

IASE Remembers.....

It is with deep regret and profound sadness that we report the passing of the following IASE members. IASE is honored to recognize our founder, life-time and outstanding members for their dedication to the association and to the field of special education. Please note that this information is only that which has been volunteered to us by colleagues, friends, and family. Let us pause to remember the dedication of these members we have lost.



Dr. Marg Csapo
January 9, 1929- April 5, 2019

As a visionary Dr. Marg Csapo embraced the words of John F. Kennedy “All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent.” She believed there needed to be a paradigm shift of educational thinking for the 21st century when it came to creating just another organization. Part of her vision was to continually address the challenges faced by those in the special education field while promoting fellowship and professionalism around the world when addressing the most vulnerable and marginalized children. Hence, the International Association of Special Education (IASE) was born. This organization is based on an altruistic/grass roots model without borders or boundaries.

She started to build IASE brick by brick while maintaining the importance of volunteering and giving back. Moreover, while testing this organization she created a broad based international journal that provided opportunities to share and collaborate good practices and scholarly research. This journal was created to showcase first time authors from developing countries in the special needs area.

By harnessing the power of storytelling she began to reach out to communities around the world to find out their immediate needs for their vulnerable populations. She mobilized and empowered millions around the world to raise the banner for vulnerable special needs children by establishing, setting up, providing training, soliciting volunteers and developing the Volunteer Service Projects (VSP) sites worldwide. All volunteers pay their own way and IASE raises money through membership and conferences to provide funds for these selected programs. Members volunteer and share their expertise in these developing countries. SEKOMU is one of IASE's volunteer sites that Marg has been involved with since its inception.

She was the first special education teacher in Toronto, Canada. The superintendent called her on a weekend to tell her she would be teaching the first special education class for children with emotional disabilities. I am sure she was an overnight sensation. At that time teacher training in

this field did not exist. So, Monday morning came and she showed up! So it began as she recognized a call to action and acted upon it.

She did not stop there. She yearned for more. So Marg entered yet another program, the first class of Ph.D. candidates to complete her degree with Dr. James Kaufman at University of Kansas, in special education. She was driven to complete this next step in her life's plan. So she literally drove from Toronto to Kansas, USA weekly in her Volkswagen beadle through ice and snow on weekends to visit her husband and children. Opportunities continued for Marg with her interview at the University of British Columbia. She found her home and before the interview was even conducted she claimed this is where she was going to live. And of course she did and still lives there today.

The journey continued as she celebrated 30 years of IASE in Perth Australia at the 15th Biennial Conference. Marg (the founder of IASE) was honored for dedication and ongoing lifetime service to IASE. Another milestone was when she celebrated her 90th birthday with her family and friends. Unfortunately Marg passed away on the morning of April 5, 2019. But no matter to her self-doubt at the end of the day is a holding back of a potential gift for the world. She has taught me and so millions of others that sometimes you need to take the risk, of feeling rejected or unwanted and put yourself and your work out there to open more doors. In essence it further allows you to reflect how you show up in the world.... I come with an offering and a gift to serve. She is at peace now and no doubt continuing to open new doors too!



Dr. Bob Henderson- April, 2019

A man remembered for wearing many notable hats throughout life—and doing so with passion, precision, generosity, and humor—Professor Robert “Bob” A. Henderson passed away on April 10 at Meadowbrook Health Center in Urbana, Illinois. He was 94.

Dr. Henderson was a life-time member of IASE, a faculty member at Illinois for more than 40 years, serving as chair of the Department of Special Education for 20 years. When he retired from the university in 1993, Henderson took on the title of professor emeritus and remained

involved in many College of Education and Department of Special Education activities. He kept office hours that allowed plenty of time for fishing, cooking, and various past times in retirement.

Bob, who earned his doctorate in Special Education under the direction of [Samuel Kirk](#), was a true pioneer of the discipline in his own right. He was a key player in developing and refining the treatment plan for individuals with PKU, a rare inherited metabolic disorder that causes an amino acid called phenylalanine to build up in the body, which, left untreated, can lead to intellectual disability, seizures, behavioral problems, and mental disorders.

Bob trained administrators in Washington D.C. and around the world in special education. Bob and Stan Love (another life-time member) attended many IASE conferences and were true supporters of making differences in the field of special education around the world.



Dr. Richard Zigler –December 24, 2018

Dr. Richard Zigler is a long time member of IASE. He lived his early years in Toronto. He received his post graduate diploma at the University of Saskatchewan in Learning & Behaviour Disorders in 1974. In 1988 he received his Doctorate in Education from The University of Minnesota, and a Doctorate of Philosophy from Federal University, Novosibirsk, Siberia in Inclusive Education in 2002.

He was driven by educational inequities. He wanted to create an environment where no student, no child would be deprived of a solid education regardless of race, color, family status, ability to pay or physical or mental disability. Richard taught in many places that most couldn't find on a map. He travelled the world looking for a home that fit his unique background of teaching and administration. He settled in Kilifi, Kenya and Pwani University. He lectured, tutored, and created programs to help educate graduate and post graduate students.



Dr T.SARASWATHI DEVI ,July 2018

Sarah's site was one of our very first in Andhra Pradesh, India. She has been a member of IASE for over two decades. She established the Lebenshilfe, an organization for the mentally challenged. With a view to serve the mentally challenged, she established Lebenshilfe with 12 mentally challenged children in 1980 which is presently running with a total strength of over 500 children. Over 120 dedicated employees also working in the organization.

She developed tiger dance, an old form of art of Andhra Pradesh into a therapy to control aggressiveness in the mentally challenged children, pre-vocational training and many other techniques.