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## International Association of Special Education

### The 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA – July 7-11, 2013

#### The Bridge from Segregation to Inclusion ... A Long Journey Vancouver, British Columbia, July 7-11, 2013

The International Association of Special Education (IASE) and the University of British Columbia (UBC) Department of Educational Counselling & Psychology and Special Education invite you to participate in our 13th Biennial conference on inclusion and special education. Practitioners, researchers, policy makers and NGOs from around the world will be able to engage in discussions and learn from each other how we can meet the needs of our children, youth and adults who need special education and services. Our conference theme "The Bridge from Segregation to Inclusion ... A Long Journey" will be highlighted so that we all can gain insight as to how we can implement ideas, methods and techniques to guide us in moving from segregation to inclusion.

As we gear up for this conference we are still welcoming presentations and poster sessions from across the globe. October 1, 2012 is the due date for our Call for Proposals. Please visit [www.iase.org](http://www.iase.org) to find information for submission. At this date we have received proposals from 15 countries.

The local arrangements committee is diligently working to provide our delegates with a warm welcome to the lovely Vancouver, British Columbia area during the July 7-11, 2013 conference dates. PLUS you can sign up for optional tours before, during and after the conference dates!! Forbes Travel International will organize and conduct these exciting tours for you so that you can really get to see the natural beauty and cultural diversity of this beautiful area of the Americas! Some of the daily tours include: Vancouver City Highlights Tour, Vancouver and North Shore COMBO Tour, Victoria Tour including float plane, Victoria and Butchart Gardens Tour and Whistler Mountains Tour.



The extended tour packages include: Vancouver Explorer 4 day/3 night July 4-7 or July 10-13, Celebrity Cruise to Alaska June 30 – July 7 or July 14-21, and a Rocky Mountain Train Tour to enjoy the majestic views in luxurious surroundings. Rocky Mountaineer rail tours range from 3 to 17-day tours that offer all the best attractions.

These tour ideas and many other options can be arranged by Sandra D'Souza at Forbes Travel international located at 700-900 West Hastings Street in Vancouver, B.C. Canada. Please email her at: [Sandra@forbes-travel.com](mailto:Sandra@forbes-travel.com) or call her at 1-604-689-0461.

The conference venue will be the breathtaking University of British Columbia campus! To make your conference sessions most accessible your conference planning committee has organized the main lodging on campus. These five accommodations range from a shared single bedroom residence (\$47 CAD/night) to the luxury one-bedroom suites (\$179 CAD/night). The rates are available for three days before and three days after the conference. All rooms include breakfast, high-speed internet and much more. Please review these conference lodging options at [www.iase.org](http://www.iase.org). Each delegate will make their own lodging arrangement.

For those who do not choose campus lodging, the Holiday Inn Vancouver Center on Broadway Street in the city will be an option. The deluxe guestrooms will be available for conference delegates at a rate of \$145 CAD/night. The hotel also offers the group rate for three days before and three days after our conference. Breakfast is an extra charge. A direct bus line to the UBC campus is close to the hotel. Contact Heather Gagnon for reservations at (604) 707-1939 or email her at [info@hivanancouver.com](mailto:info@hivanancouver.com).



Dr. Sal Zimmerman ([SZimmerman5@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:SZimmerman5@schools.nyc.gov)) and Dr. Shanna Jamanis ([sjamani9@zimbra.naz.edu](mailto:sjamani9@zimbra.naz.edu)) are the Children's Art Co-Chairs. They welcome your ideas and contributions to highlight the artwork or children with special needs. Dr. Marcel Lebrun ([mlebrun@mail.plymouth.edu](mailto:mlebrun@mail.plymouth.edu)) will chair the Auction Committee. It is not too early to think about what item you will bring to our auction. Proceeds from this auction go directly to the IASE Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund. The fabulous University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology will be the host site for the Dean's Reception that is scheduled for Sunday evening to kick-off the conference. The Gala Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday evening ... and we urge you to attend dressed to represent your own country.

We are looking forward to your participation in this upcoming conference ... and sharing your input on this long journey. So, please continue to spread the word about this great opportunity to engage in international projects and partnerships that join people from various societies and cultures toward common goals, to establish networks that foster collegiality, to promote international research, and to advance services and education for individuals with exceptional needs. We truly hope to learn how you have "crossed the bridge" to inclusion so that the strengths and talents of our special people can be appreciated. Please refer to [www.iase.org](http://www.iase.org) for the latest updated conference information. We hope to see you all in Vancouver!!

