

International Council of Ethnodoxologists (ICE)

Term 'Ethnodoxology' featured in new Wikipedia article

In 2003, right after ICE was launched, it was re-named to reflect its connection to the little-known discipline of *ethnodoxology*, a meaning-rich term coined by Dave Hall (one of ICE's charter members). Although there was concern that this term might cause confusion (since so few people were familiar with it), the charter members felt strongly that "ethnodoxology" more accurately reflected the multi-arts dimension of this network as well as the focus on Biblical and ethnic expressions of worship. We decided that we'd simply need to use the term so that it would eventually become well-known. Although this process has only just begun, there has been great progress! Reading all the results from a Google search on *ethnodoxology* and related terms will keep you busy for several hours. In the May-June 07 issue of [Mission Frontiers](#), the term was featured prominently (along with ICE and many related ministries), and now.... you can find [ICE](#) and [ethnodoxology](#) on Wikipedia... Check it out! We'll be working on a refinement of the official ICE definition on the "Current Issues" forum soon -- if you aren't subscribed, you can do that at: <http://groups.google.com/group/CurrentIssues/about>

Website News

The Coordinating Team of ICE has budgeted for a major overhaul of the ICE [www.worldofworship.org] website this year. This will include a brand new graphic design, a switch from Front Page to Dreamweaver (on the programming side), cleaning up the links, and some organizational improvements that will help you to more easily find the resources you need. We have some ideas for needed changes, but are looking for input from you as well before we begin. Please feel free to send your suggestions to id...@worldofworship.org -- we're looking forward to hearing from you!

If you want your blog or website to be linked at the re-vamped site, write to Robin at rha...@worldofworship.org and we'll include your link.

Also, do you have items related to global Christian worship you'd like to distribute more widely, or sell? You can list them for a small fee on the Marketplace page of the ICE site. See <http://www.worldofworship.org/marketplace/>

Networking through ICE

Paul Neeley writes... *"Networking really pays off! Kedra had recorded Fulani Christian songs in Cameroon, and put them on the LBT sampler which we advertised through ICE. Wendy (next country over) got a copy and played the songs for the Fulani in her area. Now they want to hear more! So Kedra is contacting the composers in Cameroon to get permission to send **all** of their Fulani songs to Wendy. Far-out!"*

ICE Retreat/Consultation Planned for October 22-24 in Columbus, OH

Don't forget to let us know soon if you're thinking about attending the fall retreat/consultation for ICE, to be held in Columbus, OH, right before the annual meetings for the [Society of Ethnomusicology](#) (SEM). The ICE event will begin with dinner on Monday evening, Oct. 22nd, and will go through Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 24th. ICE will provide meals for associates during this time; the only cost to you will be to extend your housing dates for SEM. This retreat/consultation will allow you to enjoy some face-to-face time with other ICE-icles and to give input into the creation of a 5-day graduate course on Ethnodoxology being collaboratively planned and taught by the Coordinating Team and other ICE associates.

If you think you might be interested in attending this event, write to [<RHa...@worldofworship.org>](mailto:RHa...@worldofworship.org) and you'll be put on a "retreat updates" mailing list. This is not the same as "registration" -- it just gives us an idea of how many people are thinking about coming. Thanks!

Worship Notes

Speaking of ethnoDOXOLOGY, the June and July issues of Ron Man's monthly Worship Notes are available at <http://www.worr.org> -- the themes are June: "**Three in One**" and July: "**The Gospel and Worship**" -- don't miss the extras: book reviews, resource materials, humor, and news items.

The vision of ICE is that Christians from every culture will have the opportunity to express their faith through their own heart music and arts.

To further this vision,

we seek to promote the application of insights drawn from the fields of ethnomusicology, worship studies, and other disciplines in Christian ministries worldwide.