



**A Message from the
IASE President
Dr. Zandile P. Nkabinde**



As the outgoing IASE 2020-2021 President I am excited to be able to report that the organization came alive in the past two years with activities such as Virtual Dialogues that took place throughout the two years of my presidency. And I have some of the Board members to

thank for making these Virtual/Dialogues possible. The fifth IASE Virtual/Dialogue was held on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021, via Zoom. This event was student oriented, and it inspired students to share their research as well as projects they are engaged in in their settings. The theme was: Student Voices on Disability Studies and Projects across the Globe. The panelists were from Cameroon, Malawi, and Nigeria. Topics covered were: Inclusive Early Childhood Development in Malawi: Challenges and Opportunities; Benefits of ICT in Inclusive Education; Communication in Hearing Impaired Adolescent Students: A Review of the Impact on Adult Life well-being Development; Vocational Training Center of the Federal Nigeria Society for the Blind: Discussed juice making and other projects e.g., making of beaded bags and sandals. **Mark your calendars for the sixth IASE virtual dialogue on the theme of Parents as Partners and Advocates: February 26th, 2022.**

Conference planning for the 17th Biennial Conference to be held at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Education, Vietnam in July 10-14, 2022, is now

underway. The IASE board has already organized a planning committee and Vietnam also begun the process of forming different conference committees.

Celebrating Thirty-five Years:

IASE will turn 35 years old in the year 2022! This major milestone will be celebrated with fanfare during the 17th Biennial Conference. Mark the calendar for this exciting event which will be celebrated at the conference in Vietnam.

Sponsor a New Member Program:

IASE encourages all members to sponsor a student and or teacher from a developing country as we continue to grow the organization and offer services to all persons with disabilities around the world. To sponsor a new member please reach out to the Membership Chair, Dr. Rachael Gonzales at: IASEMembership@gmail.com

Mentoring Service:

IASE continues to reach out to members who may be interested in mentoring new members. Part of this mentoring service involves working with your mentee in areas of mutual interests and providing professional guidance. These areas include academic, career exploration, conference presentations, publications and other facets of professional development.

Welcome New Officers and Committee Chairs for 2022-2023:

The new President and Conference Chair is Dr. Renata Ticha, President-Elect is Dr. Gulnoza Yakubova, Past-President is Dr. Zandile Nkabinde, Treasurer is Dr. Iris Drower, Secretary is Dr. Brenda Lazarus, Members at Large are Charles Omoke (Kenya), Josue Niyokwizigirwa (Burundi), and Pavan Kumar (India), Scholarship Chair, Dr. Doreen Myrie, Membership Chair, Dr. Rachael Gonzales, Webmaster Administrator, Dr. Kaylynn Pistorio, Book Publication Chairs, Dr. Ginny MacEntee & Mary Gale Budzisz.

Proposals for the 2024 Conference Site:

IASE is seeking proposals for the 2024 Conference site and so far, only one country has submitted its proposal. The venue criteria can be found on the website at: www.iase.org Please send your proposal to Dr. Zandile Nkabinde, IASE President at presidentiase@gmail.com

This organization continues to grow and attract diverse members from all over the world. I thank the Board for its unwavering support during my tenure as the president of this thriving organization. A most promising future awaits the organization with the new enthusiastic new officers and committee chairs. I feel fortunate to have been part of this organization's growth and development.

Zandile Nkabinde, PhD
New Jersey City University, USA
IASE President (2020-2021)

17th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Special Education
Theme: "Building an Inclusive Culture Worldwide"
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, July 10-14, 2022
Drs. Renáta Tichá and Nga Hoang



IASE conference planning committee members, board members and volunteers in the US, Vietnam and other countries have been busy preparing for the 17th Biennial Conference scheduled to take place in

July 2022 in Vietnam. We are very aware of the impact the pandemic has had on people across the globe, including people with disabilities. As a team, we have been in close communication regarding hosting the conference at Ho Chi Minh City University of Education and all of the planning and implementation aspects of this international process. According to the latest developments and consensus of IASE board members, we are planning to hold the conference in person as planned.

