



**Award of Spirit of ICED to Professor James Wisdom
November 2016**

During his tenure at the helm of ICED he brought in new structures and developed policies that have put ICED on a more secure footing, thereby ensuring its sustainability and ability to grow. By getting ICED charity status and exemption from taxation in the UK, ICED is able to use its funds to support educational development in countries where no national network exists. Charity status also lends further credibility to the work of ICED.

During this period he was also played an important role in the establishment of the HELTASA/ICED Project, the South Africa Universities Learning & Teaching Forum, with both moral and financial support.

Professor Wisdom was a very hands-on President engaging actively with both the conference in Thailand, hosted by ThaiPOD, and Sweden, hosted by SwedNet, reviewing papers, organising workshops and encouraging networking between delegates and countries.

He also sought out emerging networks and supported their development and played a mentorship role to our newest member the Chinese network CHED.

Professor Wisdom researched and co-wrote the seminal study 'ICED International Survey of the Training of Teachers in Higher Education', along with his colleague Professor Kristine Mason O'Connor.

He also worked with members of the ICED Special Interest Group based on the Bologna Higher Education area and they submitted a, sadly unsuccessful, proposal for funding to the European Union for a project under the "Science with and for Society" strand of the Horizon 2020 programme.

Finally, Professor Wisdom has acted as a sterling role model for educational developers worldwide, as well as being a mentor to me as incoming president of ICED.

I would like you all to join me in congratulating James on receiving this award.

Helen Guerin
President, ICED, and former president of the All Ireland Society for Higher Education.