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Vincent Peters The Organizing Committee ISAGA 9-13 July, 2007 Nijmegen - The Netherlands

You and your team are to be congratulated for organizing the 37th annual ISAGA conference. There is a long and proud history behind this organization and it survives year by year because of the effort of dedicated professionals like your selves.

Upon reflection, I am aware that this will be the 5th time the conference has been held in the Netherlands

1971	Utrecht	(The 2 nd conference)
1979	Leeuwarden	(The 10 th conference)
1988	Utrecht	(The 19 th conference)
1997	Tilburg	(The 28th conference)
2007	Nijmegan	(The 37 th conference)

I was one of the founding members of this group and have had the privilege of attending all four of these conferences; it is my hope to attend ISAGA 2007.

From its inception, the annual ISAGA conference has met an important need -once a year it brings professionals together from all over the world and provides
an opportunity for new knowledge to be exchanged. The participants return to
their home countries carrying a new kitbag of ideas and feeling reinvigorated as
they spread the theory and technique of "Learning by Doing" to their clientele.

This year's conference in Nijmegan is especially important. ISAGA is undergoing profound changes that are a consequence of technology and globalization; this results in increasing urgency for the development of a strong professional organization with important ties to the many national spin-off groups (see list below).

Because you have created a strong substantive program for this conference, oriented to professionals, ISAGA 2007 in Nijmegan promises to be of unusually strong value to the profession – the right program at the right time!

I would also like to note that each time a nation has held this conference many ancillary benefits have accrued to the host nation. Certainly the Dutch have benefited through the integration of this approach to learning situations both formal and informal. No other country uses this approach more extensively.

I wish you and your team the best; let me know if I can be of service in any way.

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Affiliates

ISAGA co-operates with ten affiliated regional gaming & simulation associations; these are represented in its Steering Committee:

ABSEL - Association for Business Simulation and Experiential Learning

DiGRA - Digital Games Research Association

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JASAG - Japan Association of Simulation And Gaming

NASAGA - North American Simulation and Gaming Association

OzSAGA - Australian Simulation and Games Association

SAGANET - Simulation and Gaming Association - The Netherlands

SAGSAGA - Swiss Austrian German Simulation and Gaming Association
SAGSET - Society for the Advancement of S&G in Education and Training

SIGIS - Società Italiana Giochi di Simulazione

SSAGSg - Society of Simulation and Gaming of Singapore