

The 16th Biennial Conference in Magamba, Tanzania July 14 - 17, 2019

A Message from the IASE President



President's Message

We are currently on the home stretch for the 16th Biennial Conference to be held in Magamba, Tanzania from July 14 – 17, 2019. It is my hope that you have

finalized all your travel arrangements. It is a great honor to me that the 16th Biennial IASE Conference will be held in Tanzania which neighbors my home country to Kenya. The theme for the upcoming conference will be “Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Developing Resilience and Inclusive Sustainable Development.” My special thanks to the local conference planning team from Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in Tanzania for all the hard work and countless hours they have put in to ensure this conference will be a success. With 250+ confirmed conference attendees [including higher education professionals, school teachers, school administrators, college students, parents and community members], it is my hope that the upcoming conference will provide a great opportunity for networking and future collaboration. This is always a great opportunity for different professionals from countries around the world to learn new ideas, emerging best practices and services from different conference attendees from countries around the world.

The past few months have been a very busy time for the board and we have been able to accomplish the following:

- We identified the site for our next conference to be held in 2021. As we have traditionally done in the past, the 2021 conference site will be announced at the end of our membership meeting that will be held on July 16th in Magamba, Tanzania. We have invited representatives from the country to be in attendance and assist the IASE board as we announce the next conference site.
- IASE was able to sponsor conference registration fees for 25 Tanzanian teachers through our “Sponsorship for Tanzanian teachers” fundraising initiative. This group comprises mainly of classroom teachers working with individuals with disabilities at

the primary and secondary levels. I look forward to meeting this great group of teachers in Magamba.

- Our new board members for the 2020 - 2021 term will also be formally introduced during the membership meeting. The following individuals were elected to the different positions:
 - President - Zandile Nkabinde
 - President Elect - Virginia Macentee
 - Secretary - Anne Hughes
 - Treasurer - Iris Drower
- Members at large**
 - Hoang Thi Nga [Vietnam]
 - Manuk Khachatrayan [Armenia]
 - Roberta Goldberg [USA]

Dr. Beatrice Adera,
West Chester University of Pennsylvania, USA
IASE President (2018-2019)

VSP Site in Hue, Vietnam

by *Phuong Anh*

The Office of Genetic Counselling and Disabled Children (OGCDC) under the management of the Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy has been setting up projects for children with disabilities since 1999. After 11 years of operation, OGCDC became a local NGO under the name of Fund of Genetic Counselling and Disabled Children (FGCDC).

In April 2001, we started with a small class of seven children with learning difficulties and one teacher. In September 2005, the school moved to a new spacious and handicapped-accessible building which not only provides classrooms but also facilities for rehabilitation, physiotherapy, cultural activities and school assemblies. The Future School has grown into a school with 5 classes for 56 children, 7 teachers, a cook, and a manager.

All the running cost of the Future School is from the contribution of parents for school fees and the partial support of Lilianne Foundation (Netherlands) and Bretagne Vietnam Association (France) in the parrainage program for poor children. However, the total funding to

run the Future School is just enough for paying a low salary of 180 USD / month/ teacher, for food and basic learning materials for children. The Future School does not receive any funding from the local government.

With the support of International Association of Special Education (IASE), USA, the school received donations that included outdoor toys and a resource room with teaching materials for teachers that focus on different developmental areas, such as: communication, self help, cognition, motor, sensory and social skills. IASE also provided resources to equip an individual sensory room to support children with sensory needs. We would like to express our sincere thanks to IASE and its members for providing the toys and equipment for the Future School. These donations will assist us in establishing a good educational environment for children with intellectual disabilities to ensure that they are receiving quality education and the ability to apply the acquired skills in their daily lives as we strive to successfully integrate them into their local community.



