



## A MESSAGE FROM THE IASE PRESIDENT

Dr. Renáta Tichá



I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer of relaxation, rejuvenation, new ideas, and new connections wherever you are! I am writing from South India, one of my favorite places on Earth, where a focus on special

education and inclusion is needed as much as anywhere, if not more. IASE has a Volunteer Service Site (VSP) in South India, in the state of Kerala (<https://www.iase.org/vsp-india>), alongside with VSP sites in Mumbai and New Delhi. Volunteering at one or more of these sites is an experience that can change your life and the lives of many children or youth who are served there. For information about how to set up such a volunteer opportunity, contact Dr. Iris Drower.

We have now past the one-year mark to the 18th Biennial IASE conference at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen (Plzeň in Czech language), Czech Republic, that will take place on June 27-July 1, 2024. The call for proposals for the conference is now open. The conference theme is *Supporting Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities across the Lifespan*. Proposals are due by October 1 (<https://www.iase.org/conference>). We look forward to welcoming you in the heart of Europe to share finding and accomplishments from your work, learn from colleagues, make new friends, and absorb some of the beauty of my native country.

IASE conference planning committee, together with the Czech local conference committee, have been working on the conference details, including presentation spaces, housing options, site visits,

local entertainment, etc. The Czech special education system has a lot to offer to researchers, practitioners, and family members from other countries, but it is also ready to accept new ideas for improvement. One of the key areas of focus of the conference this time is the transition of youth with disabilities from school to living in the community as adults, including transition to employment and independent housing. While people with disabilities may live in many different countries and cultures, as most of us, they go through a transition period from childhood to adulthood that can be stressful and otherwise challenging. It is a time that we develop our identities and values going forward. I am looking forward to learning how this period is addressed for young adults and adults in different contexts.

Consider submitting a conference proposal focused on one of the conference themes:

<https://www.iase.org/conference>. You will also have an opportunity to submit an article based on your conference proposal to be published in the conference proceedings. The deadline for the article is set for February 2024.

Keep doing the amazing work in special and inclusive education or social services, and we cannot wait to review your contributions to the upcoming conference, to the IASE newsletter as well as to the journal (JIASE).

On behalf of IASE, have a wonderful start to the new school year or a finish to your current school year, based on where you are!

Stay updated on the upcoming IASE conference, Volunteer Service Sites, Virtual Dialogues and other happenings at <https://iase.org/>. Do not hesitate to contact us.

With warm wishes to all corners of the world,  
Renáta

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Renáta Tichá, PhD, IASE President  
University of Minnesota, USA

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## 18<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL IASE CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS Pilsen, Czech Republic

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### Supporting Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities Across the Lifespan

Pilsen, Czech Republic  
June 28 – July 1, 2024

A Partnership between  
International Association of Special Education  
(IASE) & University of West Bohemia

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## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

*The IASE conference planning committee cordially invites all interested parties to submit presentation proposals.*

Please review all submission criteria below and submit the proposal presentation form by **October 1, 2023**. Proposals are limited to 2 per presenter – 1 as a primary proposer and the 1 as a co-presenter. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. *Proposals are to be submitted via the IASE website (<https://iase.org/conference>). Contact Dr. Kalynn Pistorio at [pistorio\\_kalynn@columbusstate.edu](mailto:pistorio_kalynn@columbusstate.edu) with questions about proposals.*

All presenters will be required to pay their registration fees by **May 1, 2024**, to be included in the conference program.

## IMPORTANT TIMELINES

**Oct. 1, 2023:** Deadline for submission of proposals  
**Dec. 1, 2023:** Notification of acceptance of proposal  
**Feb. 15, 2024:** Conference proceedings due  
**May 1, 2024:** Early special rates registration fees end  
**After May 2, 2024:** Late conference fees  
**May 1, 2024:** All presenters must be registered for conference

*\*A copy of the registration form can be found at the end of this newsletter.*

## TYPES OF SESSIONS OFFERED

Three presentation formats are available for session selection. Select the format that best fits the content and learner outcomes of your proposal from those listed below. Due to limited program slots, the Program Chair may determine it necessary to assign your session a format or length of time different from the one you select.

**Lecture:** 60 and 30 minutes for individuals to present material about a specific topic. Interaction in this format is typically limited to questions and answers.

