

## Chile in the Spring!

This May the South wing of TPS may seem a little empty with four ICEC/Educational Administration faculty off to Chile for periods of one to two weeks!

In the Fall 2008, Dr. Jose Weinstein, Head Education Area, Fundación Chile, came to OISE/UT as a Visiting Scholar. This initial visit resulted in an invitation to Ken Leithwood to deliver a high profile lecture to 1000 Chilean educators in the Fall 2009, and to Steve Anderson (Co-Director, International Centre for Educational Change) to participate in a three year investigation of school leadership and improvement in Chilean elementary schools with researchers from Fundación Chile, located in Santiago, Chile. Dr. Anderson has since made three trips to Chile (Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010) in conjunction with this research and other scholarly activities (e.g., guest lectures to various groups of education professionals in different regions of Chile) and will be returning in May 2011 for two weeks.

In December 2009, ICEC and Fundación Chile signed an official Letter of Intent to continue and expand this collaboration of the coming three years. In 2010 ICEC hosted two Visiting Scholars from Chile, Gonzalo Muñoz (Research Director, Fundación Chile) and Simón Rodríguez (Universidad Católica de Valparaíso). Dr. Anderson and Chilean colleagues from Fundación Chile and from the Centro de Estudios de Políticas y Prácticas en Educación made joint presentations at the annual meeting of the international Latin American Studies Association (LASA) held in Toronto in October 2010, and at the annual conference of the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI) in Cyprus in January 2011. In Cyprus, the ICSEI Executive Board approved a joint proposal from Fundación Chile (with ICEC as its international partner) to host the ICEC 2013 conference in Santiago de Chile (see accompanying picture). Dr. Anderson will chair the conference program committee.

In collaboration with the OISE Continuing Education Unit, ICEC also negotiated an agreement to contribute to a Masters in Educational Leadership program in Chile, co-sponsored by Fundación Chile and the Universidad del Desarrollo (in Santiago and Concepcion, Chile). Joe Flessa from the Educational Administration Program and Barbara Bodkin (Head OISE/UT Continuing Education Unity) are leading this strand of the partnership with Fundación Chile, that begins in May of this year.

Other developments in the evolving ICEC/Educational Administration relationship with Fundación Chile include an invitation to Ben Levin to deliver two large scale lectures organized by Fundación Chile this May in Santiago and in Antofagasta, Chile, and invitations to Lyn Sharratt and to Blair Mascall to serve as consultants to regional leadership and school improvement initiatives organized by researchers and education stakeholders associated with the Universidad Católica de Valparaíso. Lyn is travelling to Chile in May 2011 to begin working with her Chilean hosts.