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International Association of Special Education

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

Message from the IASE President

By Paula Leitz

Happy 2013! So much was accomplished this past year and there is so much to be excited for this new year. IASE will celebrate its 13th Biennial Conference in Vancouver, B.C., during the month of July and many new initiatives are in progress.

During the December 16th Board meeting several important decisions were made. I am excited to announce that the Board approved of IASE's first two National Chairs. Dr. Girma Berhanu and Dr. Anupriya Chadha will represent Sweden and India, respectively, as National Chairs. Soon, the Board will approve another ten National Chairs. If you have someone that you would like to nominate, please go to our website for information regarding the nomination procedures. Also during this meeting the Board approved support for the construction of a vocational training center at the Mwayi Trust located in Blantyre, Malawi. This has been one of our longstanding volunteer service sites.

The mission and goals of IASE are moving forward in many fulfilling ways. What a wonderful organization to which we belong!

Highlights of Conference Keynotes

By Marg Csapo and Iris Drower

You only need to look as far as the plenary session's keynoters to gain a sense of the tremendous amount of diversity represented at this year's upcoming biennial conference. These keynote presenters come from vastly different disciplines and backgrounds. We hope these sessions inspire and enlighten you with an international flavor!



Earth: As depicted by J.A. Tan

Our first keynote speaker for Monday, July 8th, will be **J.A. Tan** (Jose Antonio S. Tan), a Vancouver based visual artist who will share his story "It Isn't Simple ... BUT ... a Bridge Gets you There ..." of growing up in the Philippines and becoming a visual artist. J.A. was diagnosed before his third birthday as a high functioning child with autism.

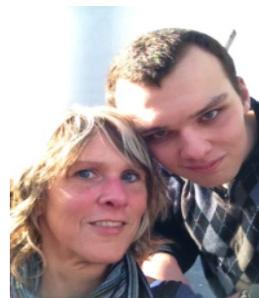
J.A. states: "I have come to the realization that I have always used art as a way of helping myself bring out my thoughts, feelings, and ideas. I consider it an integral part of my existence as each work is a personal journey of myself with myself, and myself with the world, bringing a feeling of peace and happiness since things become clearer to me through the images and visual pictures before me. Coping with everyday life as an artist challenged with autism, I strive to make a difference in the world. Through my work, I hope to make the world less of a mystery and less scary for everyone. I hope to be able to create images of how someone like me thinks, feels, and interact with people."

On Tuesday, July 9th, **Dr. Liliana Mayo** will dazzle us with her journey. Dr Liliana Mayo, Founder & General Director Centro Ann Sullivan del Peru (CASP), uses life stories in her keynote entitled: "Full Inclusion into Life in Peru: People with different abilities economically and meaningfully supporting their families." On August 20, 1979, Liliana Mayo, with the help of her parents and colleagues, founded the Centro Ann Sullivan del Peru (CASP), teaching eight children with different abilities in the garage of her parents' home located in the district of La Punta, Callao, Peru. She established CASP because at that time there were no institutions in Peru offering educational services to people with autism, developmental delays or severe behavioral problems. She chose the name Ann Sullivan in honor of Anne Sullivan Macy, the teacher of Helen Keller, a world renowned author and activist who was deaf and blind. Since its inception, CASP used the motto *Together we make the impossible possible*.



To meet the growing demand for education services, CASP facilities gradually transformed into a three-story building which was the first fully accessible building in Peru. This was made possible through the generosity of donations from friends, national and international organizations, families and the CASP team. Dr. Mayo states that "At CASP we believe in multiplicative education: that what we learn we have to share with anyone who is interested in making a difference in the lives of people with different abilities."

On Wednesday, July 10th, the closing plenary session will highlight a panel of keynoters. These presenters will share with the audience methods they have used to overcome adversity, ways to advocate for those who do not use their voice, techniques to sensitize the community, and practices that have made them successful.



Evan and his mother Nadine.

