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International Association of Special Education

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

From the Desk of your President

By William (Bill) Towne

As the calendar year and my term of office as your President come to a close, it is with much humble pride on my part that I acknowledge my appreciation to IASE and its membership. These past two years have seen changes, growth and great accomplishments on, for and by IASE and its talented members. We (individually and as a group) have much to be thankful for and proud of.



To the Board members, Committee Chairs and Publication Editors on behalf of IASE I thank you **ALL** for your support, diligence, hard work on our many projects and, most importantly, loyalty to the mission of IASE. Your efforts have done much to assist those with whom we serve.

To the IASE members who have volunteered countless service hours in our many world-wide sites, served on various committees, financially supported the Scholarship Fund, and presented or assisted during our July Biennial Conference, I send you our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for your continued commitment.

In particular, I wish to extend my personal appreciation to President-Elect, Dr. Paula Leitz, Treasurer, Steve Leitz, and University of Namibia Professor, Dr. Louise Mostert. Under their peerless leadership, countless hours of planning/coordination and on-site management, the IASE 12th Biennial Conference created the platinum standard for all future biennial meetings. Attendees and presenters gathered from more than 30 nations. The Cabinet Minister of Education not only delivered the conference opening keynote address, but his Department of Education supported one hundred and fifty teachers chosen from every province in Namibia in their attendance, registration, gala event, and housing. To the student "Grey Angels" (names for IASE jacket color uniforms), we are most grateful for their energy, politeness and efforts to guide, assist, and accommodate the conference staff, speakers, and attendees. This outstanding conference can be best summed up in the following words by the Minister, "You (IASE) have done much to assist us in our efforts to include this underserved population of Namibia, and I thank you. I hope you will continue to be there for us in the future."

As I prepare to leave office this December, I personally want to send each and every member my heart-felt thanks for your continued support to IASE and my sincere best wishes to the incoming leadership team under President Paula Leitz. I leave knowing that you will be well served by this team. IASE will continue to move forward as a valued leader in service to the less able and will continue its worldwide efforts to support their individual independence in concert with increasing self-dependence.

Best wishes and thanks,

William (Bill) Towne, EdD, President

Lasting Contributions to Namibia from the 2011 IASE Conference

By Steve and Paula Leitz

Our colleagues at UNAM send a big THANK YOU to the IASE delegates for their generous outpouring of support for schools in the area. IASE delegates contributed nearly 500 children's books and school supplies for local schools. Wow!! And on the last day of the conference, 4 large boxes of children's books arrived that were shipped by Dianne Chambers, Coordinator of Special Education at the University of Notre Dame Australia in Perth, Australia, and her university students. And if that wasn't enough, Dr. Linda Jacobs and the students at the Harbour School in Maryland collected and shipped 34,000 pens to donate to schools around Windhoek.

UNAM professors, Cynthy Haihambo, Pamela February and Beucetta Bruwer, helped to sort the books and supplies for distribution to schools around Windhoek. Small libraries and pens were taken to the three schools at the National Institute of Special Education (NISE) campus that serves students with hearing, sight impairments and developmental delays. Some of the supplies made their way to schools in Zimbabwe with the assistance of Dr. Chitiyo. Additionally, smaller libraries were created for an orphanage in Katutura and for an after-school program where one of our Grey Angels worked.

In addition to these donations, many IASE delegates contributed their time and expertise to local schools. Dr. Audrey Don, a Clinical Neuropsychologist from Tacoma, WA, spent three days prior to the conference at Pioniers Boys School doing individual student assessments and evaluations for the administration. Kevin Spencer of Hocus Focus gave several workshops and assemblies after the conference at local Windhoek schools (see photo). Sal Zimmerman, Special Education Administrator from Brooklyn, NY, has been collaborating with a school principal in Windhoek supporting school-wide interventions for their students. And as a result of connections made during the conference, Dr. Patty Caro from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has created a course that will take 20 students to Namibia this coming July for a work-study experience at the National Institute of Special Education in Windhoek. These are just a few of the projects that highlight one of the aims of IASE and of our international conferences, "to promote professional exchange among special educators all over the world."



