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**NCDA COMMITTEE MID-YEAR REPORT**

**COMMITTEE/COUNCIL NAME: GLOBAL CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE GCC**

**March 24, 2025**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS: (Active until 03/01/2025: N=52)**

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| Abiola | Dipeolu |  | Karol I. | Taylor |  | Michelle | Gross |  | Sujata | Ives |
| Jaana | Kettunen |  | Rebecca | Flynn |  | Kelly J. | Roberts |  | Jason | Low |
| Miwa | Omori |  | Simon D. | Lee |  | Minobu | Sato |  | Marcela | Mesa Guerrero |
| Jungeun (Jay) | Lee |  | Blanca | Rosales-Ahn |  | Jeremiah | Wong |  | Keith R. | Okrosy |
| Kenya L. | Johnson |  | Mary Ellen | Earnhardt |  | Rebecca M. | Dedmond |  | Hyung Joon | Yoon |
| Waleed | Marwan |  | Afaf Hamad | Almujalli |  | Kelvin (Wai Kit) | Ling |  | Eman S. | ALyousef |
| Kelly R. | Woods |  | Marilyn E. | Maze |  | Magdalena | Mot |  | Effrosyni | Parampota |
| Amy | Zdanowski |  | Ahmed | Mostafa |  | Sepideh | Kiazal |  | Candy | Ho |
| Tina M. | Peterman |  | Christian D. | Chan |  | Jessica | Ayub |  | April | McHugh |
| Joe | Chahwan |  | Natalie | Kauffman |  | Jim | Peacock |  | Samantha | Ng |
| Essam A. | Abobakr |  | Maha Fakhry | Moussa |  | Khalifa | AlBarakati |  | Sonja M. | Robinson |
| Randa | Helmi |  | Sabira | Vohra |  | Dalia A. | Abouzeid |  | Brian | Hutchison |
| Nisreen | Al Disi |  | Jane | Goodman |  | Shadin | Atiyeh |  | Eman G. | Almutiri |

**Committee/Council Activities to Date**

* Organized two (2) global meetings on Nov 7, 2024 and January 22,2025. Topics: General Networking, Advocacy for Career Development (Guest speaker: Candy Ho)
* Coordination of GCC activities (2 gatherings of Leadership team)
* LinkedIn Group Management: Access to new members and publishing relevant content.
* Participation in NCDA Chair Meetings
* Kept the GCC members data base updated.
* Forwarded nomination of JP Michel as International Practitioner of the Year.
* Disclosure of the information through different NCDA Channels

**Projected Plan/Work Planned to be Completed through September 30.**

* Three (3) further GCC virtual global Meetings:
  + ***March 27, 2025***, Guest Speaker: Dr. Jaana Kettunen on the Development of the Finnish Competency Framework
  + ***May 19th, 2025*** on Career Development in Primary School (Experience reports)
  + ***June 2025***, in person during the Annual Conference.
* Meeting: Exchange of Best Practices with the International Students Committee.
* Update/Conclusion of the Shared Insights Project.
* Preparation of Ambassador Program at the Annual Conference in Atlanta.
* Set up a welcome booth at the NCDA Annual Conference
* Highlight the presentations made by GCC members at the Annual Global NCDA Conference. (LinkedIn Group, Special invitation through mailing to Group Members).

**Budget Requests:**

GCC Welcome Booth for International Members during the Conference (cost estimation pending)

Coupons for the drawing during the conference: (Resources from the NCDA Store: $50 USD each for a total of $100 USD.