**Multiple Presentation Panel:** Sessions in which 2 or more presenters are given approximately 20 minutes each to present their papers on a common topic, followed by 15 minutes of dialogue led by a discussant. The Program Co-Chairs will group and assign proposals to these sessions. **Format:** A multiple presentation provides an opportunity to examine specific research issues, problems, or topics from a variety of perspectives. This would provide panel discussion format targeted at a clearly delineated research issue or idea. It may also provide interaction within the group.

**Round Table and Poster Sessions:** 30-minute sessions which visually present a research study, program or project and provide interaction with the participants. **Format:** Round table sessions are designed for participants to interact with a presenter(s) in a small- group setting about a topic. Presenters prepare a handout for attendees to help them with understanding of projects/concepts.

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Attendees move between different stations of interest. Poster sessions are designed to foster maximum interaction with the audience. There will be multiple poster sessions assigned to each time slot. Attendees will share conversations and interact with a specific poster in round table discussion. Poster session presenters must: (1) prepare a poster exhibit of high quality that can stand alone in conveying information, and (2) attend the entire poster session and address questions from attendees.

**Acceptance of Another Session Type:** If you are willing to accept another session format, please check the appropriate box.

**Acceptance of an Alternative Session Length:** If you are willing to accept a session of a different length, e.g., 30 minutes, instead of 1 hour, please check the appropriate box.

**Audio Visual:** Each room at the conference site is equipped with a projection system and a screen.

**Number of Presenters Including Proposer:** Indicate the total number of presenters who will be participating in the presentation. **Note:** The number of presenters must be appropriate for the length of the session (e.g., a poster session or a 1-hour lecture should include no more than 4 presenters). Main presenter is allowed for one presentation. List all presenters.

**Proposer Contact Information:** The following information is required for the proposer. Be sure to use LAST NAME, FIRST NAME format.

- Last Name, First Name
- Position and Title
- School/Organization
- Permanent Mailing Address • Telephone
- E-mail address

### **Selection Criteria**

The Program Chair will select proposals based on the following criteria: (A) Importance of the Topic to the Field (B) Usefulness to Practitioners (C) Relevance to Learners, Families, and/or Educators of Diverse Groups

### **Conference Proceedings**

Those whose proposal will be accepted for the conference will also be invited to submit a paper based on their proposal that will be published in the IASE 2024 Conference Proceedings.

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### **IASE CO-PRESIDENT ELECT UPDATE**

**Daniel McCarthy, MSW PPSC LCSW**

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In my capacity as one of the IASE Co-President Elect and member of the conference committee, I have been busy corresponding with various US state and national organizations that represent related services professionals regarding our 18th Biennial Conference in Pilsen, the Czech Republic from June 28th thru July 1, 2024 with pre-conference site visits on the 27th. The conference theme is "Supporting Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities Across the Lifespan" and is in partnership with the University of West Bohemia.

The national organizations that were contacted were the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), the School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA), the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and the National Alliance of Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (NASISP).

In my home state of California, the following state organizations were contacted, the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP), the California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW), the California School Nurses Organization (CSNO) and the California Association of School Counselors (CASC). I have received responses from several of these organizations and will continue to correspond and promote our conference and opportunities within IASE for their members.

In addition, in my capacity as the Co-President Elect (Interim), I will participate in the IASE conference committee and attended our recent Zoom meeting on August 19. For that meeting, I reviewed several conference documents for publication: the *Exhibitor, Sponsorship and Advertising Information* packet and the *Conference Registration Form*.

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## CALL FOR 2026 BIENNIAL SITE VENUES

### IASE Biennial Conference

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We are currently seeking proposals for the 2026 IASE Conference site. We welcome proposals for a venue site that meet the requirements listed below:

- **Located in a city with an international airport and situated in a reasonably close proximity to hotels.** In addition, there should be available low cost sleeping rooms (e.g., dorms) for individuals who prefer to stay on the university campus.
- **Provide adequate meeting space** with 12-15 meeting rooms that would accommodate 25-35 persons, a large meeting space (to accommodate 400 people) for general plenary session and space for registration, exhibits, and poster sessions.
- **Provide needed equipment** (e.g., overheads, and/or LCD projectors, screens, laptops, easels).
- **Have food services available** at/near venue site.
- **Be willing to promote the conference in the region/country** and designate a minimum of 5-6 people to serve on a Local Planning Committee to work with the IASE Planning Committee on conference needs (e.g., printing a program).
- **Be willing to provide guidance to the IASE Planning Committee** about tours, school visits, venue for Gala Dinner, and more.
- **Have available low cost sleeping rooms** (e.g., dorms) for individuals who seek/prefer to stay on the university campus.
- **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.

