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International Association of Special Education

The 12th Biennial Conference in Namibia – July 10 -14, 2011

"Windhoek Conference 2011 - Update from the Program Chairs" By Steve and Paula Leitz

The 12th Biennial Conference of the IASE is just about eight months away and already it is looking like an exciting event. There are over 270 delegates from 33 countries, who have submitted over 200 proposals. Additionally, the Ministry of Education plans to fund 120 teachers from all regions of Namibia to attend the conference. Presentation topics are focused on our theme, *Educating Every Child Every Day: A Global Responsibility*, as they address issues of inclusion, autism, hearing impairment, behavior, personnel training, mentoring, collaboration, and much more. In addition, there are so many other exciting events during the days of the conference.

Renown Namibian theatre director, Sandy Rudd, will stage for our conference delegates a children's play, "Happy Beat", that has been in the development process for several years and will be held at the National Theater of Namibia. The main character of this production is a deaf youngster who just wants to play the drums in his village. He is rejected from his village and goes on his own journey of discovery. On the way he meets many interesting people, including Namibian Bushmen, who will give him the courage to return to his village and participate in the Harvest Festival.



A huge "THANK YOU" to our committee chairs for the time and energy they have volunteered and will continue to do so in the coming months. Committee leadership includes: Sister Mary Karen Oudeans & Jane Sieracke (Scholarships), Darlington Changara & Cynthy Haihambo (African Children's Art), Morgan Chitiyo & Charles Chata (Conference Proceedings), Graydon Mitchell & Evaristus Evaristus (Exhibits and Sponsorships), Lynn Aylward, Bill Towne, & Pamela February (Auctions), Virginia Macentee (Poster Sessions), Edwin Tjiramba & Emilia Aniceto (Local Arrangements, Catering & Entertainment), Marg Csapo, Mary Gale Budzisz, & Utara Hoveka (Public Relations), Pena Kandjii, Job Hengari, Steve & Paula Leitz (Pre-Conference, Registration & Local Volunteers), Louise Mostert, Steve & Paula Leitz (Program, Keynotes), and Barry Birbaum & Paula Leitz (Conference Co-chairs). If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please contact Paula Leitz at



The Program Committee along with our Local Organizing Committee continue to work on our list of invited speakers and performers. Invited speakers for the conference include: Dr. Abraham Iyambo, Namibia's Minister of Education; Dr. Inaani Lisony Kahikuata-Kariko, Chief Education Officer for Special Programs & Schools; Dr. Stephen Shore, Board of Directors for Autism Society of America and President Emeritus of the Asperger's Association of New England; Prudence Mabhena, Zimbabwean singer-songwriter and inspiration for the Academy Award winning documentary, "Music by Prudence"; Edward Ndopu, Namibian born and recent graduate of the African Leadership Academy, creator of the initiative, "Global Strategy on Inclusive Education". Additionally, entertainment during the conference will include the University of Namibia Choir, Prudence Mabhena and a selection of elementary and high school performing groups.

While you are planning your trip to Namibia you may want to consider the following tour options **prior** to the conference. Each tour is conducted by our travel service provider, Ombaue Tours. If you want to take one or more of these you must contact them directly. Their email address is: leo@ombauetours.com.

Tour #1: Saturday, July 9th. You will be taken on a City Tour, starting from the City Centre where you will visit some historical sites, the Namibian Craft Center and then go to the township of Katutura, visiting the open market of the old single quarters, and ending at Penduka. Penduka is a project that was started by four women and is now benefiting more than 100 women throughout Namibia in selling handmade textile products. Penduka is also involved in TB Homecare by providing meals to home-based TB patients. The delegates will be treated to some traditional dancing by these lovely and lively ladies before sitting to a hearty traditional cuisine. This will be an experience like no other. Cost: N\$ 420 per person (about US \$60).

Tour #2: Sunday, July 10th. Delegates are collected and taken to the Historic town of Okahandja where they will be visiting some historical sites and have a chance to go through the largest woodcarving market in Namibia. After this, they will be brought to Okapuka in time to have a game drive, lunch and watch the lion feeding before returning back to Windhoek and back to their accommodation establishments. Cost: N\$700 per person (about US, \$100).

Tour #3: Wednesday, July 13th. A special children's play, "Happy Feet", produced by renown Namibia director, Sandy Rudd with deaf and hearing actors and Namibian bushmen, performed at the National Theatre of Namibia, downtown Windhoek (as described earlier). Cost is N\$100 (US, \$15 + transportation). Tickets can be purchased during the conference.

Tour #4: Thursday, July 14th (9am-noon). Tour of two schools for special education learners. Cost: N\$100 per person (US, \$15). Tickets can be purchased during the conference.

Tour #5: Thursday, July 14th (1pm-4pm). Take a hike up to Daan Viljoen Park to walk among animals and view all of Windhoek. Cost: N\$ 300, including entry fee, per person (about US, \$400).



