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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

The 16th Biennial Conference in Magamba, Tanzania July 14 - 17, 2019

A Message from the IASE President



Dear IASE Members and Friends,

Election time is here again and I would like to encourage any current IASE member who is interested in taking on a leadership role to consider running for office. If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise, send a letter of intent along with a brief resume to Marg Csapo, IASE Nominations Chair. These documents can be emailed to margcsapo@shaw.ca or postal mailed to Dr. Marg Csapo, 3483 W. 18th Ave., Vancouver, CANADA BC V 6S 1A8. The election committee will review all nominations and forward their recommendations to the Board for ballot approval. The voting ballot will be included in the February newsletter sent to all paid IASE members.

The IASE board of directors serves as the heart of the organization and we always strive to elect board members that reflects the diversity and international focus of IASE. The Constitution states that the board shall be comprised of a minimum representation of 3 countries and criteria for application include a valid IASE membership and prior experience with IASE (e.g., committee chair/work, volunteer service and/ or an elected position). Please note that IASE board members are not paid a salary and must attend meetings at their own voluntary expense. Also, according to the IASE's Constitution, no board member may serve more than two consecutive two-year terms in the same office therefore current board members who have only served one term are eligible.

Dr. Csapo will be accepting nominations until December 1st, 2018. The following positions are open:

- **President-Elect to be elected for a 2-year term**
- **Secretary to be elected for a 2-year term**
- **3 members-at-Large to be elected for a two-year term**

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all individuals who volunteered to serve on the different committees. I will be in touch with you soon with specific information highlighting the responsibilities for each committee to ensure we are ready to hit the ground running in 2019. Please note that IASE committee chairs are always looking for members to help out, so if you are still interested in joining an IASE committee and/or conference committee, do not hesitate to contact the chairs at your earliest convenience. The names and email addresses of our committee chairs and other board members can be found at our IASE website at <http://www.iase.org>.

It is hard to believe that 2018 is coming to an end and we are only a few months away from our 16th Biennial conference that will be held in Magamba, Tanzania on July 14 - 17, 2019. The proposal submission and scholarship application windows are now closed and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who submitted a proposal and/or application for the Marg Csapo Scholarship. We received a huge response and our Program Conference Chair Dr. Brenda Lazarus and her team are busy with

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peer review of the 260 proposals that were submitted. In addition, the Marg Csapo Scholarship committee under the leadership of Meghan Mulvenna are also working on their final selection for our 2019 scholarship recipients. Equally important, the Conference Planning Committee under the leadership of our conference liaison, Susan Pursch have also been very busy putting the final touches on our upcoming conference. I can assure you that our 2019 conference will be a great.

As a reminder, we are still accepting donations to sponsor Tanzanian teachers to attend the 2019 conference. Please click on the tab on our website and write in your donation – every little bit counts.

We will work closely with the local planning committee to ensure that a group of Tanzanian school teachers attend the 2019 conference.

I would like to appeal to all the members to consider donating an item to the auctioned during the 2019 conference in Magamba, Tanzania. Proceeds from the Silent and Live Auction at our Biennial conference are put towards the Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund. The Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund was created as a tribute to our founding member Dr. Marg Csapo. Scholarships awarded during each biennial conference year enables participants who are current IASE members from developing nations to attend the conference. Scholarship recipients receive financial support that pays for conference registration, Gala Dinner and five nights of lodging costs. We encourage IASE members and their friends to donate unique items that are representative of different cultures, creative endeavors and/or talents. I encourage you to begin thinking about the fabulous item that you will be donating to support IASE. We will provide additional/more specific instructions in our first newsletter of 2019.

We are currently seeking proposals for the 2021 IASE Conference site. We welcome proposals for a venue site that meet the requirements listed below:

- Located in a city with an international airport and situated in a reasonably close proximity to hotels. In addition, there should be available low cost sleeping rooms (e.g., dorms) for individuals who seek/prefer to stay on the university campus.
- Provide adequate meeting space with 12-15 meeting rooms that would accommodate 25-35 persons, a large meeting space (to accommodate 400 people) for general plenary session and space for registration, exhibits, and poster sessions.
- Provide needed equipment (e.g., overheads, and/or LCD projectors, screens, lap tops, easels).
- Have food services available at/near the venue site.
- Be willing to promote the conference in the region/country and designate a minimum of 5-6 people to serve on a Local Planning Committee to work with the IASE Planning Committee on conference needs (e.g., printing a program).
- Be willing to provide guidance to the IASE Planning Committee about tours, school visits, venue for Gala Dinner, and more.
- Be able and willing to accept registrations from your own country. This would include accepting the registrations and funds, and maintaining appropriate records for accounting purposes.

