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Dear colleagues,

It's my pleasure to announce an exciting new initiative by the Society. The Board of Directors has approved a proposal by Peter Kloeden and me that the Society sponsor a Bernd Aulbach Prize in Difference Equations & Discrete Dynamical Systems. I have appointed a committee, consisting of Peter, George Sell, and Saber Elaydi, to draft the rules and regulations for the Prize. Please look forward to an announcement establishing this Prize in the near future.

Our annual conference – the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications (ICDEA 2010) – will be held in Riga, Latvia, this coming on July 19-23. For details please visit the conference webpage at <http://icdea2010.lu.lv>. The organizers, led by Andrejs Reinfelds as chair of the organizing committee and Andre Vanderbauwhede as chair of the Scientific Committee, are putting together an outstanding conference. I encourage everyone to attend this exciting event and to take this opportunity to visit the very interesting city of Riga.

The Board approved a proposal from Ziyad Al-Sharawi to hold the 19<sup>th</sup> annual conference (ICDEA 2013) at Sultan Qaboos University in Muscat, Oman. Due to climate conditions in Oman, this conference will not be held in July, as is traditional, but in May.

The Society's webpage has moved to a new location at <http://isdeds.com/home.html>. My thanks go out to Malgosia Guzowska for managing this onerous task, which was necessitated by inadequate service from our previous service provider.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Gerry Ladas, our Treasurer, who worked diligently with lawyers these last few months to establish the Society as a non-profit organization. This status is legally necessary for the Society to collect membership dues, to carry out other financial activities, and for tax purposes.

This reminds me, I would like to invite everyone to become a Sponsoring Member of ISDE. The funds received through Sponsoring Memberships help to support the Society's activities in developing and enhancing research and education in difference equations and discrete dynamical systems. Sponsoring Members receive a reduction in the registration fee for the annual ICDEA conferences and a subscription to the *Journal of Difference Equations and Applications* (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/gdea>).

Best regards,

Jim Cushing  
ISDE President