

# Annuntiatus

## International Association of Special Education

### The 12th Biennial Conference in Windhoek, Namibia

#### A Message from Paula Leitz, Co-Chair



Dr. Mostert & Dr. Leitz

The Namibia conference was a great success. Over 350 delegates from over 30 countries, including 150 Namibian educators, were in attendance at 150 presentations, the Vice-chancellor's reception, the gala dinner and the play "Happy Beat". Fabulous for sure! I want to thank everyone who attended the conference for I saw warmth shared among one another and genuine appreciation of the work that was put into this conference. I also want to thank everyone who volunteered their services before, during and after the conference. It was because of all of you that this conference was so successful. To the local committee, especially Dr. Louise Mostert, my co-chair, and Mr. Edwin Tjiramba I am indebted to you for giving so much of yourselves, your time and your resources.

#### Highlights of the Conference

The twelfth biennial conference of the International Association of Special Education was held at the University of Namibia (UNAM) in Windhoek, Namibia on July 10-14, 2011. The theme, "Educating Every Learner, Every Day: A Global Responsibility" truly became a reality before, during and after this conference. Pre and post-conference travel options gave the over 350 attendees opportunities to experience many delightful areas of the country. From Opuwo and Opapuka to Katatura and Penduka plus Swakomund and Walvis Bay.....visitors traveled to learn about Namibia. Getting up close and personal with the animals of Etosha National Park will remain a favorite of many as will the floodlit waterhole of Okaukuejo. Trekking up the high red sand dunes at Sossusvlei and visiting the fur seals at Cape Cross were also Namibian memories.

#### The Reception

The University of Namibia Vice Chancellor Prof. Lazarus Hangula hosted an evening reception with snacks, refreshments and wonderful tribal dancing performed by the Ondunga Cultural Group with music to make your toes tap...and your body sway to the rhythm. He expressed delight to be associated with the conference, and hoped that it creates a platform for exchange of ideas that will enable us to better serve those of our learners with exceptionalities.



Ondunga Cultural Group

#### The Grand Opening



Dr. William Towne

IASE President Dr. William Towne presided over the Grand Opening of the conference. He was ably assisted by Dr. Louise Mostert, University of Namibia, Head of Department of Educational Psychology & Inclusive Education and Dr. Paula Leitz, Pacific Lutheran University, Department of Instructional Development and Leadership, who served as conference co-chairs. Prof. Rehabeam Auula, Dean of the UNAM Faculty of Education presented the welcoming remarks. Students from the National Institute of Special Education School of the Visually Impaired provided beautiful music.

#### Welcoming Address

The Honorable Dr. Abraham Iyambo, Namibia Minister of Education, delivered the welcome to the international delegates. He stated that as a Government we are committed to improving the learning outcomes of all learners, including those with special needs and others from educationally marginalized groups. Dr. Inaani Lisony Kahikuata-Kariko, Chief Educational Officer for Special Programmes & Schools, from the Ministry of Education, addressed the audience with the topic of "Special and Inclusive Education in Namibia."



Dr. Abraham Iyambo



Dr. Inaani Lisony Kahikuata-Kariko

#### The Gala Dinner

Entertainment by the Makgona Ngwao Cultural Group at the Gala Dinner truly expressed Namibian flavor with their Setswana traditional dances. Master of Ceremonies Edwin Tjiramba kept the evening organized. A live auction raised funds for the Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund, and attendees learned about "Crumbed Kingklip and Loin of Oryx" as the dinner was served. The wide array of colorful clothes and cultural attire made for a fantastic evening.



Edwin Tjiramba



## The Marg Csapo Scholarship Recipients

By Sister Mary Karen Oudeans  
Scholarship Chair

At this year's 2011 IASE conference in Windhoek, Namibia, we were honored to have with us four wonderful professionals who were recipients of the Marg Csapo Scholarship award. This award was created in tribute to a founding member, mentor, and leader in the International Association of Special Education (IASE), Marg Csapo. During each biennial conference year, the scholarship is awarded to professionals from developing countries who are "making a difference" in the lives of persons with disabilities. Proceeds from the silent and live auction held during the conference gala are used to assist these professionals with conference registration and lodging costs, though contributions to the scholarship fund may be made at any time. Because we wanted the IASE members to "meet" this year's scholarship recipients, we asked them to share their stories with us.