We are excited to report that we received over 300 conference proposals from all over the world and are now in the process of reviewing them. Presenters will be notified in December 2021 about the acceptance of their proposals. We have also been able to secure three renowned keynote speakers in the areas of learning disabilities, mental health needs and autism from Vietnam, Philippines, and the United States. Ho Chi Minh City University of Education, the conference hosting institution in Vietnam, under the leadership of the Dean Nga Hoang and the conference planning committee have been working diligently on preparing the conference venue, lodging, local tours, and other conference-related details.

Please, check out the IASE website for the latest conference updates at <https://iase.org/17th-biennial-conference>. If you are able, please sponsor a teacher from Vietnam to support local conference participation. You can use this same link to find the Donate button. If you have applied for the Marg Csapo scholarship and have not received a response from IASE, please contact Dr. Doreen Myrie at j00962936@jsums.edu immediately.



On behalf of the conference planning committee, we are looking forward to seeing many of you in Vietnam in July 2022 to promote the inclusion and effective special education practices across many different cultural contexts.

Dien Ban Day Centre

The Kianh Foundation in Hoi An has realized the dream of providing a purpose-built day centre that is providing education, physiotherapy & speech therapy for children. The Dien Ban District was selected as the site because it was a major catchment area for children being surrendered to the Hoi An Orphanage. Dien Ban is just 15 minutes away from Hoi An but is a world away from this charming and increasingly prosperous tourist destination. This brand-new building is very well appointed and has a superbly trained staff to serve the needs of all of the children.



At two years of age, Trang is the youngest full-time student at the Centre.



IASE has been working with Dien Ban Day Centre since its opening in 2012. This centre is the first of its kind in the region and addresses a critical gap by providing much-needed special education and therapies such as physiotherapy and speech to children with disabilities.



Children at Dien Ban Day Centre

SPJ SADHANA SCHOOL
Admin Office for Principal
SPJ Sadhana School
Sophia College Campus, Mumbai, India

SPJ Sadhana School has always collaborated or participated in programmes with an international flavour, to allow the students as much of globally invested education as possible. With this in mind, the school is participating in the British Council's IDS project. International Dimension in Schools (IDS) celebrates a school's effort to include international work as part of their curriculum and helps embed it within the school's culture. For SPJ Sadhana, the IDS project has fostered a new dimension to enhance student perception in a holistic manner, with exposure to the culture of different countries of the world. In the Formative Years, Grade 3 had to collaborate with New Zealand.

The teachers have connected with the Sommerville Special School and had a fruitful meeting with the Deputy Principal and one of their teachers. Sadhana

School shared a power point presentation on India and the Ganesh Chaturthi Festival, while the Sommerville Special School has reciprocated with a power point presentation on the activities of the Maori festival celebrations.



At the Vocational level, the Hospitality and Catering department have investigated the Potato, 'A Super Food'. They have studied the nutritional value of the potato, along with preparation of dishes from China, Japan, France and India.



Join the Team
Dr. Rachael Gonzales



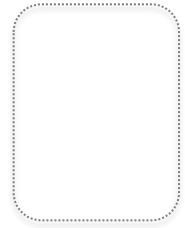
Do you want to know more about research on *Multiple Intelligences for Learners with Disabilities in Cameroon* or the *Vocational Training Center of the Blind in Nigeria*? Then become a member of IASE where you will have the opportunity to participate in our virtual dialogues and learn what these countries as well as other countries are doing in supporting individuals with different types of disabilities.

Join the team by filling out the membership form <https://iase-biz1.webs.com/membership>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me Rachael Gonzales, Membership Chair at IASEMembership@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report
as of November 13, 2021
Dr. Iris Drower

Account	Amount
Checking	\$4,062.78
VSP/Giving	\$13,069.39
Marg Csapo Scholarship	\$6,003.36
Operational Savings	\$126,850.56
Total	\$149,986.09

Renew and Join IASE Today!



To join IASE, contact Rachael Gonzales, email: IASEMembership@gmail.com

Please print information clearly:

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

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