Nadine Bakas-Howarth from Nelson, a small city in the Selkirk Mountains in the Southern Interior of British Columbia, will present "The Indomitable Spirit - a journey of courage and hope." She is a single parent of 19-year old twins, **Evan** and **Hannah**. For the past 15 years, Nadine has been a strong advocate for her son Evan who was diagnosed with autism at the age of four. Nadine balances her work as a florist and martial art school administrator along with her hobbies that include skiing, cycling, and kayaking.

Nadine's son Evan has just earned his 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He trains with his twin sister Hannah at a local school associated with the United States Chung Do Kwan Association. This session will highlight a demonstration of their martial skills.

In 2011, Evan was nominated and received a BC Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Yes I Can! Award. Impressed with his achievements, the BC CEC nominated Evan for the International CEC Yes I Can! Award. In April 2012, Evan received an International Council for Exceptional Children Yes I Can! Award in Denver, Colorado, for his accomplishments in athletics. He graduated from high school in June 2012 and currently attends the transitional training program at his local college. Evan balances school with five paying jobs and works a total of 17 hours per week.

Mary Jane Trunzo, from Phoenix, Arizona, USA, a Certified Speech-Language Pathologist, Clinical Director of the Arizona Institute for Communication and Cognitive Disorders, and founder and co-chair of the Phoenix Sister Cities Disabilities Awareness Committee (DAC) will discuss how "her career goes ...beyond our borders." She has worked extensively with children and adults with communication disorders, particularly those with acquired and traumatic brain injuries, for over 32 years. Mary Jane has co-authored a clinical textbook on communication and coping skills and has conducted research in neurogenic communication disorders. She has lectured and provided workshops throughout Arizona and the United States on traumatic brain injury, particularly in the areas of Post-Concussive Disorder and Pediatric Brain Injury. Ms. Trunzo has received numerous awards for her outstanding work on acquired brain injury and was admitted to Valley Leadership's ranks for her leadership role in the community.



In addition, under Ms. Trunzo's leadership, DAC has won national disability awards almost yearly for its International Competition for Artists with Disabilities and the International Competition for Writers with Disabilities and other projects that promote disability awareness locally and globally through Phoenix's sister city connections.

According to Mary Jane, "These competitions signify that despite differences among people, we all inhabit the same earth and we all are exposed to the specific challenges of our lives. If we are to preserve our world, we need to seek common ground to either reconcile or accept our differences."



Panelist **Dr. Kathy Johnson**, Associate Professor at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, USA, and **Zhao Chun Li** (known as Angel), the Ginkgo Academy Partnership (Yangshuo, China) as featured in this photo, will be discussing "From Pity to Compassion: Angel's Story." Angel is a young woman with brittle bone disease and dwarfism.

She stands at only 36 inches tall but has goals that shoot for the moon. Angel's dream is to be a voice for individuals with special needs who are not so fortunate in China. She advocates for individuals who have not received an education, who are deemed unemployable, and who suffer daily from discrimination and hardship. One of the most challenging days for Angel was a gift in disguise. Angel's dream is to implement a Commitment to Action that would include building a model, bilingual inclusive school, teacher training on inclusion and continued professional development. To support this work, Angel was invited to attend the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting in September of 2012. At the conclusion of this meeting, President Clinton called her to the stage, escorted by her husband. He stated clearly and effectively, "She could have been a victim of circumstance, but now she is the leading advocate for people with disabilities

in China." Angel's gifts are her positive attitude, her spirit of resilience, her fluency in English and her self-determination to be a change agent. Listen to her amazing journey and learn how the partnership and friendship that has emerged between Dr. Johnson and Angel is empowering and equipping her to change the world!

