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International Association of Special Education

The 13th Biennial Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA – July 7-11, 2013

Message from the IASE President

By Paula Leitz

IASE is moving forward in such exciting and meaningful ways. It makes me proud to be a member of this caring organization. I want to extend my gratitude to all IASE members who are doing good and important work around the world and to the members of the Board for their commitment to building a healthy and forward thinking association. In this newsletter you will read about these works and about the Board's progress on several initiatives.

The Board at its October 21st meeting approved three significant initiatives. First, we launched our National Chairs Program. Dr. Richard Freeze has been named the Coordinator for this program. This program provides a wonderful opportunity to expand leadership in the IASE internationally. Go to our website (<http://www.iase.org/>) for more information about this program. Second, the Board approved financial support to the Mwayi Trust to help build a Vocational Training Centre in Blantyre, Malawi. Our third significant endeavor was to make a formal commitment to assist in the development of curriculum for the first special education teaching/training project in Myanmar.

Although the Board accomplished many other important tasks, one I want to mention concerns membership. Starting January 2013, IASE members will receive a membership card. Our very capable treasurer, Jim Chapple, has designed this card. I believe that this will bring even more visibility to our organization and show our support of members.

These are exciting times as IASE expands its influence in the area of special education worldwide. **Next, plan on attending the 13th Biennial Conference in Vancouver, B.C., in July 2013.** The Co-chairs, Iris Drower and Marg Csapo, have been working non-stop on making this one of the best. Thank you for all of your work!

Preparing For an Amazing Journey

By Marg Csapo and Iris Drower

Vancouver...there is no better place to explore IASE's 13th Biennial Conference theme of *The Bridge from Segregation to Inclusion...A Long Journey*. This city is famous for its spectacular harbor views, bridges, and history of the Musqueam people. July is the best time to visit, too!

It is already time to plan for another outstanding international conference at which attendees can present their opportunities and evidence of successes as well as learn from each other. The Chinese philosopher Sun Tzu stated so well, "Opportunities multiply as they are seized." Through this event, it is our hope that discovery will take place as well as new partnerships will be built as we continue to communicate the need to work towards building bridges, celebrating differences, supporting learning, and responding to individual needs. So, plan to be a part of this Biennial Conference as attendees and come to Vancouver to share your challenges, opportunities, and outcomes.

We want to thank you for the many high quality proposals submitted for the IASE 13th Biennial Conference. We have received over 350 submissions representing over 35 countries. We are pleased to note that there will be more roundtables and poster sessions this year to allow presenters to engage in more in-depth and meaningful conversations about volunteer service programs, practices, innovative techniques, and research. In addition we hope this will create greater opportunities for future collaborations.

We are very excited about this year's conference program at the University of British Columbia (UBC), in Vancouver. The blend of research, policy, advocacy and practice provide a needed platform for making this a better world for persons with disabilities. Dr. Blye Frank, Dean of the UBC Faculty of Education, will open the conference with a reception on Sunday, July 7, 2013.

Our key note speakers will inspire you! Let us give a grand welcome to J.A. Tan. See the IASE website for information. You will be able to hear his in-depth presentation during day one of our conference. Also in this issue, don't forget to review a column called 'Auction Time' by Dr. Marcel Lebrun. Dr. Lebrun challenges us to bring that special item for our upcoming silent and live auction. The opportunities are limited only by your imagination and your willingness to do so. So, bring it on!

A student forum will take place on Thursday, July 11th, to showcase what our future educators are doing. Dr. Cay Holbrook will be spearheading this exciting session on the UBC campus. Look for her article and upcoming plans in this issue as well as on our website.



UBC's main Vancouver campus is located on the traditional territory of the Musqueam people. Learn more about this rich culture at our Dean's reception on July 7th at the Museum of Anthropology at UBC. Don't miss the artwork of Krista Point that will be showcased at the Dean's reception. This special night in the 'museum' will be only for IASE delegates. We anticipate it to be a memorable event.

We hope you continue to explore our website and recognize the depth, breadth, fulfillment and enthusiasm of our organization. At www.iase.org you will find information about leadership perspectives, our extensive Volunteer Service Project, the Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund, IASE Journal, and so much more.

Finally, as co-chairs we hope to communicate regularly with IASE members through our publications and website. We also look forward to hearing from you. Please introduce yourself in Vancouver and again, we are looking forward to this grand event!

Message from the Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia

By Dr. Blye Frank



As Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia (UBC), I am thrilled that the 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Special Education will be held here at UBC. Educators who devote their research to the promotion of collaborative international special education are to be commended for working across diverse cultural divides to bridge the distance between segregation and inclusion. This is a wonderful opportunity for international researchers and scholars to come together and share knowledge

on topics such as autism spectrum or emotional and behavioral disorders to further the research and application of lessons learned for children and youth in most need of our resources. I look forward to welcoming you to Vancouver and to UBC in July.