If you are interested in hosting the 2021 IASE Conference, please submit a proposal to IASE addressing all the information listed above. Your proposal should be sent to Dr. Beatrice Adera, IASE President at presidentiase@gmail.com.

Lastly, our social media committee has been sharing different articles on topical issues via face book and twitter. We strongly encourage

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all members to follow us on our social media platforms so you can keep up with the different IASE member updates and also learn from the articles that are often shared by members to highlight different issues in the field of Special Needs Education.

Member Spotlight - Lightness Mbila IASE Member at Large in Tanzania



Lightness Mbila is a retired Teacher Educator from the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training at Patandi College of Special Needs Education in Arusha, where she served as The Head of Department of Intellectual Disabilities and Chairperson of Community Services in 2014.

Since 1992 Lightness has worked with various organisations like Special Olympics, and schools which cater for Special Education like Wailes and Mbagala Unit for Mentally Handicapped. Both schools are in Temeke District in Dar Es Salaam.

The spirit of serving persons with disabilities was moving in Lightness' mind even before her retirement. Therefore in 2008 the idea of forming a nonprofit making organization known as The Comprehensive Support to Persons with Disabilities was born and Lightness became the first Secretary General. The interesting thing is Lightness found that IASE mission was similar to COSUPED. Through COSUPED, Lightness

was invited to attend the conference held in Arusha in 2014 by the IASE Volunteer Service Project and that was the time Lightness became a member.

Lightness continued communicating with IASE and joined other colleagues to attend the Conference in Poland in 2015. It was also her interest to go to Perth-Australia to attend another conference in 2017 and dared to write a paper about INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN TANZANIA to be presented in the conference however Lightness could not make it due to changes in the visa processes occurred. Instead Lightness sent the paper to SEKOMUU to be added in the college journal for students to share the material. Being a member of IASE, Lightness was given the role of becoming a delegation leader to support other members from Tanzania who were travelling abroad for the first time. Lightness served in the Registration Committee, providing much needed assistance to other members of from around the world.

IASE recognized her efforts, and in 2018, Lightness was elected a National Chair for Tanzania. Lightness has travelled to places to spread information about IASE particularly to those who cater for persons with Special Needs, professionals, and businessmen, in order to get members and participants of The SEKOMU Conference in July, 2019.

In The COSUPED, Lightness is busy with constructing infrastructure for creating a water source which will be used for a fish pond, gardening, and poultry projects as income generating projects with youth with Disabilities around Mkuranga District. Also all stake holders are invited to attend the International Conference at The SEKOMU in Magamba, Lushoto, Tanzania. Lightness sees the conference as an opportunity for

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Tanzanians, as the Conference is taking place in our country, therefore we need to use the opportunity effectively.

From the Conference Proposal Group

We have received approximately 260 proposals for the conference in Tanzania. Proposals are being reviewed by a group of volunteers at the present time. If you submitted a proposal, you will hear by December 1, 2018. You will be accepted, conditionally accepted (in need of some minor changes), or not accepted.

Proposals have come in from many different countries such as China, Australia, Poland, Canada, USA, Vietnam, and India to name a few. We have a good representation from the continent of Africa. Many interesting topics are being proposed and the conference promises to be an exciting one where you will learn new skills and information when you come Up the Mountain. We hope to be able to offer strands for those who want to follow presentations on a special topic of interest. Make your plans now to attend this special conference. **If you submitted a proposal and have NOT heard back about your acceptance by December 1, please email Brenda Lazarus at iaseconf19@gmail.com.**

Conference Registration

Registration for the International Association of Special Education (IASE) 16th Biennial Conference in collaboration with Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University **is now open**. Go to our website at www.iase.org for access and payment plans. Rates vary depending on your status and category as an IASE/non- member.

Our theme is 'Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Developing Resilience and Inclusive Sustainable Development. This will take place in Magamba, Tanzania, East Africa from July 14-17, 2019. Conference registration for all delegates **except Tanzanians** includes: Opening Reception, three days of conference

sessions with breaks, lunches and transport to and from the airport on assigned days/times, Gala Dinner and Conference Proceedings.

