

2016 NSTA Global Conversations in Science Education Conference

NSTA's 11th annual International Science Education Conference was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee during the NSTA National Conference. The conference focused on Global Conversations in Science Education with the theme "Science Goes Global: The Next Generation". In attendance were more than 85 participants from 16 countries (Australia, Bahamas, Canada, China, Denmark, India, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the United States).

The conference commenced with welcome remarks from NSTA President Carolyn Hayes and members of the NSTA International Advisory Board. Shaun Reason, Chief Executive, The Association for Science Education, United Kingdom, kicked off the conference with his opening talk "Teaching Science with a Global Citizenship Approach:



Carolyn Hayes, NSTA President

The Association for Science Education." Following Mr. Reason's talk were session speakers from Israel and the United States. The conference continued with roundtable discussions involving all participants. The afternoon consisted of more session speakers, poster presentations, and a panel discussion. NSTA is extremely grateful to the Northrop Grumman Foundation, Google, Inc., and Labster for their generous support and contribution for these events.



Poster Session



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For the second year in a row, Northrop Grumman Foundation provided (2) full travel scholarships for international teachers to attend the national conference. The lucky recipients were Douglas Napolitano-Cremin from Ashmole Academy, London, UK, and Nathan Curnow from John Curtin College of the Arts, Fremantle, Western Australia. Douglas and Nathan both received round-trip airfare to the conference, complimentary conference registration, tickets to international events, and reimbursement for meals.

In addition to the international conference, participants also took part in educational field trips to Hattie Cotton STEM Magnet Elementary School to see how students learn through exciting hand-on lessons and real work experiences, and Stratford STEM Magnet High School where students learn through an inquiry-based and project-based STEM curriculum.

Planning is currently underway for International Science Education Day in Los Angeles, California, March 29, 2017.



Panel Discussion



Margaret Enedoh, Nigeria



GCC Participants



Nathan Curnow, Australia



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