In addition to the many presentations featuring disability scholars, educators, students, parents, community members and agency representatives from all over the world, the program will feature an interesting array of poster presentations, panels, workshops, and round table sessions. As always, the welcoming reception and gala performances promise to be enlightening as well as immensely entertaining. Woven into the conference you will also enjoy many attractions beyond the sessions, such as viewing Children and Adult Art, participating in the Live and Silent Actions, visiting Exhibits, meeting the Marg Csapo Scholarship recipients, and learning from graduate students who will present at the Student Forum Poster Sessions. We encourage you to bring an item for our auction, network with delegates from all over the world, and dress in your native attire for our gala event as you embark on a journey of a life-time!

IASE Donations at Work in Malawi By Sandra Trevethan

Firstly, on behalf of Mwayi Trust and the youth of Chileka I want to say thank you to the board and members of IASE for the support they have given us in the past two years and especially now for the donation providing seed money for the construction of an inclusive Vocational Training Centre (VTC).

Community involvement underpins all programs initiated by Mwayi Trust and the Vocational Training Centre is no exception. Funds have been raised in Australia by the E.D. Sandra Trevethan and meetings were held with the local TA (Traditional Leader) and over 100 chiefs to outline the project, gain their approval and ask for their support. We asked them if they would encourage their villagers to make 80,000 bricks to be used in Phase One of the project. We received the unanimous support of all the chiefs. Each Group of villages was given a target number of bricks to make ranging from 8000-12000 bricks. To our immense surprise one group raised enough money from each household to make 100,000 bricks, which means we should have over 150,000 bricks by June 2013!



TA Kunthembe, Sandra and Village reps



Making mud bricks Malawi style

Initial plans were drawn up pro-bono by a young Malawian architect and a surveying report prepared also pro-bono by a quantity surveyor also Malawian. We have made changes to the sizes and arrangement of the rooms. The picture in this article shows the two blocks of the VTC. A meeting held in January with board members, architects, and contractors planned the way forward for construction to begin as soon as the rainy season ends and the harvesting is completed.

This first block will contain an office, a common room and three workshop/multi-purpose rooms. One multi-purpose room will be used for tailoring, office skills, and computer literacy. The second room will have a kitchen for teaching baking and cooking for the hospitality business. These students will be taught how to make an oven so they can run a business from home. The last room will be a bedroom with a suite to teach room stewards the hospitality skills used in the tourist business. These multi-purpose rooms will be used for sensitization workshops with parents, teachers and community groups.

Within the next few months we will begin a fundraising campaign to elicit support from the business community in Blantyre. The main activity will be a campaign called 'Just One' in which we ask businesses and community members to donate 'just one' item for the VCT, e.g. a door or window, a bag of cement, or a section of roofing. We will also be working with a pro-active youth organization willing to enlist youth to volunteer during the building or painting phase.



A picture of the planned Vocational Training Centre

We welcome support from the international community through funding, donating 'just one' or more items or visiting us to make this inclusive dream a reality for the youth of Chileka. We already have some volunteers from America making plans to visit. Once again thank you IASE. Please contact me at sandy.mwayi@gmail.com if you are interested.

Conference Volunteers Are Helping To Build New Bridges

The last few months have been very busy for IASE! President Paula Leitz, conference co-chairs, plus local and IASE committees have focused most of their energies on the 13th biennial conference on special education to take place in Vancouver, British Columbia, in July 7-11, 2013: *Building Bridges from Segregation to Inclusion...the Long Journey*. Kudos to our Local Arrangement Committee members who have been working tirelessly on this convention. The committee members are Dr. Marg Csapo, Dr. Shirley McBride, Dr. Cay Holbrook, Stephanie Koropatnick, Allison Ugden and Dr. Georgina Robinson. Special thanks to Jennifer Tong for connecting us with one of our keynote panelists. We are nearly six months away and the theme truly reflects the commitment of our organization and delegates who have dedicated their time and talents over the years toward service, education, advocacy, research and support of the journeys individuals have made throughout the world.