AFTER the conference, you may be interested in taking a tour north and/or a tour to the south. Both of these begin on Friday, July 15th. **Reservations must be made by January 15th, 2011.**

Tour A: Etosha Experience – 3 days and 2 nights (July 15th - 17th)

Highlights: Etosha National Park is one of the world's greatest conservation areas and a must see for every visitor to Namibia, especially in July. It covers an area of 8598 square miles (22270kms) Price Includes: Specified meals, transport, park entrance fees, and 3 Dinner, Bed and Breakfast. Prices excludes: Drinks throughout the trip, personal insurance and unspecified meals and tips. Cost of Tour per person sharing: (for 12 minimum), N\$ 3,600.00 per person (about US, \$500).

Tour B: Sossusvlei and Coast Experience – 5 days and 4 nights (July 15th - 19th)

Highlights: Up to 325 metres high, the star-shaped dunes at Sossusvlei are one of Namibia's most famous sights. Formed by strong multi-directional winds, they are at their highest and most spectacular where the west-flowing Tsauchab River empties into the Vlei. From there you will be taken to Swakopmund on the coast. Quad biking in the dunes and a catamaran cruise around Walvis Bay. Price Includes: Specified meals, transport, park entrance fees and for Days 1 & 2, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and for Days 3 & 4, Breakfast and Lunch. Price excludes: Drinks throughout the trip, personal insurance and unspecified meals and tips. Cost of Tour per person sharing: (for 12 minimum) N\$ 6,290.00 per person (about US, \$900).

From the Treasurer – Steve Leitz

As the new Treasurer for IASE, I would like to thank Laura Frey, former Treasurer, for her assistance in this transition. Her detailed procedural notes, extensive documentation and clear guidelines allowed me to "hit the ground running" during this busy pre-conference time. Recently, our financial resources were divided into two accounts – one to respond to the IASE General Operating Budget needs and one to support our Biennial Conference needs. The balances in these two accounts are:

General Operating Budget Account balance	-----	\$124,075.12
Biennial Conference Account balance	-----	\$149,447.42
Total IASE Balance	-----	\$273,522.54

This is the starting point from which I will make quarterly reports of our financial status.

IASE Seeks Proposals for the 2013 Conference Site

IASE, with membership in 45 countries, is seeking proposals for consideration for the 2013 Conference Site. Recently, IASE has held conferences in Alicante, Spain (2009); Hong Kong (2007); Halifax, Nova Scotia (2005); and Warsaw, Poland (2001). The 2011 Conference will be held at the University of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia. There were over 500 attendees at the 2009 Alicante Conference, representing almost 40 countries. The conference is typically held Monday through Wednesday and should be scheduled sometime from the second week of June through the third week of July.

We welcome proposals for a venue site that meets the requirements listed below.

1. Be located in a city with an international airport.
2. Be able to provide adequate meeting space: (a) 12-15 meeting rooms that would accommodate 25-35 persons for sessions, (b) one large meeting space (to accommodate 3-400 people) for general plenary sessions and (c) space for registration, exhibits, and poster sessions.
3. Provide equipment that may be needed (e.g., overheads, and/or LCD projectors, screens, lap tops, easels).
4. Have food services available at/near the venue site.
5. Be situated in a reasonably close proximity to hotels.
6. Be able and willing to help promote the conference in your region/country.
7. Be willing to provide guidance to the IASE planning committee regarding appropriate tours, school visits, venue for Gala Dinner, and more.
8. Be able to designate a minimum of 5-6 people to serve on a Local Planning Committee who would work with the IASE Planning Committee on various conference related needs (e.g., printing conference program).
9. Be able and willing to accept registrations from your own country. This would include accepting the registrations and funds, and maintaining appropriate records for accounting purposes.
10. Have available low cost sleeping rooms (e.g., dorms) for individuals who seek/prefer to stay on the university campus.

If you are interested in hosting the 2013 IASE Conference, please develop and submit a proposal to IASE to host the conference utilizing the information delineated above. Please, send your proposal to William Towne, IASE President, P.O. Box 38, Byfield, Massachusetts 01922, USA.

Board of Directors' Announcements

IASE BOARD OPENINGS

Your IASE Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2012-2013 Executive Board. The positions that will be open are: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and three Members-at-Large. Our IASE Constitution states that the Board shall be comprised of a minimum representation of three (3) countries to reflect the international focus of the organization. Criteria for application include a valid IASE membership and prior experience with IASE (e.g., committee chair/work or elected position).

Board members are not paid a salary and must attend meetings at their own expense. If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise, please send a letter of intent and a short (one page, please) resume to: Mary Gale Budzisz, IASE Nominations Chair, Box 2836, Pawleys Island, SC 29585, USA. These items must be received by December 15, 2010. The information will be shared with the Nominations Committee and a slate will be prepared and presented to the Board. The ballot will be included in the Spring 2011 Newsletter mailed to all paid IASE members.

Thanks for the GIVING Funds By Sarah Devi

All of us at Lebenshilfe in Visakhapatnam, India, would like to thank IASE for being so very generous and providing GIVING funds to help our program. Thus far, money has been provided to purchase supplies for the Token Shop, to purchase new sewing machines, repair older sewing machines and purchase cloth and sewing class items.

