graduate student in this Doctoral Program at the University of Calgary. He is currently the Manager of International Programs and Services (IPS) at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan (UBCO) where he leads a diverse group of international educators providing strategic leadership and guidance to the international programs and services department supporting 2400+ international students. His current portfolio includes leading international student advising (immigration, healthcare, academic progression and the proactive advising program), cultural events and programming, the Intercultural Development Program (IDP), and the Intercultural Career Development Program (ICDP) as well as the Paragon CELPIP Test Centre and a team of CELPIP staff members at UBC's Okanagan campus.

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Martin has been an innovator and broken new ground throughout his career. From imagining new models for international mobility, to developing international education programs and projects that were ahead of their time, to building an organization that is recognized as a global leader and innovator in IE. He approaches his work with compassion, dedication and a commitment to equitable access.

AIEA congratulates Randall Martin as this year’s Klasek Award recipient.

**About AIEA:**

**The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA)** is a member organization that equips leaders to shape the future of higher education in a global context.

AIEA advances strategic transformational approaches to internationalization of higher education; empowers those who lead such efforts; convenes global conversation on key issues; and partners with other organizations around the world to develop sustainable, forward-looking perspectives.

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