Marg and Iris

## Vancouver, What a Gorgeous City!

By Jim Chapple

Soon you will be making your plans and reservations for the July 2013 Conference in Vancouver British Columbia. I know that you will want to carefully consider some of the conference tours. I would highly recommend Forbes Travel International and the events that are listed in the registration packet.



Queen Elizabeth Park

I had the opportunity to take the Vancouver City Highlights Tour which included Queen Elizabeth Park. This city highlights tour is the best way to see the top tourist spots in Vancouver. You will have 4 hours of escorted touring of the city with a knowledgeable and talented tour escort. Also included in this tour are stops at Stanley Park, Granville Island, Vancouver Lookout (on the 9 am tour only) or Queen Elizabeth Park (on the 2 pm tour only).

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### 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](mailto: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.

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### 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](http://www.IASE.org).

All proposals should be forwarded to President Paula Leitz at [leitzph@plu.edu](mailto:leitzph@plu.edu) by **November 1, 2012**.

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.

## Board Meeting in June 2012

By Paula Leitz, IASE President

The June Board Meeting was held at the home of Steve and Paula Leitz in Gig Harbor, Washington. Our 2013 Conference Chairs, Marg Csapo and Iris Drower, and Treasurer, Jim Chapple, were in attendance, as well as our Co-chair for the Volunteer Service Project (VSP), Mary Gale Budzisz. Our Secretary, Ginny Macentee, and Past-President, Bill Towne, were in attendance via phone. It was a busy, but productive weekend, accomplishing many tasks.

A new flyer for the VSP was designed and copies are now available. Additional business included 2013 Conference planning updates, clarifying the policy for recipients of the Marg Csapo Scholarship and discussing the progress toward launching the National Chairs Initiative and other opportunities for expanding memberships. In addition, we decided that members will receive membership cards starting January 2013. We finished the day with a celebratory meal at one of Gig Harbor's fine restaurants. The next board meeting will be a conference call on October 21st at 1:00 p.m. PST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Leitz, IASE President

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### FIRST Donation to our IASE GIVING Fund

By Mary Gale Budzisz

In late 2011 the IASE Board voted to institute dedicated accounts for our GIVING, Volunteer Service Project, and the Marg Csapo Scholarship Funds. We are now able to receive donations that will remain in each specific fund to be used only for the intent of that fund. With sincere gratitude we are able to announce our first donation to our GIVING Fund. Two twelve year-olds are to be credited as the donors! In their own words:

*"We raised the money by starting an organization that creates change for African children. We had the idea to start it because we wanted to help the less fortunate get sports equipment. We couldn't picture life without the stuff that we live with and wanted to try and give people everything we can. We held a road race, "Running for Change", in Nahant, Massachusetts, USA. At the end of the race we had a raffle and auctioned off autographed sports jerseys and posters that helped to contribute to the final profit. When we were ready to send the money, we had some difficulty and realized that it may not get to the children. We were devastated. But a friend of IASE, Alan Collachicco, connected with us and our parents and we decided to give the \$2,861 to the GIVING Fund. We would like the money to be used to help children with special needs learn how to play sports. Sincerely, Mia and Ellie"*



Ellie and Mia display the "large check" they have given to the IASE GIVING Fund

Although their original dream was shattered, they continued to press on to find children who will be truly happy with the new sports items they receive. The donation will be used for African children. Reports and photos will be shared. Mia and Ellie, you are fabulous role models!!

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## Update on Donations to GIVING Fund

Dear Mia and Ellie,

Your donated funds are being used in Malawi at the Mwayi Trust. It is not easy to just make a phone call and then sports equipment is available in Malawi. Items must be made from scratch...and this is happening as you read this article. There will be volleyball, netball courts and soccer goals installed at five primary schools in the rural area outside of Blantyre.



The nets have been hand made by local craftsmen, the poles have been cut at a local factory, and the balls have been purchased. Now, they are in the process of taking a generator (because there is NO electricity) out to each school so that the welding can proceed. The holes will be hand dug and concrete will be mixed and poured so the poles can be stabilized. Beanbag boards have been cut by hand and are ready to be delivered.