The students are very happy with the Token Shop. Marg Csapo is to be given credit for the idea. It has truly evolved into a place that all the students want to visit. The teachers are involved by awarding tokens to students who accomplish their tasks in an outstanding manner. During the daily closing session, the students are honored, called to the front of the ceremony, and awarded the tokens. The big smiles on their faces tell the whole story. They are proud of their accomplishments and thrilled that they can go to the token shop to use their tokens. Items range from small snacks, school supplies, little toys, hair ribbons, etc.

Four new sewing machines were given to us. Plus 12 older machines were repaired and we received cloth to be used for the students to sew items. They were very excited to be able to sew items such as a new pajamas. These were loved so much that a few students showed up the next morning ready for school...wearing their new pajamas!

THANKS to all of you at IASE...we appreciate your kindness and caring...you have truly made a difference at Lebenshilfe.



Jonnada Satish proudly manages the Token Shop at his school. He keeps it very tidy and waits for students to exchange their tokens for the items of their choice.

JIASE Update

The editorial team is currently working on the 2011 edition of *The Journal of the International Association of Special Education (JIASE)* with manuscripts at different stages of processing. The JIASE is a peer-reviewed journal which publishes research and PRAXIS articles pertaining to the education of exceptional children from around the world. The PRAXIS section is intended for the dissemination of practical strategies that readers can immediately implement in their classrooms/schools. These methods/strategies may be new and unique ideas or they can be effective methods/strategies that some teachers have been using and believe that by their publication many more teachers could effectively implement them in their classrooms. For more information about the submission guidelines for either the research or PRAXIS section, please contact the JIASE Editor, **Morgan Chitiyo**, at mchitiyo@siu.edu

The GIVING Fund of IASE by M. Lynn Aylward (Canada) IASE, Giving Fund Committee Chair and Volunteer Service Project Committee Member

The IASE has established a Volunteer Service Committee to facilitate the identification of special educational needs in developing countries and provide a volunteer resource person who is an IASE member. There is a shortage of expertise in special education in many developing countries and the IASE has many members with vast special educational experience who can provide volunteer assistance during their retirement, sabbatical year or summer holidays. I would encourage all members to check out the IASE website in order to see which volunteer sites might fit your interests and talents.

The two year old IASE GIVING Fund was created to share funding with our Volunteer Service project sites and to help our IASE volunteers sustain student-centered activities. Available funds are allocated based on yearly IASE budgets and the current Giving budget plans (to be approved by the IASE board) is in the range of \$8000-10,000 per year, with each IASE Giving grant having a maximum of \$2500. This may seem like a pittance in developing worlds but these grants have impact. To give some examples, the Giving Fund has helped provide much needed instructional materials and supplies for the programs in support of intellectually disabled children at Lebenshilfe, Visakhapatnam, India, as well as textbooks and instructional materials for the teacher education efforts in the area of Special Education curriculum development at Mzuzu University, Mzuzu, Malawi and Sebastian Kolowa University College in Magamba, Tanzania.

In keeping with the IASE mission, and its status as a non-profit organization, the IASE Giving committee is working closely with IASE volunteers involved in the Volunteer Service Projects in order to identify appropriate activities and sites to fund. People might think that giving money away is an easy task, however, IASE giving grants are awarded for the purchase of goods and services that link directly to specific projects and it is sometimes challenging to ascertain what exactly is needed and how best to invest locally such that change and learning can happen. It is my hope that in the future, the regular members and IASE board members would support an increase in the IASE Giving Fund as the capacity of the Volunteer Service Project grows. Detailed information, guidelines and applications related to the Giving Fund grants and the Volunteer Service project can be found on the IASE website (www.iase.org).

African Children's Art By Maray Gale Budzisz and Steve Leitz

Our IASE Conference in Namibia will showcase children's art from African countries ONLY. This committee chaired by Cynthia Haihambo from Namibia and Darlington Changara from Zimbabwe are presently working diligently to finalize the criteria and guidelines for this event. Their committee is composed of a diverse group of individuals. Swaleha Mohamedali from, Tanzania, Ambumulire Itimu-Phiri from Malawi, Joan Jaffhas and Johnathan Henkeman from South Africa, Boitumelo Mangope from Botswana, and Amina Suleiman from Zanzibar are representatives from their respective countries. Agnes Sekulowicz from Poland, Maddalen Sugrue from Montana in the USA, and Geraldine Simonnet from VSArts in Washington, DC, round out the committee. The expert advice of Zodiidi Jewel //Gases, the NAGN Junior Curator from the NATIONAL ART GALLERY OF NAMIBIA, has been most welcomed by the committee.

Check www.iase.org and <http://sites.google.com/site/iase2011conference> for further information about this showcase. If any of you are from an African country not yet represented, please contact Cynthia at chahambo@unam.na or Darlington at director@maco.co.zw. With all of the time and expertise going into preparation for this showcase, it will truly be a memorable part of our 2011 conference in Namibia.

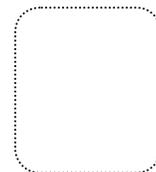
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