Member Spotlight - A visit to Kenya by *Zandile Nkabinde - President Elect*

During the 2019 Winter Break, Associate Professor of Special Education Zandile Nkabinde a 2016 Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program alumnus traveled to Kenya, East Africa, to meet with her former students at the University of Kabianga and to visit a residential

school for the mentally impaired in the Eastern part of Kenya. At the university of Kabianga she met with the Vice Chancellor and the Deputy-Chancellor in charge of Academics and Student Affairs Dr. Elijah Omwenga before meeting with her former students. While working with the University of Kabianga in 2016, Dr. Peter Muindu, one of the lecturers invited her to visit his village of Nuu located in Eastern Kenya. During this visit, she was introduced to a residential school for the mentally impaired. This visit was the highlight of her stay in Kenya.



During her visit some children asked her what she had brought them, and since she did not know the school she came empty handed but promised to come back. When she returned to NJCU, she started collecting T-shirts and other items for the school. Dr. Nkabinde received many donations including more than hundred BAAFSO t-shirts from Dr. William Guzman at the Hagan Africana Studies Center. Dr. Jennifer Jones, the Director for Academic Career Planning and Placement also contributed T-shirts for the good cause. Friends and family also contributed items that she carried and delivered to the school. In addition, the school named the playground after her which was a humbling honor. When seeing the joy in those children’s eyes she realized how impactful the Carnegie Fellowship was to her in granting her the opportunity of putting service at the center of education.

Conference Liaison Updates

Plans are coming together for the 2019 IASE Conference at Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University in Magamba, Tanzania East Africa. There are many people who have chosen to volunteer to make this conference a success. We will be welcomed by our brothers and sisters in Tanzania as “We will bus you up the mountain. We will bus you down the mountain and we will change your life in between.”



Dr. Anneth Munga, Chairperson of the Local Planning Committee, has sent letters of invitation to all those attending the conference. She is also eager to welcome those attending the conference not only to

Tanzania but also to Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University. The entire country of Tanzania has been aware of the conference due to a generous donation of free media advertising.

Conference bags are being made by clients at the Gabriella Children’s Rehabilitation Center in Moshi, Tanzania. The Center is 10 years old and ensures that children with disabilities are identified early, properly assessed and trained to become acceptable community members.



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The nametag lanyards are being made by the students at the Irente Rainbow School. Rainbow has over 80 students who are mentally handicapped and/or autistic. Check out our conference blog too! If you have questions, please contact the Conference Liaison Susan Pursch, iasesecretary@gmail.com



We anticipate over 250 people to attend from 22 countries. We have 5 recipients of the Marg Csapo Scholarship. We have 25 Tanzanian teachers who received donated scholarships for their registration generated by our members. We have five keynote speakers – Edward Bagandanshwa, Benjamin Mkapa, Girma Berhanu, Charlot Barker and Twesigye Jackson Kaguri. We have over 80 representatives from Tanzania. Guests will be welcomed by brass musicians, drummers, dancers, singers, and honored guests.

We received 243 proposals of which 220 were accepted. Thanks to all who chose to submit and thanks to Brenda Lazarus and her review committee for processing these. In addition thanks to Morgan Chitiyo and his committee for completing the conference proceedings.

We have a large area in the auditorium which will display exhibits, the children/young adult art projects, items in the Silent Auction and will have our own marketplace. The IASE Marketplace will have vetted artisans of all ages who will display their goods such as local fabric and tailors, craft projects from the Irente Rainbow School and the School for the Blind, local tea from Lutindi Hospital and others.

Please remember to bring items to our live and silent auction. Items sold will go directly to the Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund. Remember what is no longer unique to you can be a treasurer and/or a find for someone else!

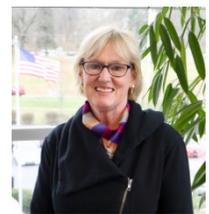


Wednesday, July 17th at the Conference will be a CULTURAL DAY. Because of the distance between Lushoto and Magamba and the fact there is no time during the day to

return to your hotels in Lushoto to get into your ethnic outfits, we are making Wednesday at the Conference CULTURAL DAY. You are being requested to wear your ethnic outfits throughout the day. We will be celebrating the various cultures throughout the day. You will be reminded during the conference to wear your cultural outfits.

We anticipate the Tanzanian Minister of Education, Science and Technology Hon. Joyce Ndalichako, to address the group.