Treasurer's Report

Marg Csapo Scholarship \$ 7, 335.43

Operational Budget \$126,519.76

Checking \$8,330.78

VSP \$18,449.33

Grand Total: \$160,635.47

After February 1, 2019, all conference registration fees will increase by \$150.00 USD **EXCEPTION:** Developing countries will have a \$70.00USD increase. Extra Gala dinner tickets will cost \$22.00 USD.

Note: All presenters are required to register for the conference by April 1, 2019. All conference participants must register no later than April 1, 2019. Cancellations **MUST** be made in writing for IASE Board approval. Send this information to IASE Treasurer, PO Box 2159, Mesa, Az, 85214, USA or email dririsdoug@gmail.com. Refund information: All refunds are subject to a \$80.00 USD processing charge. Cancellations requested by April 1, 2019 will receive a full refund (minus the \$80.00 USD); April 2-15 2019 will receive a 75% refund (minus the \$80.00 USD); April 16-30, 2019 will receive a 50% refund (minus the \$80.00 USD). No refunds will be processed after May 1, 2019.

For Tanzanian Delegates only your registration fees includes: Opening Reception, three days of conference sessions with breaks and lunches. After February 1, 2019 fees will increase by \$70.00USD/160,000TZS (Tanzanian Currency). All Gala tickets will be

an extra \$22.00 USD **for all students and teachers only.**

Payments need to be submitted to the IASE Conference 2019 account number 41610018966 via the National Microfinance Bank Lushoto Branch/Swift code: NMIBTZTZ. For more information feel free to contact Rev Dr. Msafiri Joseph Mbilu at msambilu2@yahoo.co.uk and or check out our website at www.iase.org PLEASE remember to register early as this conference is limited to the first 500 participants.

ONE OF THE CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr Yvonne Bui is a professor and chairperson of the Department of Special Education at San Francisco State University. She is the Chairperson for Master

Thesis and Doctoral Dissertations. She earned her doctorate from the University of Kansas in the area of Learning disabilities. She has received numerous funded grants, the most recent one for Project HELP (Preparing Higher Education Leadership Personnel for Faculty Careers in Special Education). Professor Bui conducts a vast amount of research with a focus on: (1) exceptional learners; (2) teacher education; (3) cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds in inclusive settings; (4) differentiated *instruction*; and (5) educational Leadership.

She is the author/co-author of several books, including: *How to write a master's thesis*, (2018, 2017, 2013); *Exceptional children in today's schools: What teachers need to know* (2017, 2009). In addition, Professor Bui has written over 200 articles and book chapters, made more than 500 presentations at professional conferences, organizations, and local school districts within her community.

Dr. Bui has served as a volunteer consultant for the office of overseas schools in Rwanda; Abuja, Nigeria and the International School of Tanganyika, Tanzania.

Her service to the global community spans from developing undergraduate online courses and curriculum for Jesuit Commons, Dzaleka Refugee Camp, Malawi; preparation of university teaching schedules for all General Education and Special Education courses for Sebastian Kolowa University, teaching three special education courses (Introduction to Special Needs Education, Introduction to Cognitive Disabilities, Research Methods in Special Education-total 600 students) at Sebastian Kolowa University College (SEKUCO), Magamba Village, Tanga District, Tanzania; Touch Math for special education teachers at Msimbazi School for Students with Autism, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and for teachers at the Rainbow School in Lushoto, Tanzania, and conducting workshops and service learning with K-8 school in Tacna, Peru.

It is no surprise to hear her say, "I am thrilled that I will be able to return to SEKOMU, a place and people that I hold close to my heart, after so many years." We are excited that she will be coming back to SEKOMU.

Conference Liaison Updates

Our slogan for the 2019 IASE Biennial Conference is:

"We will bus you up the mountain
And bus you down the mountain
And change your life in between"

The reason for this slogan is because Conference participants will arrive in Tanzania and be bussed from their entry point to Lushoto and then to Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University where the Conference will be held. This bus ride can take several hours. You will be provided with a travel guide, conversations

topics, and places to stop for water and restrooms. You will be driven into the beautiful Usambara Mountains. You will go from dry brown lands to lush green forests, wild life, waterfalls, terraced gardening and winding roads.

Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) is a 10 year old University located in the village of Magamba. SEKOMUU has grown dramatically with amazing results. They require all their students to take classes in special needs education. This focus was to ultimately improve the value of people with special needs in the country. Several of their graduates are currently working in top governmental positions and focusing on special needs. You will learn more about this University and their dramatic growth very soon.

Watch the IASE Website for more information on setting up your travel arrangements, lodging options and plan to register for this memorable Conference. Check out our conference blog too! If you have questions, please contact the Conference Liaison Susan Pursch, iasesecretary@gmail.com

WELCOME TO TANZANIA



Habari na Karibu Tanzania! Hello and welcome to Tanzania!

TRAVEL PLANS

If you are planning on attending the Conference you will want to book your travel flights. You should fly into any of the following local airports: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), or Arusha local airport, or Tanga Airport. The

Conference begins on Sunday, July 14th at SEKOMUU with an Opening Reception in the afternoon.

If you are flying into JRO you will need to fly in on Saturday, July 13th and overnight in Arusha or Moshi. (Suggested lodging sites will be posted on the iase.org website). This cost is not covered in your registration fees.

From Arusha to SEKOMU is about a 4 hours' drive. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THE COSTS OF THIS GROUND TRANSPORTATION – which will be provided – IS COVERED IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEES. There are no



additional costs for this ground transportation. You will be provided with a travel booklet which will acquaint you with the areas you are

traveling through and you will have several rest stops along the way – such as the Elephant Motel. You will be informed of the time of departure Sunday morning, July 14th and the designated pick up location closer to the start of the Conference. It will be important for you arrive early for the departure time as this will be your only provided transportation to the Conference. You do not want to consider renting a vehicle and transporting yourself as you need to have an experienced driver in order to drive the switchbacks up and into the mountains.

From Moshi you will also want to fly in on Saturday, July 13th and overnight there. We have suggested lodging options available. They will soon be posted on the iase.org website. You will be picked up on Sunday morning, July 14th at a specific time and at a specific location and transported to the Conference. This transportation is covered in your registration fees. From Arusha Town airport, depending on when your flight arrives and how much time you will need to get from the local airport to the

designated pick up location, you could fly in early Sunday morning, but the preference is that you come in Saturday and overnight in Arusha in order to be picked up in Arusha Town. If you are coming in to the Arusha Town airport early Sunday morning, we will arrange to have you picked up and transported to the Conference.

From Tanga airport, you will need to fly into Tanga Saturday, July 13th and overnight there in order to be picked up early Sunday morning and transported to the Conference. This is about a 2-2 ½ hour drive where you will be provided with a travel booklet, have a couple rest stops and be comfortable.

SAFARI OPTIONS

Since you will be in Tanzania you might as well take the opportunity to be a part of a one, two, three or four day safari. Keep in mind safaris can be quite pricey, but worth the money and experience. You can take advantage of a safari before the conference, as long as you arrive back at Arusha or Moshi in time to meet the transportation provided. You cannot be late for the provided transportation or you will need to find your own transportation. Or you can take advantage of a safari after the conference. For those of you who are interested, we will provide, on the iase.org website, a few safari companies for your consideration. It is one thing to visit the facilities we build to see wild animals. It is truly another experience to be their guests.



OPTIONAL THURSDAY TOUR OPTIONS

Some of you may be interested in taking part in one of two local tours. These are not covered with your registration but are offered at an additional cost.

TOUR OPTION #1: The Irente complex. Irente is an area just outside of Lushoto Town. On this full day tour (Thursday, July 18) you will visit the following locations: Irente Children's Home, Irente School for the Blind, Irente Rainbow School for children with special needs, Irente Farm (for a farm fresh lunch) and Irente Viewpoint.



Irente Rainbow Students



Irente School for the Blind



Irente School for the Blind

TOUR OPTION #2- Lutindi Mental Hospital and Tea Farm This full day tour will take you through the countryside and literally to the top of a mountain where the hospital and tea farm are located.

The scenery is breathtaking. This hospital was built in 1896, as a home for children of slaves. After a few years it was repurposed to be a hospital for people with mental disabilities as there was a great need for psychiatric treatment in Tanzania. It is the oldest psychiatric Hospital in East Africa and has over 120 beds. They see more than 600 inpatients a year and over 6,000 outpatients in a variety of locations. They offer psychiatric treatment, group and individual therapy as well as occupational therapy. Inpatients work with the livestock, in the kitchen, making hand crafts and assist with the Tea Farm.



