



**A Message from the
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Greetings to all IASE members and Friends of IASE,

It is hard to believe that we are quickly coming to an end of my term as the IASE President. I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to my fellow IASE board members for your support and steadfast commitment to enhancing the vision and mission of IASE.

Without your dedication and service, IASE cannot achieve its mission of effecting change in the lives of individuals with disabilities around the world. Our organization continues to work hard in facilitating and promoting the quality of service delivery and programming for individuals with special needs around the world. The success of the different IASE initiatives is dependent on the unity and active involvement of the IASE board of directors and IASE members.

To ensure continued visibility of IASE in the International arena, my goal will be to continue collaborating with our PR/Social Media team to enhance our social media presence via Facebook and Twitter. We will work to ensure the intentionality of our messaging as we strive to keep our membership and social media followers abreast of current issues, trends and research in the field of special needs education.

Congratulations to the new board that will be taking over effective January 1, 2020. The IASE board of directors serves as the heart of the organization and all board members volunteer countless hours to oversee the running of this organization. To all IASE members, I encourage you to begin making plans for the 17th Biennial Conference that will be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on July 11-14,

2021. Continue shining the light on the vision and mission of IASE as you share our story with professionals serving individuals with disabilities around the world.

I wish the incoming IASE board all the best in moving the organization forward.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Adera
IASE President [2018-2019]



**2021 CONFERENCE REPORT
Ginny MacEntee**

Plans for the IASE 17th Biennial Conference at Ho Chi Minh City University are well on the way. Zandile Nkabinde, Barbara Lewis, and Ginny MacEntee met with Dean Nga, who will lead the Local Conference Committee, Mr. Huynh Xuan Nhut from International Education, and several colleagues from Dean Nga's office. Initial planning included choosing a block of regular classrooms and 4 high tech classrooms, plus the beautiful 500 seat auditorium for the conference. We also discussed plans regarding the Opening Reception and the Gala Dinner. Dean Nga arranged for us to visit special education schools. We also had the opportunity to "check out several of the hotels near the University." More information about these will be presented in the spring newsletter and on our website.

Ginny, Barbara, and others will be returning in March to meet with the Local Conference Committee and finalize plans for the conference.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to explore vibrant Ho Chi Minh City, choose Optional School Tours and/or additional tours offered by a tour company. Please check out the "Welcome to Vietnam" slide show on our website.



Guest speakers are being contacted. The Call for Proposals will be ready soon and posted on our website. The theme for the conference is being prepared.

TOUCHING MORE LIVES - WORK OF SANKALP SOCIETY **Anupriya Chadha**



Sankalp Society in India has been working for children from marginalized groups since 2007. The key target group of the all projects undertaken by Sankalp is children from lower socio-economic groups, who need support in learning. The children come

from poor families and have no home support in education as the parents are largely uneducated.

IASE Volunteers and GIVING Funds helped to provide supplies and support to make this happen. IASE has been closely associated with Sankalp in all projects ranging from construction of girls toilets to initiating skill training in high school girls to supporting ICT project for the visually impaired.

In 2018 Sankalp initiated new projects and initiatives with support from IASE. Sankalp currently (since March 2018) works in urban slums located in South Delhi reaching out to 150 children.

Programs and Reach:

- Running a **preschool** for the underprivileged children covering 25 children
- Providing **free education and snacks** to 90 underprivileged children
- **Skill training** to young women and girls from urban slums, covering 15 women
- **Remedial coaching** for slow learners covering 20 children.



The Centres have been opened with the following objectives:

- Holistic development of children from marginalized sections of society
- Create awareness in the local community on the importance of education, especially to girls and young children
- Facilitate access, enrollment and retention in mainstream schools

- Empower parents through regular workshops and PTMs.

The main activities in these Centres include:

- Comprehensive Assessment
- The teaching of school syllabus
- Provision of free snacks
- Documentation of each child’s progress
- Educational tours
- Birthday celebration at the Centres
- Exposure to extra-curricular activities
- Celebration of special days, events and festivals
- Computer Training
- Parent Teacher Meetings at the quarterly level
- Free English speaking
- Volunteer visits.



Sankalp has been bestowed upon with two Awards. These are the Double Helical National Health Award in 2018 and Leadership in Education Award in 2019 bestowed upon by New Delhi Institute of Management.

Till now, Sankalp has reached out to 2298 children and young women through its various initiatives. The aim is to help children get quality education so that they could lead meaningful, fuller and productive lives. It is hoped that Sankalp will touch

more lives and continue to empower children through education with continued support from IASE.



