

Ready.....Set.....Go! 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 bused 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. SEKOMU 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 SEKOMU 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.

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 can provide you with 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 TOUR OPTIONS

Thursday July 18th

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.



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 therap. Inpatients work with the livestock, in the kitchen, making hand crafts and assist with the Tea Farm.



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 Irete 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.