Sight driving in the mountains Lutindi Mental Hospital



Lutindi Tea Farm



Photo of SEKOMUU

LOCAL OPTIONS

Lushoto is the closest significant town to Magamba. Here is a picture of the main street in Lushoto. There are local hiking and bicycling tours. You can visit the Irente Biodiversity Reserve. There are several spectacular waterfalls in the area and eco-tourism is very popular. Any of these options are available to you but are not part of the Conference.



Welcome to Lushoto Street Lushoto



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I am Dr. Anneth Munga. I am the Director of Post graduate Studies and International Relations and Linkages at

Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in Magamba Tanzania East Africa. I also have the privilege of chairing the Local Committee for the 2019 IASE Conference to be held on our campus. Please consider yourselves invited and you are most welcome to the Conference. We are looking forward to hosting you and sharing not only the exceptional work of IASE but the tremendous growth of our University and the beauty of the Usambara Mountains. Asante Sana! Thank you!

SPONSOR A TANZANIAN TEACHER

We've all heard the proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" — and it certainly takes a village to educate one. As you know IASE will be holding the 16th Biennial Conference in Magamba, Tanzania, East Africa from July 14-17, 2019. Our theme is ***"Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Developing Resilience and Inclusive Sustainable Development."***

At this time, we want to challenge and encourage our members, NGOs and sponsors to provide additional support for teachers in Tanzania to participate in this amazing event. We are seeking donations of \$100.00 USD to cover registration fees and /or \$20 USD to cover housing expenses for four days. These donated funds will be allocated in a special account earmarked for Teachers of Tanzania. Please click on the tab on our website and write in your donation today. Every little bit counts toward the future of all children.

Thank you in advance for your support and for being part of our IASE family

IMPORTANT TIMELINES:

December 1, 2018

Notification of acceptance of proposals

February 1, 2019

Early Special Rates Registration Fees End

February 1, 2019

Conference Proceedings Due

After February 1, 2019

Late Conference Fees

All presenters will be required to pay their registration fees by **April 1, 2019** to be included in the conference program. For further updates go to our website at: <http://www.iase.org>

VSP Site Visit to Barranquilla, Colombia



Greeting to all IASE volunteers

PROSEFAM Foundation currently operates in the south-western region of Barranquilla, Colombia. On a recent visit with our IASE volunteers Mary Gale Budzisz, Cap Lee and myself, you can see first-hand how IASE has made a difference for this school and community. Students presented us with a grand welcome and entertainment too! What used to be operated in a small area within a house now has expanded to encompass proper classrooms, block toilets, and a small courtyard area for entertainment as seen in these photos below (thanks to our IASE VSP donations).



Children at PROSEFAM

This site works toward inclusivity of all children, the elderly, mothers who are heads of household and young people with psycho-

social problems, by providing them with free education, legal aid and support. The mission of the foundation is Prosperity, Education and Family arising as a response to the problems of poverty and exclusion of individuals in which thousands of people are immersed in Colombia and specifically in the Caribbean Region and its flagship city of Barranquilla. This site continues initiatives in inclusive events such as: the improvement of the economic condition of large marginal sectors and their immersion in the labor market, specifically of a self-managed nature or constituted companies: public and private. For more information on how you can get involved and immerse yourself in a community based setting go to our website at: www.iase.org

For more information on all of our VSP sites and programs so to www.iase.org

Hello fellow IASE member,

As IASE membership chair, it has been our pleasure to be able to share with you the organization's activities through the newsletters and journal publications. We look forward to sharing and receiving your support for 2019 through the renewal of your current membership which is due in December 2018. You would already be well informed, but I will be failing in my duty if I were to not mention, about The International Association of Special Education (IASE) 16th Biennial Conference which will be held in collaboration with Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in Magamba, Tanzania, East Africa, from July 14 – 17, 2019. Our theme is: "Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Developing Resilience and Inclusive Sustainable Development." We look forward to receiving your membership renewal and hope to see you in person in Tanzania in 2019.

Warm Regards, Peng Sim



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Renew and Join IASE Today!

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Membership Dues: Regular \$US 50 _____ Regular/Sponsor \$US 70 _____

Student Membership \$US 20 _____ Developing Country \$US 20 _____ Institution \$US 70 _____

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Please send your membership form to:

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