Kevin Spencer performing magic



Situated between the mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Vancouver is one of the world's most beautiful and cosmopolitan cities. We want you to enjoy every minute of your stay. Make it a 10-day holiday. Stay on campus where the room rates are reasonable and a good complimentary breakfast is included. The same rates apply 3 days before and 3 days after the conference. Relive your own student days on campus. Remember being on campus in Windhoek? It can be lots of fun: meeting colleagues, camaraderie, exchanging and sharing ideas, exploring the location in small groups, or taking buses from campus to various sites.

Conference Tour Program

There is so much to see and do in Vancouver that time limits usually make it impossible to do everything. At this point we know the most popular destinations in the City and surrounding areas and are putting together a potential tour program that delegates can enjoy in connection with the conference. This can include:

Half Day Possibilities

- Tour of Vancouver (Waterfront, Old Gastown, Granville Market, Stanley Park, China Town, etc.)
- Theatre evening (Options from Shakespeare to Musical Theatre)
- Dinner evening (Over 300 restaurants to choose from)
- Special events, as advertised closer to the time (Broadway shows to sporting events)

Prices for these tours currently range from \$70 to \$90, with 40% off for children. We hope to negotiate volume discounts on these prices. We can also get delegates reduced rate tickets for the "BigBus" that offers hop-on/hop-off service around Vancouver.

Whole Day Possibilities

- Ferry trip and tour of historic Victoria on Vancouver Island
- Day trip to Whistler Resort, mountain location of the 2012 Olympic Winter Games
- Cable Car ride to the top of Grouse Mountain for spectacular views, restaurants and easy hiking

These activities presently cost from \$130 to \$150, and we can get further volume and children's discounts if we can justify it.

Overnight and Longer Possibilities

- Ferry trip and overnight accommodation in historic Victoria
- Overnight stay in Whistler to enjoy mountain scenery, village accommodation and many fine restaurants
- Cruise to Alaska from Vancouver Harbor
- Wine tour to the Okanagan Valley, center of BC's award winning wine industry
- Rocky Mountain rail and bus tour to the spectacular center of BC

The tours can be arranged as a party or on a single "explore-it-yourself" basis. Costs vary depending on the tour chosen. We will be able to reduce the cost of the tours if we can predict volumes, so please help us by taking two minutes to fill in the following questionnaire and e-mail it back to us.

Preliminary Questions to Help the Organizing Committee Plan A Delegate Tour Program In Connection With the Conference

As a potential delegate to the 2013 conference, we would appreciate your input to allow us to plan the most exciting tour program and acquire some cost discounts.

In the previous column we listed the potential tours that we can make available to delegates if there is sufficient interest. If you respond by answering the questions below, we will be able to design a program to suit as many of you as possible. Please circle the answer that applies to each question.

Are you likely to want to participate in the tour program that is being designed in connection with the conference?

Yes **No**

Are you currently planning to arrive three or more days before the conference opening sessions?

Yes **No**

Are you currently planning to stay three or more days after the conference closing ceremonies?

Yes **No**

Will you likely bring your spouse or partner to Vancouver?

Yes **No**

Is your major interest likely to be in tours of a half or single day duration?

Yes **No**

Are you interested in tours of longer duration to locations outside the Vancouver area?

Yes **No**

Are any of the tours listed earlier of special interest to you? Please list below.

Thank you. Your input is very valuable to us in planning the best possible conference.

Please e-mail your answers back to douglas.louth@shaw.ca

Put a dollar every day in your piggy bank and have fun while in Vancouver!