If you are interested in hosting the 2026 IASE Conference, please submit a proposal to IASE addressing all the information listed above. **All proposals should be forwarded to our IASE President.** Your proposal should be sent to Dr. Renata Ticha, at [tich0018@umn.edu](mailto:tich0018@umn.edu) by **January 20, 2024**. The proposals will be reviewed by our Site Selection Committee. The recommended site(s) will be forwarded to the IASE Board for final selection at the spring 2024 Board Meeting. **The final site will be announced at our 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in the Czech Republic.**

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## CALL FOR IASE BOARD NOMINATIONS

### 2024-2026 Nominations

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Call for IASE Board Officers Nominations 2024-2026 Nominations are being accepted from now until January 1st, 2024. The following positions are open:

1. **President-Elect**, 1 to be elected for two-year term
2. **Secretary**, 1 to be elected for two-year term
3. **Treasurer**, 1 to be elected for two-year term
4. **Member-at-Large**, 3 to be elected for two-year terms

Descriptions of the roles and responsibilities for each of the above positions are in IASE's constitution and by-laws which can be found at <http://iase.org>. The Constitution states that the board shall be comprised of a minimum representation of 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, volunteer service and/ or an elected position). Board members are not paid a salary and must attend meetings at their own voluntary expense.

**If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise, send a letter of intent and a short (one page) resume to Dr. Zandile Nkabinde Past President at [znkabinde@gmail.com](mailto:znkabinde@gmail.com) or [znkabinde@njcu.edu](mailto:znkabinde@njcu.edu)** the IASE Nominations Chair. The committee will review all nominations and forward their recommendations to the Board for ballot approval. The voting ballot will be emailed to all paid IASE members.

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## A QUIET PLACE – MAPLE GROVE SCHOOL

[www.aquietplace.co.uk](http://www.aquietplace.co.uk)

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On Friday 23rd July, we welcomed multiple VIP guests to the official grand opening of our unique special room in Maple Grove called 'A Quiet Place'. It was attended by over twenty people and included international guests Dr. Iris Drower and Mary Gale Budzisz from the USA who are

officers and committee members of the International Association of Special Education, Dr Kevin Hochard, Deputy Head of Psychology at Chester University, Penny Moon Founder of A Quiet Place, Paul and Annabel Graham, and several of our colleagues from schools in the area. They were all welcomed by Ben Reading our Head Teacher who shared our unique program where students at Maple Grove access a holistic action learning program. The main objectives of A Quiet Place are to improve wellbeing and to develop emotional intelligence in order to benefit learning and attainment.



We described to our friends and colleagues

how A Quiet Place impacts the students, staff and school and provided information on how we can objectively measure the outcomes. Everyone was treated to afternoon tea provided by our wonderful catering department lead by Kate France and thoroughly enjoyed chatting to some students who have benefitted from engaging in the program. It was such a pleasure to host and share ideas with so many inspiring people.

If you would like to find out more about what we do in A Quiet place at Maple Grove School, then please contact A Quiet Place Facilitator [Claire.attwood@maplegroveschool.org](mailto:Claire.attwood@maplegroveschool.org)

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## IASE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Dr. Rachael González

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IASE is only as strong as its membership. Renew your membership today and stay abreast of IASE events. Invite your colleagues to become an IASE member. Upon renewing your membership or becoming a new member you will receive a certificate that you can make a copy of for your personal file.