Student Forum Poster Session

International Association of Special Education
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 11, 2013

We are pleased to announce that IASE will host a special student poster session as part of the activities of our international conference held on the campus of The University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Current students and individuals who have graduated within the past 18 months are eligible to submit a proposal and join the poster session held the morning of July 11, 2013 (immediately following the formal conference). Students should submit proposals relevant to education of exceptional individuals.

Relevant topics include:

- o Service Delivery Options and Issues
- o Inclusion of Students with Disabilities
- o Use of Technology in Special Education
- o Universal Design for Learning
- o Special Programs to Support Exceptional Students
- o Cultural Issues Surrounding Special Education
- o Human Development, Learning and Culture

Please send the following information (in a Word document) to cay.holbrook@ubc.ca prior to **December 15, 2012**. Successful proposals will receive confirmation by December 31, 2012. We encourage students to register and participate in the IASE conference prior to the poster session.

Name, address, email, university affiliation and degree program
Title of poster presentation

Abstract (no more than 100 words)

Explanation of poster topic (no more than 2 pages including a brief statement of the context; relevant references; research method if applicable; description of the presentation topic)

Call for 2017 Biennial Site Proposals

IASE is soliciting site proposals for the 2017 Biennial Conference. Interested individuals may view the proposal requirements at www.IASE.org.

All proposals should be forwarded to President Paula Leitz at leitzph@plu.edu by **January 1, 2013**.

The proposals will be reviewed by the 2017 Site Selection Committee.

The recommended site(s) will be forwarded to the IASE Board for final selection at the Spring 2013 Board Meeting.

Volunteer Service Project Update

By Mary Gale Budzisz

The recreational project at Mwayi Trust primary schools is being installed as I write this. Thanks to Mia and Ellie for providing the funding to make these students very happy. The community is involved in getting the netball and volleyball poles, and the soccer goals ready to be cemented into the ground.



Very happy kids



The girls helping

Your IASE Board approved the proposal to provide partial seed money to build a Mwayi Trust Vocational Training Center (VTC) in Blantyre, located in the southern part of Malawi. The objectives of this inclusive project are to: provide relevant vocational training for the youth of Chileka, especially youth with special needs; improve their skills through HIV and AIDS prevention, gender equality, social skills and human rights programs; facilitate quality relationships between youth, parents and the community. The courses will be based on local demand as suggested by local businesses. They will be free to students who have volunteered at the Mwayi Trust Homework Centre Program or from villages that contributed to the construction of the VTC. Examples of courses that will be offered: tailoring, tin smithing, computer and office skills, baking, cane-work, bricklaying, room domestic helper, and the building of wheel chairs. Life skills, literacy and numeracy modules will be integral aspects of the vocational training courses, thus ensuring that graduates develop social as well as economic empowerment. Sandra Trevehan, CEO of Mwayi Trust, invites all of those with a desire "to see this building rise from the red clay soil" and be part of the crew to build the structure using the bricks molded by local villagers, to plan to come to Malawi at the end of July-early August of 2013. Please, contact me if you would like to contribute funding, items or to travel to Malawi to get your hands dirty!

Another program that your IASE Board unanimously voted to support is the IASE Myanmar Curriculum Project. We are in the process of helping to develop a curriculum that will be used to train teachers in Myanmar to serve children and youth with special needs. Last fall Marg and I visited Yangon, Myanmar, to meet with Lilian Gyi, CEO of Eden School, and her local team to start the planning phase. Eh Moo from the local Myanmar team recently informed me that the team has met again and wants to "discuss how to commence this special education training project and create sustainability in the long run." Stan Love, our IASE member who is the CEO of Love Publishing, is interested in helping with this project. The IASE volunteer team has expanded and is still looking for IASE members who are interested in participating in this worthwhile activity. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

Your IASE Volunteer Service Project (VSP) Committee invites everyone to attend the Round Table Discussions and strand presentations at the 2013 Conference in Vancouver. Come to learn more about the VSP and get involved. Please contact me at mgbudzisz@aol.com with inquiries about the VSP.

HELP Writing Grants

The Volunteer Service Project Committee is ready to apply for grants to provide direct support for the students and teachers in our volunteer sites. We have spent six years developing the sites and know what could help each of them. All of our sites have different needs and with funding we believe that more special students and teachers can be served. We are truly an altruistic organization with NO administrative costs. If you have expertise in grant writing, we would appreciate your help. Please contact IASE President Paula Leitz at leitzph@plu.edu.

Auction Time!!!

