TIMSS is a major undertaking of IEA, and together with PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study), comprises the core of IEA’s regular cycle of studies. IEA has delegated responsibility for the overall direction and management of these two projects to the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study at Boston College. Headed by Michael O. Martin and Ina V.S. Mullis, the study center is located in the Lynch School of Education. In carrying out these two ambitious international studies, the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center works closely with the IEA Secretariat in Amsterdam, the IEA Data Processing and Research Center in Hamburg, Statistics Canada in Ottawa, and Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey. Especially important is close coordination with the National Research Coordinators designated by the participating countries to be responsible for the complex tasks involved in implementing the studies in their countries. In summary, it takes extreme dedication on the part of many individuals around the world to make TIMSS a success and the work of these individuals across all of the various activities involved is greatly appreciated.

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