**Children’s Day Celebration at Don Bosco
From Children’s Day Newsletter**

The Don Bosco Snehabhavan is a Child Care Institution that has been functioning for over 45 years, and has seven other orphanages in the region. They have been celebrating the children’s day, every year in the month of November, since 2001. They host a wide variety of events including competitions, street plays, and other activities, among which this event is the most celebrated. On this day, several games and cultural events were conducted during event where children, especially from the underprivileged and poorer sections of the society who attend government schools participated. This was one of the most awaited events for the children in South Kochi, as children from all around

the Southern region of Kochi eagerly participated. They were encouraged to take part in a wide variety of games and activities.

From the Executive Director, Don Bosco Snehabhavan, Kochi

BY REV.FR. VARGHESE PYANADATH

The Don Bosco Snehabhavan, Palluruthy hosted its 18th Children's Day program on the 9th of November 2019 along with the District Legal Services department and Childline Kochi. The program also commemorated the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Child Rights Commission. Over 1000 children from South Kochi participated at the function. The event aimed to prevent all kinds of abuse towards children, and to develop a child friendly society. The theme of the event was "My Childhood: My Responsibility", and its focus was on making the children aware of their responsibilities, as they enjoy their rights.

More than 1000 children and 160 inmates of the Don Bosco Snehabhavan, from the age of six to thirteen participated in the event. The function was inaugurated by the Kochi Mayor, Mrs. Soumini Jain. Headed by the Don Bosco Snehabhavan Executive Director Rev.Fr. Varghese Pyanadath, Kerala Child Rights Commission member, Mr. M.P. Antony, and Ernakulam District Childline Director Rev. Fr. Jenson Variyath, a team of 100 volunteers and staff from other offices of Childline in Kerala were enlisted to help in the "My Childhood: My Responsibility" campaigns.

"This program gives prime importance to children and makes them aware of their rights and responsibilities."

REV.FR. Jenson Variyath, Ernakulam District Childline Director.

Photos from the event



Be a Champion of Change
Rachael A. Gonzales, Membership Chair

Do you want to know about Malawi's first graduates or the Diana Women Empowerment Organization in Tanzania or the Dien Ban Day Centre in Vietnam or the Centro Maya Servicio Integral in Guatemala? Are you interested in volunteering in another country?

Then Be a Member of IASE

Since 1985 IASE has been a forward -thinking community of professionals and advocates committed to positive and lasting change in the lives of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents. IASE is dedicated to the exchange of information using evidence-based practices, cross cultural research, and the promotion of student and family inclusion within an international perspective.

Joining IASE provides you the opportunity to know what is going on in the field of international special education through 3 pathways:

- 1) The *Journal of the International Association of Special Education (JIASE)* published every spring is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes research and PRAXIS articles pertaining to the education of exceptional children internationally. The PRAXIS section of the journal is intended for the dissemination of strategies that readers can be put into practice in their classrooms/schools.
- 2) The newsletter *Annuntiatius* is published four times a year – spring, summer, fall, and winter. The newsletter generally includes a report from the President, notes from the field, highlights from Volunteer Service project sites, a financial summary, and a lead article about the upcoming biennial conference.
- 3) Biennial Conference – the conference provides individuals the opportunity to hear presentations from different countries, converse with other professionals in education, network and discover new solutions through interacting with other individuals attending the conference. The 2021 conference destination will be Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

Membership is Critical

Your membership support is *critical* for IASE to continue their collaboration with partners across the international field of special education. There are several ways you can join IASE: as a regular member, a student, an individual from a developing country, an institution, and as a regular member who sponsors a member from a developing country.

<https://www.iase.org/membership>

1 You can enroll online using a credit card account

2) Complete an IASE membership form and send a check and or money order to IASE Treasurer at: P.O. Box 2159, Mesa, Arizona 85214, USA

If you have been a past member of IASE a message requesting that you **Renew** your membership will be arriving in your email accordingly. We need your continued support so I do hope that you will renew. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at IASEMembership@gmail.com

Welcome to IASE and be a Champion of Change

Treasurer's Report As of November 11, 2019 Iris Drower

Account	Amount
Checking	\$6,249.57
VSP	\$17, 548.99
Marg Scholarship	\$6,000.77
Operational Budget	\$128,067.79
Total	\$157,867.12

Renew and Join IASE Today!



To join IASE, contact Rachael Gonzales, email: rgonzales@csus.edu

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Please send your membership form to:

Mail: IASE Treasurer, PO Box 2159, Mesa, AZ 85214, USA **E-mail :** irisdoug@cox.net

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