We invited Yvonne Bui to be one of our keynote speakers, but she was not able to attend. Therefore, Charlot Barker was asked to be a keynote speaker. Charlot is Director of Technology Support and Systems Architecture in Information Technology (IT) at the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Charlot has been a software engineer at the System Development Corporation working on the design of a system for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and for Computer Sciences Corporation where she worked on projects for National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) including Space Shuttle support, the Hubble Space Telescope and other research projects. She has extensive



Charlot Barker

experience developing tools and resources for people with special needs.

All those who need to secure a visa to enter Tanzania have been requested you apply on-line (e-visa). This is an efficient way to secure a visa within a shorter period of time. If you are having any issues getting your visa, please contact our conference liaison via iasesecretary@gmail.com immediately.

When our Conference tag line was developed: “We will bus you up the mountain. We will bus you down the mountain and change your life in between” – we meant it.



Welcome to Lushoto



Main Street Lushoto

Important Conference Reminders

Silent Auction and Children/Young Adult Art

Please remember to bring with you items you would like to donate for the silent auction. These will be on display all week in the area for Exhibits, Children/Young adult art work, and the Marketplace.

Children/Young Adult Art

Please also bring with you samples of art work created by children and/or young adults you work with. We will have a display area and poster boards to display them.

Plastic Ban

All visitors and residents are advised to avoid packing any plastic bags in their suitcases or in carry-on hand luggage before flying to Tanzania. Items purchased at the airport before boarding the aircraft should be removed from plastic bags. Please check hand luggage before disembarking at entry points and any plastic bags should be left in the plane.

Sunday, July 14th - 7:00 am Pick Up's

All conference attendees are encouraged to arrive on July 13th to spend a night at any one of the approved sites. All

attendees will travel by road very early Sunday morning for 4-6 hours via provided transport to the site of the conference - SEKOMU. This will give you a chance to see part of Tanzania. You will go from a hot climate to scenic mountain views, or terraced gardens, waterfalls, small villages, many switchbacks in the road and finally to Lushoto/Magamba.

ANYONE WHO HAS NOT CONFIRMED THEIR SUNDAY PICK-UP LOCATION WITH THE CONFERENCE LIAISON SHOULD DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

Keep in mind if your name is not on a list, the respective drivers will leave you behind and you will need to find your own way. This is not recommended as it is a long drive and can be very costly.

Lodging During the Conference

Please remember it is your responsibility to find and book your lodging during the conference. We have arranged for daily transportation from the following lodging sites to the conference in the morning and returning you at the end of the day. Suggested lodging locations can be found on the iase.org website. The only locations for daily pickup and drop off are: St. Eugene's, the Executive Lodge, Muller's, Highland Park, Tumaini, Kakakuona, Avocado, and Lawn's. If you are staying at a location not previously mentioned, you will be responsible for securing your own daily transport.

IASE Remembers.....

It is with deep regret and profound sadness that we report the passing of the following IASE members. IASE is honored to recognize our founder, life-time and outstanding members for their dedication to the association and to the field of special education. Please note that this information is only that which has been volunteered to us by colleagues, friends, and family. *Let us pause to remember the dedication of these members we have lost.*

Dr. Marg Csapo - April 5, 2019

As a visionary Dr. Marg Csapo embraced the words of John F. Kennedy “All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent.”



She believed there needed to be a paradigm shift of educational thinking for the 21st century when it came to creating just another organization. Part of her vision was to continually address the challenges faced by those in the special education field while promoting fellowship and professionalism around the world when addressing the most vulnerable and marginalized children. Hence, the International Association of Special Education (IASE) was born. This organization is based on an altruistic/grass roots model without borders or boundaries.

She started to build IASE brick by brick while maintaining the importance of volunteering and giving back. Moreover, while testing this organization she created a broad-based international journal that provided opportunities to share and collaborate good practices and scholarly research. This journal was created to showcase first-time authors from developing countries in the special needs area.