Treasurer Report for 8/1/11 – 11/1/11

By Steve Leitz

Beginning Balance (8/1/11): \$302,161

Total Credits: \$3235

- Conference payments: \$2765
- Membership: \$340
- Interest: \$130

Total Debits: \$24,919

- Conference payments: \$19,430
- Conference registration refund: \$285
- Bank fees: \$224
- GIVING & Volunteer Service Projects: \$4980

Ending Balance (11/1/11): \$280,477

SekuCo University, Tanga Region, Lushoto, Tanzania, E. Africa

By Dr. Richard Zigler (IASE Volunteer)

Overview

SekuCo is a private university, located in the Usambara Mountains of Tanzania, an ideal setting for a newly created Special Education undergraduate program. For the last two years I have had the opportunity and honor of providing lectures and research supervision to well experienced educators seeking their first degree in the Special Needs Department. SekuCo has experienced significant growth as a dedicated university for Special Needs education, having had the first graduation class last December. This November, 276 of my teachers will graduate with their first degree in the disciplines of visual Impairment, hearing impairment, speech and language, and cognitive disabilities.



Richard Zigler and some of his SekuCo students in the lush area of Magamba, Tanzania, AFRICA

The Students / Classes

Students in the B.Ed program come from all regions of Tanzania, with great enthusiasm, academic motivation and a strong work ethic. The classes are large in the general courses, with 286 in third year, 387 in second year and almost 600 in first year. Most are well experienced educators who have dedicated three years to acquire specialist qualifications to serve children with disabilities throughout the country. The students come from tribal traditions and prefer group work to gain the skills, attitudes and knowledge to become leaders in the special needs field.



Richard Zigler giving golf lessons on top of the mountains in Tanzania

The Environment

Living on the university campus in a two bedroom home, affords me the opportunity to engage with both students and staff. The campus is lush with vegetation and exceptional vistas, making the experience both healthy and social. The lecture halls and offices are fully renovated with presentation technology and audio systems to teach very large classes. As is typical for Tanzania, power comes and goes. During the first 19 classes, I had power for only two of them. The food availability is excellent with local produce, mangos, avocados and veggies both abundant and fresh. There is little malaria in the mountains due to the elevation and cooler night temperatures, a real pleasure from the strong sun of the day and the high temperatures.

My retirement has provided me with the opportunity to return to SekuCo for a third year and be an IASE volunteer for this true cultural inclusion experience that should not be missed.

Karibu sana rafiki.....you are welcome, my friend

Mzee fupi (old, dignified, wise and short), my name in Magamba

October 30, 2011 Board Meeting

By William (Bill) Towne

As President I convened a special electronic Board Meeting with the following agenda and results:

1. To accept with sincere regret and appreciation for many accomplishments of the resignation of Jane Sieracke, Membership Chair for personal reasons. Unanimous acceptance.
2. To confirm the appointment of Dr. Karen Sealander, Northern Arizona State University, as a Membership Chair. Unanimous approval.
3. To establish dedicated accounts for Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund, GIVING, and Volunteer Service Project to be implemented upon approval. Unanimous approval.
4. To accept the Proposed 2013 Biennial Conference Budget for University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada site. Unanimous Approval.

The 28th annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity (Pac Rim)

The Pac Rim Conference will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, on March 26-27, 2012. There will also be pre-conference presentations. This conference aims to inspire, educate and illuminate while "pushing the envelope" to ensure all human beings can live up to their full potential.

Please visit www.pacrim.hawaii.edu for more information about the topic areas and registration.

This event is hosted by the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii.

IASE Members,

Please, renew your membership by paying dues by January 1, 2012.

Thank you.

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Country: _____ **Email:** _____

Membership Dues: Regular US \$50 _____ Regular/Sponsor US \$70 _____

Student Membership US \$20 _____ **Developing Country** US \$20 _____ **Institution** US \$70 _____

Name of person sponsored: _____ **Email of person sponsored:** _____

Address of person sponsored: _____

Donation to Marg Csapo Scholarship US \$ _____ **Total Enclosed US \$** _____

Payment Information: ___ Visa ___ Master Card ___ Cheque (Payable to IASE, US funds)

Credit Card Number _____ **Exp. Date** _____

Name of Cardholder (print) _____

Signature of Cardholder _____

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