The bean bags have been hand sewn and are ready to be used for the games. We are sure the students will be thrilled when they see what you have done for them!

Regards, the IASE GIVING Funders

## An African Adventure...a Whirlwind Tour...of some IASE Volunteer Service Projects By Mary Gale Budzisz

Arrival in Dar es Salaam and being met by IASE member Sally Mohamedali, her daughter Maryam and Farida Khakoo was a wonderful welcome back to Tanzania. Soon, we were on our way to one of Farida's orphan center sites for the Diana Women Empowerment Organization. This site has grown. Many children shared songs and introductions. We were hosted with wonderful food and taken to a new office that is now selling items and handicrafts made by the women to help support the centers for the children. Our IASE GIVING Fund purchased a new sewing machine for this site.

The next day was also fast...early morning shopping for riding toys that we took via ferry to Zanzibar. The children in the Paediatric Occupational Therapy Programme at the Mnazi Mmoja Hospital liked riding on the veranda overlooking the Indian Ocean. These toys were funded by the Lundgren family from Edmondton, Canada.

On to Blantyre, Malawi to work with the Malawi Ministry of Education representatives. Marg joined me here after her long journey. This Inclusive Education Advocacy Program was well prepared and coordinated by Mark Cox with the able assistance of Mafios Kumpare who translated for us. We experienced real lovely rural areas in the Thyolo region south of Blantyre. But, getting to these schools was an adventure that took many, many hours over roads...or trails ...through hills, over mountains, and through valleys. When we arrived at the schools, we were greeted with warmth and many smiles from the teachers, head masters, parent group representatives and community leaders. Everyone cared about the education of their children. We helped to inform the audiences about children with special needs by teaching activities to motivate the learners. Our beanbag board traveled to the schools and we showed how it could be used as a teaching tool. We also showed how puppets

could be used to teach communication skills via dialogues and storytelling.

Our next activity was the second year of our IASE GIVING Fund sponsorship for the training workshop for Patrons and Peer Educators serving the Mwayi Trust Homework Centre Project. Patrons are teachers and the peer educators are older students who give their time to help primary students who need some extra help. They work on academic subjects and also teach recreational skills, games and songs. This after-school volunteer project is conducted in six primary schools in rural areas near Blantyre, Malawi. Sandra Trevethan, Mwayi Trust Coordinator, organized the shopping of supplies and food items and the transportation of these to the workshop site, the Mountain View School for the Deaf. This process took many long days and lots of preparation. On the Saturday prior to the four-day training workshop for peer educators, the patrons were treated to a special training day. We conducted it at the Ryalls Hotel complete with a luncheon sitting around an outdoor pool. The patrons learned and practiced what they would be teaching at the peer educator workshop. It worked out very well and one young teacher commented that "he always walked by this hotel, but never thought he could go in the front door." It was wonderful to see the patrons and peer educators take an ownership of this project.

The Peer Educators and Patrons arrived in mini-buses to see a lovely setting high in the mountains ... a perfect site for a workshop! They were thrilled to see that each had a bed and that hot-showers were available. Many had never slept in a bed nor had a hot shower. The days were filled with activities, learning how to mentor youngsters who needed some extra help, brainstorming how to create teaching tools out of local materials which cost nothing, making puppets and creating dialogues, planning lessons, plus eating and planning and practicing for the evening drama highlighting their own schools. On the final night we had a dance enjoyed by everyone. The four days went fast...and the students left with more knowledge and ready to help their young students when the schools resume classes after winter break (yes, winter...it is in the southern hemisphere!).



Sandra Trevethan (second from left) and the Patrons send thanks to IASE for sponsoring the Mwayi Trust Training Workshops in Malawi

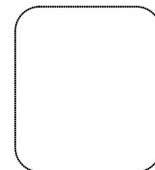
Please visit [www.iase.org](http://www.iase.org) and click on the Volunteer Service Project to see what is happening at our sites. If you are interested in becoming involved, just let me know. We are planning to highlight various sites at our IASE Conference in Vancouver in July of 2013. Come to find out more during sessions and round table discussions.

## Treasurer's Report June 21, 2012

<b>Bank of America</b>		
Checking		\$53,166.32
Savings		\$100,355.16
Total		\$153,521.48
<b>Chase</b>		
Checking		\$25,467.88
Savings		\$100,317.75
Total		\$125,785.63
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$279,307.11</b>

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