IASE website has been migrating to a new format and we have incurred several issues with the various tabs under Membership. The **GOOD NEWS** is the membership site is now working and ready for you to renew your membership: <https://www.iase.org/membership>. Thank you for your patience through this transition.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dr. Rachael González, Membership Chair at [IASEMembership@gmail.com](mailto:IASEMembership@gmail.com)

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Iris Drower

as of August 12, 2023

Account	Amount
Checking	\$3,853.45
VSP/Giving	\$8,528.79
Marg Csapo Scholarship	\$7,505.75
Operational Savings	\$137,678.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$157,566.23</b>



## REGISTRATION Fee Schedule

# 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Association of Special Education (IASE)

You can complete a separate registration form for each participant or complete this online by going to our website at [iase.org](http://iase.org). Duplicate this form as needed. **Make checks or money orders payable to IASE** in US dollars. Mail to: IASE Treasurer, Dr. Iris Drower, P.O. Box 2159 Mesa, Arizona, 85214 USA Email: [dririsdoug@gmail.com](mailto:dririsdoug@gmail.com). For wire transfers please contact the IASE Treasurer directly via email.

You may pay by credit card online too! Go to our website for information. Our payment schedule will be available on our website on or before January 15th, 2024 **IASE Federal ID# 43-1974089**.

**Please note all Czech Participants will pay a special country rate fee of 100.00 USD. Plus 50 USD for IASE membership. Please contact Dr. Šárka Káňová for more information: [kanova@kpg.zcu.cz](mailto:kanova@kpg.zcu.cz)**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

**Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Province:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (O)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(H or Cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gala Dinner:** Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_ **Indicate Special Diet Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate Any Special Access Services Required:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference registration includes: Opening Reception, conference bag, three days of conference sessions with morning breaks, program, Gala Dinner, and Conference Proceedings.**



## REGISTRATION FEES

	By May 1, 2024	After May 2, 2024 (late fees)
<b>IASE Member</b>	___\$485.00	___\$585.00
<b>Non IASE Member</b>	___\$535.00	___\$635.00
<b>IASE Member</b>		
Developing Country	___\$185.00	___\$285.00
<b>Non IASE Member</b>		
Developing Country	___\$235.00	___\$335.00
<b>IASE Student Member</b>	___\$285.00	___\$385.00
(undergraduate and graduate students taking 15+ credit hours per academic year)		
<b>Non IASE Student Member</b>	___\$335.00	___\$435.00
(undergraduate and graduate students taking 15+ credit hours per academic year)		
<b>IASE Member Retired</b>	___\$225.00	___\$325.00
(65+ years old)		
<b>Non IASE Member Retired</b>	___\$325.00	___\$425.00
(65+ years old)		

**Extra Gala Dinner Tickets for a guest only:** \_\_\_ Number @ \$55.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Tours:**

Fees to be determined

**TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES:** (payment in US dollars only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment:** \_\_\_ Check/Money Order \_\_\_ Credit Card (see below)

**Name on Credit Card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of the Credit Card:** \_\_\_\_\_, City \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip or country Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration date of card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** All presenters are required to register for the conference by May 1, 2024 or their names will not appear in the conference program. All registration forms and payment must be received no later than May 1, 2024. Registrants with special meal requests must list them on the registration form.

**Cancellations MUST be made in writing for the IASE Board approval.** Send to IASE, c/o IASE Treasurer PO Box 2159, Mesa Az. 85214. **Refund information:** All refunds are subject to an \$80.00 US processing charge. Cancellations made by May 1, 2022 full refund minus the \$80.00 processing charge. May 2-15, 2024 a 75% refund (minus \$80.00), May 16-30, 2024 a 50% refund (minus \$80.00). No refunds after June 1, 2024.

**PLEASE remember to register early as this conference is limited to the first 400 participants.**

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## Renew and Join IASE Today!

To join IASE, contact Rachael Gonzales, email: [IASEMembership@gmail.com](mailto:IASEMembership@gmail.com)

**Please print information clearly:**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State / Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues:**

Regular: \$US 50 \_\_\_\_\_ Regular/Sponsor: \$US 70 \_\_\_\_\_ Student Membership: \$US 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Developing Country: \$US 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \$US 70 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail of person sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of person sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Marg Csapo Scholarship: \$US \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$US \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Information: \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_

Online Payment Authorized.net (Please follow link on the website @ [www.iase.org](http://www.iase.org))

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cardholder (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque (Payable to IASE, US funds)

**Please send your membership form to:**

**IASE Treasurer**

PO Box 2159

Mesa, AZ 85214

USA

E-mail: [irisdoug@cox.net](mailto:irisdoug@cox.net)

IASE operates on a rolling membership year; you will be invited to renew your membership one year after joining. All other membership inquiries contact: [iasemembership@gmail.com](mailto:iasemembership@gmail.com)