By Marcel Lebrun

Every country, community, person is unique and special. I challenge you to represent this uniqueness and specialness by contributing to our silent and live auction. The auction will highlight these items every day. They can be small, creative, vibrant objects that will find a home in the world. If you have an item that you believe would get all the special educators excited and open their wallets and throw money at the auctioneer please contact me as soon as possible. A hotline number will be available!

If you are able to donate an item please take a digital picture of it and send me a beginning price and what you know the item to be worth. My hope is to have the pictures posted on the website so people can preview the items before arriving in Vancouver. Remember, all monies raised will be to support Marg Csapo Scholarship.

Please send all pictures of items to: mrlebrun@plymouth.edu. You can reach me at Plymouth State University: 603 535-2288 or 603-535-2121.

The IASE National Chairs Program

By Rick Freeze

What is the National Chairs Program?

The National Chairs program is an exciting new initiative of the IASE. In a nutshell, the idea is to nominate individuals to act as National Chairs representing the IASE in nations throughout the world.

What is the role of a National Chair?

The role of a National Chair (NC) is threefold. First, it is to communicate nationally about the goals, activities, publications, conferences, projects, volunteer opportunities, journal, newsletter, and website of IASE. Second, it is to recruit new IASE members. Third, National Chairs communicate with the IASE Board to provide information about events in their respective countries, including conferences, workshops, research and volunteer projects, and other initiatives related to inclusive and special education.

The position of National Chair is entirely voluntary. There is no budget available for the position. However, the IASE will take all reasonable steps to honor and communicate the appointment and subsequent activities of each National Chair by listing them on the IASE website, profiling them in the IASE newsletter, introducing them or announcing their appointment at IASE conferences, and providing honorary certificates of appointment.

All National Chairs must maintain their membership in the IASE during their period of appointment. National Chairs are normally appointed for a period of up to 10 years based on performance reviews conducted every two years.

Who can become a National Chair?

There are no limitations on who can be nominated to become a National Chair. However, nominees must be willing and able to carry out the responsibilities of the role of a National Chair and be sincerely dedicated to the care, education, employment, human rights, and self-determination of children, adolescents, and adults with disabilities. Nominees may include, but are not limited to: (a) teachers, (b) para-educators, (c) individuals with disabilities, (d) parents of children and youth with disabilities, (e) scholars and researchers, (f) disability advocates, (g) care-givers, (h) service organization members, (i) government agency members, and (k) volunteers.

How is a National Chair nominated?

A detailed description of the role of a National Chair is located under the "Leadership" menu on the IASE website at

www.iase.org - just click on the "National Chair Information Packet" on the "National Chairs" webpage. In addition, the process for nominating a National Chair is described in the "National Chair Nomination Form" located on the same webpage. National Chair nominees must join the IASE and must be nominated by a member of the IASE. Completed nomination forms will be submitted to the IASE Board of Directors for consideration. Nominees will be contacted with a decision within 3 months.

How do I get more information?

Please feel free to contact:

National Chairs Program Coordinator
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Who will you nominate?

As an IASE member, please give consideration to nominating a great National Chair representing your nation. We need people with energy, communications skills, and dedication to voluntary service.

Call for IASE Board Officers Nominations

2014 - 2015

Nominations are being accepted from now until **December 1, 2012**.

The following positions are open:

President-Elect	1 to be elected for two-year term
Secretary	1 to be elected for two-year term
Treasurer	1 to be elected for two-year term
Member at large	3 to be elected for two-year term

An applicant must have a valid IASE membership for at least one year, then send a letter of intent and a short (one page, please) resume to Bill Towne, IASE Nominations Chair. These documents can be emailed to wtowne@salemstate.edu or postal mailed to Bill Towne, IASE Nominations Committee Chair, 7 Forest Street, Byfield, MA 01922-0038.

The committee will review all nominations and forward their recommendations to the Board for ballot approval. The voting ballot will then be included in the Spring Newsletter with instructions for submission.

Pacific Rim International Forum on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

April, 2013

You can't miss the 29th Annual Pacific Rim Conference on Disability and Diversity, 2013: *Being in Community*, April 29th & 30th, 2013 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu.

Formally called the Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities, Pacrim is one of the world's top rated international educational offerings. The 2013 Call for Proposals will be open from August 1, 2012 through December 14, 2012. We want your proposals! We are looking for your creative ideas to build the just, sustainable and inclusive future we all want! We have many topic areas relevant to educators and researchers including Teach to Reach, Indigenous and Native Hawaiian Education, Post-Secondary Education and much more.

To learn more about Pacrim, visit: www.pacrim.hawaii.edu, email prinfo@hawaii.edu or call us at (808)956-7539.

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