The Program Committee, comprised of Dr. Jim Chapple, Dr. Iris Drower and Dr. Clay Keller, are impressed by the number, scope, and quality of proposals submitted and fully enjoyed filling each day's scheduling grid as the richness of the program unfolded. We are very confident that you will each find multiple opportunities to learn, share, and mingle with friends and colleagues during the conference. Thanks to Dr. Morgan Chitiyo, Proceedings Chair, and his editors, Dr. Greg Prater, Dr. Lynn Aylward, Dr. George Chitiyo, and Dr. Ann Hughes, for their expertise in producing the document of manuscripts that will be presented at the conference.

IASE members are volunteering for numerous committees to make this a successful conference. The Exhibit Chair, Dr. Graydon Mitchell, has been working round the clock to solicit for exhibitors and he is still open for more participants. Please contact him at gmitchell.nawa@gmail.com to submit an application. Auction Chair, Marcel Lebrun, is anxiously awaiting silent and live auction items that will benefit the Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund. Please contact him soon at mlebrun@plymouth.edu. Special Art Exhibit Chairs, Dr. Shanna Jamanis, Dr. Sal Zimmerman and Stephanie Koropatnick have been organizing this showcase event. Tour Coordinator, Sandra D'Souza, has provided our delegates very unique tour options for networking and seeing the wonderful sights and sounds of Vancouver! Feel free to contact her and sign up, tours are booking fast at Sandra@forbes-travel.co. Our Public Relations

Chair, Dr. Zandile P. Nkabinde, and her committee, have been getting the word out about this IASE event. The Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund Chair, Sister Mary Karen Oudeans, has been reviewing applications and awarded scholarships. Poster Sessions Chair, Dr. Ginny Macentee, has been coordinating a variety of sessions that will introduce new research.

Steve Leitz, IASE webmaster, is to be commended for his effort and endless hours of work to give you an up-to-date look at www.iase.org. Please visit the site to find out the latest information about the conference and IASE activities in which you may like to participate.

Conference Informational Item: During the 2013 Biennial Conference in Vancouver, the *General Membership Meeting* is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 8:00-9:00 AM. On Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 8-9:30 AM in the Faculty of Education Building the *current Board of Directors* shall meet with the *incoming Board of Directors*.

Ballot for IASE Slate of Officers 2014-2015

YES___ NO___ President-Elect James Chapple, USA
 YES___ NO___ Treasurer Steve Leitz, USA
 YES___ NO___ Secretary Virginia MacEntee, USA
 YES___ NO___ Member at Large Sajjad Khan, BANEGLEDESH
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The completed ballot can be emailed to Dr. William Towne, Chair of the Nominations Committee: wtowne11@comcast.net, wtowne@salemstate.edu or sent by post to:

Dr. William Towne, 7 Forest Street Byfield, MA, 01922-0038, USA.
 All ballots must be received by April 1, 2013.

The Journal of the International Association of Special Education

Manuscript Invitation for a Topical Issue on Inclusion from Around the World

The *Journal of the International Association of Special Education (JIASE)* is seeking manuscripts for publication of its debut topical issue to be published online in the last quarter of 2014. The theme of this issue is **Inclusion from Around the World**. We invite authors to submit manuscripts focused on research or conceptual papers on the theme of inclusion.

Even though invited, all manuscripts will undergo a peer review process in the same fashion as any other manuscript submitted to the *JIASE*. Thus, the invitation is not a guarantee that a manuscript will be published. However, we guarantee you that your manuscripts will be given careful consideration based on the journal's peer review process. All submitted manuscripts should follow the same submission guidelines as the regular print version of the *JIASE*. These author guidelines can be found at the following website <http://www.iase.org/>.

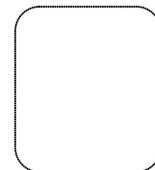
The deadline for submission of articles is December 31, 2013. Manuscripts and related questions should be submitted to *JIASE* editor, Dr. Morgan Chitiyo, via email (chitiyom@duq.edu).

IASE Treasurer's Report February 14, 2013

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