### Swaleha Mohamedali

Mrs. Swaleha (Sally) Mohamedali works at Jaffery Academy in Arusha, Tanzania. She is the pioneer for Special Education at this facility. Her long-range vision is to build a three story building for academic and vocational training. In 2006, she introduced inclusive education into her primary area. She holds a number of consultancies and conducts workshops for the Mt. Meru University students and for the City Council primary teachers. Sally continues to augment herself in the field of special education by attending various workshops and conferences. She is passionate about enhancing the inert skills of each special child and to help them attain their full potential, not only in the academic areas, but also in sports and vocational venues.



### Darlington Changara

Darlington Changara from Zvishavane, Zimbabwe, is the Director of Midlands AIDS Caring Organization. He graduated with a degree in Education from African University in 2000. He began working with a non-governmental organization focusing on orphans and vulnerable children. He was responsible for the *School without Walls Project* where children who had left school due to HIV and AIDS related issues were furthering their education within their own communities. While working with these children, he discovered many with learning difficulties mostly related to grief and bereavement. He began to design packages for psychosocial support for the children, which realized positive results in terms of the children's performance. Even though this service is additional work for teachers, they are willing to do the extra work to assist the children. He is presently studying for his PhD in Public Health.



### Roni Chavez

Roni Chavez, originally from the Philippines, graduated in the field of International Relations, but has pursued a career in Special Education after seeing a big disparity between available services and needs. She started out by working in Bangkok, Thailand, and then was asked to open a small school in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. For the past four years she has been in Vietnam working with families who have children with special needs. She has hosted forums for families in need of guidance. Roni continues to organize regular charity visits to orphanages in the city that host children with disabilities. She is hoping to start an organization geared towards making the lives of children with special needs and their families much better.



### Oliver Belarga

Oliver is presently a PhD student at Osaka University in Japan. He has previously resided in the United States and also the Philippines. During his last three years in Japan, he has been volunteering for the Osaka Disabled Center with the task of teaching some Basic English words to children with disabilities. He states that it has been much fun to work with these people and also learn new skills while working as a team. Student performances amazed him and he realized what all students can achieve. As a volunteer, he believes that he can help to move a life forward! By just giving a few hours of his time, it may have a huge impact on a young person's life plus enhance his own personal development. Oliver states that volunteering has been priceless, and it has been an amazing and rewarding experience of his lifetime.



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## Save the Date

### The Bridge From Segregation To Inclusion ....A Long Journey



Vancouver  
July 7-11, 2013  
British Columbia, Canada

## The 12th Biennial General Membership Meeting IASE - Tuesday 12 July 2011 Windhoek, Namibia

The 12th Biennial General Membership Meeting was called to order by President William Towne, presiding at 7 AM. There was a quorum present.

Ginny MacEntee moved that the Minutes of the 11th Biennial General Membership meeting held at the University of Alicante Spain in July 2009 and published in the Annuntiatius Newsletter Fall 2009 be accepted. Jim Chapple seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Steve Leitz, the treasurer, reported that as of May 31, 2011, IASE had a balance of \$320,424.00. This did not include the conference money. Sandy Parsons moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Marg Csapo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Mary Gale Budzisz presented the Nominating Committee Report. A slate was presented and published in the Annuntiatius newsletter Volume XXIII, Issue 4, Winter 2011. Members returned their ballots by April 30, 2011. The newly elected offices are:

President-Elect: Iris Drower, USA  
Treasurer: Jim Chapple, USA  
Secretary: Virginia MacEntee, USA  
Member-at-Large: Marg Csapo, Canada  
Member-at-Large: Richard Freeze, Canada  
Member-at-Large: Malgorzata Sekulowicz, Poland

Lynn Alyward, chair of the Giving Committee, reminded everyone of the Silent Auction being conducted every day. There will be an Auction at the Gala Dinner on Tuesday night.

