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Hello to All,

I am so happy to be writing this letter to you via our newly re-formatted, on-line journal THE CONSTRUCTIVIST. So much credit is due Liala Strotman, our stalwart editor and her mighty editorial team, especially Jane Broderick and Julie Dangel. I think you will be pleased with the results of their hard work, as you “click” your way around this first issue. Let us know what you think. We are always interested in membership ideas for improvement, and, of course, your active participation, as well. Although THE CONSTRUCTIVIST will feature peer-reviewed articles, there will also be room for letters to the editor, book reviews, conference news and/or schedules, and constructivist positions-available notices. We are also interested in starting regular columns such as one describing constructivist schools around the country or the world. What are your ideas? Are there any constructivist bloggers out there who are willing to help? Liala wants to hear from you. Contact her at lstrotman@yahoo.com.

Equally important news is the pending annual conference, ACT 2004, in St. Louis October 15th and 16th. Don't miss it. Featured speakers are Carlina Rinaldi, Executive Consultant from Reggio Children, and Virginia Bastable, Director of Mount Holyoke SummerMath. The listing of [concurrent sessions](#) developed by Conference Chair Sherry Sajdak is more enticing every year. They address a range of ages, issues, and practices relating to constructivist teaching. Brenda Fyfe, On-site Conference Chair, has arranged a pre-conference day of visitations to Reggio Collaborative Schools for Thursday, October 14th. Contact Brenda about joining the pre-conference session at fyfebv@webster.edu and get your ACT 2004 conference [registration form](#) into Sherry right away. We are looking forward to seeing you in St. Louis.

It's membership renewal time. ACT needs and appreciates your continued support. Dues underwrite the conference and many other association expenses. The membership year runs from September 1st to August 31st. Please send your check and [membership form](#) to ACT Treasurer, Brenda Fyfe. Her mailing address is on the form.

How many constructivist schools and university programs are there? Wouldn't you like to know where other like-minded educators and schools are located? ACT has begun compiling a list of constructivist schools. We need your help in getting the word out to schools and programs using constructivist theory to guide instruction. Send the school or program name and address, along with a contact person to me at awakefie@odu.edu. As the list grows, we will categorize the listing by geographical area and post it on the ACT website. We would like to feature articles about these schools in THE CONSTRUCTIVIST as well.

Connie Kamii has graciously given ACT the right to distribute her ACT 2003 keynote address on a CD video. If you would like a copy, let Alice know. We are making copies available at a special rate to ACT members of just \$10 postpaid. They will be available at the conference, as well.

See you in St. Louis, Alice