

Announcements:

It is with great sadness that I am sharing with you the news of the death of our great colleague and esteemed friend Dien Tran, who passed away, February 19, 2009 as a result of complications after open-heart surgery. This is a great loss for all of us in the CIESC.

As Allan Pitman, Past President stated, Dien has been a key figure in the successful operation of CIESC for the past several years. He was heavily involved in the planning and organization of the CIESC component of the Annual Conference at Western in 2005, and has developed and maintained our web site for some time. His position as Administrative Assistant to our CIESC journal, *Canadian and International Education* working with the editor Suzanne Majhanovich has been central to the quality and timeliness of the journal. His efforts were always within the context of his quiet and unassuming manner, and the scope of his contribution to the Society would only have been apparent to those with whom he worked.

Dien's life and excellent contributions will be remembered in the CIESC AGM which will be extended to accommodate his important service, but I hope we will do more to maintain the memory of Dien's achievements and immeasurable contributions to our association, and indeed, to our lives, and professional spaces.

Ali Abdi, PhD  
President, CIESC

Members of the CIESC Executive invite our members to join us for a memorial service to Dien, to be held immediately after the AGM on May 25. We plan to share memories of our dear colleague, Dr. Dien Tran.