Mary Gale Budzisz, co-chair, presented the report of the Volunteer Service Committee.

-At the present time there are 15 IASE Volunteer Service Project sites. Several new sites have been developed within the last 2 years.

-The following volunteers were honored: Lynn Alyward, Richard Zeigler, Meghan Gallagher, Virginia MacEntee, Marg Csapo, Mary Gale Budzisz, and Karen Nave.

-An IASE Waiver form has now been created for the volunteers.

### New Business:

The following Life Membership Awards were given: Stan Love, Robert (Bob) Henderson, and Marg Csapo. An Honorary Membership was awarded to Frank Liska, Esq., IASE attorney and Michael Pressler, IASE accountant.

The By-Laws Additions/Changes as approved by the Board of Directors on May 7, 2011, and published in the Annuntiatius newsletter Volume XXIII, Issue 5, Spring 2011 are as follows:

**Change #1:** Section VI.8 Duties of the Treasurer: subsection b) All checks written to exceed \$75.00 (seventy-five US dollars), all bills of exchange, or other evidence of indebtedness shall be signed by two.

**New:** b) All checks written to exceed **\$1,500 (fifteen hundred US dollars)**, all bills....

Lynn Alyward moved and Ginny MacEntee seconded the motion that Change # 1 be approved. It was approved unanimously.

**Change #2:** Section VI.8 Duties of the treasurer is an addition to the duties

**New:** m) **During the vacancy in the office of the Treasurer, the President is authorized to be the sole signatory on any check up to \$1,500 US with the President-Elect as the co-signatory on any check exceeding \$1,500 US.**

Dianne Chambers moved and Iris Drower seconded the motion that Change # 2 be approved. It was approved unanimously.

### Announcements:

Marg Csapo and Iris Drower, Co-Chairs announced that the 13th Biennial Conference (The Bridge From Segregation to Inclusion...A Long Journey) will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on July 7-11, 2013. The Call for Proposals will be posted on the website this summer.

Bill Towne announced that the 14th Biennial Conference will be held in Wroclaw, Poland

### Adjournment:

Karen Nave moved and Sarah Devi seconded the motion for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia MacEntee, Acting Secretary IASE

## Volunteers Needed for the 2013 Conference In Vancouver, British Columbia



Dear IASE members,

We can use your assistance with the following committees for our 2013 Vancouver conference. If you are interested in serving on these committees below, feel free to contact me at: [iris.drower@asu.edu](mailto:iris.drower@asu.edu). The committees and a brief description are listed below.

**Exhibitors Committee** - the focus of this committee will be to gather lists of potential exhibitors, disseminating calls for exhibitors, making arrangements with the conference chairperson for local space for exhibits, and communicating with exhibitors about the conference;

**Silent and Live Auction** - collect items, prepare bid sheets, work at the sign up table, help out at the live auction, and collect the payments;

**Registration** - work with preparation for the first day's events. Make sure all the proper documents are given out, packets are organized, certificates handed out etc.;

**Children's Art Work** - This committee will be involved with showcasing and selling children's art;

**Sponsorships/Fundraising** - Committee members will make personal contacts with specific potential sponsors for conference breaks and keynotes; **Local Tours/Travel** - work with our local arrangement committee to make sure people know about tours and options;

**Program Committee** - Key note speakers, organization of the program, themes and strands, moderators, layout, etc.;

**Entertainment Committee for Key sessions and Gala Session** - find key entertainment for our sessions Poster Sessions, make sure this area is set up and monitored;

**Public Relations** - advertise this conference throughout the world.

Sincerely,

Iris

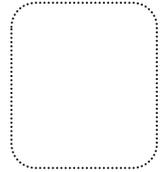
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**Membership Dues:** Regular \$US 50 \_\_\_\_\_ Regular/Sponsor \$US 70 \_\_\_\_\_

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