ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS (AIEA) PRESENTS 2016 TIMOTHY J. RUTENBER Award TO DR. SABINE KLAHR

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) presented its annual Timothy J. Rutenber Award at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, February 23 in Montreal, Canada during its annual conference. The award, which honors AIEA members who have rendered long-term and outstanding service to the Association, was given to Dr. Sabine Klahr, University of Utah.

Dr. Darla Deardorff, Executive Director of AIEA, stated that “Dr. Sabine Klahr is most deserving of the Rutenber Award, given her leadership within AIEA and her extraordinary commitment of service to the organization and to colleagues.”

Dr. Klahr’s service to AIEA has had a major impact on the organization, and on the field of international education more generally. She began her career in international education at Montana State University in Bozeman, where she eventually received a doctoral degree in Higher Education Leadership. She served in the International Program Office in Bozeman, then at Colorado State University before moving to Direct the Study Abroad Program at Western Michigan University. In 2002, she was named Director of the Boise State International Programs Office, and served as SIO there for several years, moving on to Chatham University as Assistant Vice President for International Affairs, and then to the University of Utah where she remains as Deputy Chief Global Officer and SIO.

Sabine’s contributions to AIEA and the profession are many and varied, including the presidency of the organization in the presidential stream from 2012-2015. As a member of the Executive Committee for eight years, from 2007-2015, she chaired the Membership Committee and the Presidential Fellows Committee. Her exceptional work and leadership in AIEA has had a deep and lasting impact, particularly her commitment to values and ethics. Also active in EAIEA and NAFSA, Sabine served on NAFSA’s organization’s Ethics Guidelines and Ethics Implementation task forces. As President of AIEA, she played a major role in linking the organization to sister organizations and professionals working throughout the world.

Sabine’s vision and voice continue to guide the profession at the highest levels. She remains a Senior Advisor for AIEA, and continues to broaden her involvement in many ways, including advocacy for international at the national, state, and local levels. This award recognizes Dr. Klahr’s long-term service and outstanding contribution to the Association of International Education Administrators.
Founded in 1982, the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), hosted at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, is a professional membership organization composed of institutional leaders representing over 300 institutions engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education.

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