By harnessing the power of storytelling, she began to reach out to communities around the world to find out their immediate needs for their vulnerable populations. She mobilized and empowered millions around the world to raise the banner for vulnerable special needs children by establishing, setting up, providing training, soliciting volunteers and developing the Volunteer Service Projects (VSP) sites worldwide. All volunteers pay their own way and IASE raises money through membership and conferences to provide funds for these selected programs. Members volunteer and share their expertise in these developing countries. SEKOMU is one of IASE's volunteer sites that Marg has been involved with since its inception.

She was the first special education teacher in Toronto, Canada. The superintendent called her on a weekend to tell her she would be teaching the first special education class for children with emotional disabilities. I am sure she was an overnight sensation. At that time teacher training in this field did not exist. So, Monday morning came and she showed up! So, it began as she recognized a call to action and acted upon it. She did not stop there. She yearned for more.

So, Marg entered yet another program, the first class of Ph.D. candidates to complete her degree with Dr. James Kaufman at University of Kansas, in special education. She was driven to complete this next step in her life's plan. So, she literally drove from Toronto to Kansas, USA weekly in her Volkswagen beadle through ice and snow on weekends to visit her husband and children. Opportunities continued for Marg with her interview at the University of British Columbia. She found her home and before the interview was even conducted she claimed this is where she was going to live. And of course, she did and still lives there today.

The journey continued as she celebrated 30 years of IASE in Perth Australia at the 15th Biennial Conference. Marg (the founder of IASE) was honored for dedication and ongoing lifetime service to IASE. Another milestone was when she celebrated her 90th birthday with her family and friends. Unfortunately, Marg passed away on the morning of April 5, 2019. But no matter to her self-doubt at the end of the day is a holding back of a potential gift for the world. She has taught me and so millions of others that sometimes you need to take the risk, of feeling rejected or unwanted and put yourself and your work out there to open more doors. In essence, it further allows you to reflect how you show up in the world.... I come with an offering and a gift to serve. She is at peace now and no doubt continuing to open new doors too!

Dr. Bob Henderson - April, 2019



A man remembered for wearing many notable hats throughout life—and doing so with passion, precision, generosity, and humor—Professor Robert “Bob” A. Henderson passed away on April 10 at Meadowbrook Health Center in Urbana, Illinois. He was 94.

Dr. Henderson was a life-time member of IASE, a faculty member at Illinois for more than 40 years, serving as chair of the Department of Special Education for 20 years.

When he retired from the university in 1993, Henderson took on the title of professor emeritus and remained involved in many College of Education and Department of Special Education activities. He kept office hours that allowed plenty of time for fishing, cooking, and various past times in retirement.

Bob, who earned his doctorate in Special Education under the direction of [Samuel Kirk](#), was a true pioneer of the discipline in his own right. He was a key player in developing and refining the treatment plan for individuals with PKU, a rare inherited metabolic disorder that causes an amino acid called phenylalanine to build up in the body, which, left untreated, can lead to intellectual disability, seizures, behavioral problems, and mental disorders. Bob trained administrators in Washington D.C. and around the world in special education Bob and Stan Love (another life-time member) attended many IASE conferences and were true supporters of making differences in the field of special education around the world.

Dr. Richard Zigler – December, 2018



Dr. Richard Zigler is a long-time member of IASE. He lived his early years in Toronto. He received his post graduate diploma at the University of Saskatchewan in Learning & Behaviour Disorders in 1974. In 1988 he received his Doctorate in Education from The University of Minnesota,

and a Doctorate of Philosophy from Federal University, Novosibirsk, Siberia in Inclusive Education in 2002. He was driven by educational inequities. He wanted to create an environment where no student, no child would be deprived of a solid education regardless of race, color, family status, ability to pay or physical or mental disability. Richard taught in many places that most couldn't find on a map. He travelled the world looking for a home that fit his unique background of teaching and administration. He settled in Kilifi, Kenya and Pwani University. He lectured, tutored, and created programs to help educate graduate and post graduate students.

Dr. T. Saraswathi Devi - July, 2018



Sarah's site was one of our very first in Andhra Pradesh, India. She has been a member of IASE for over two decades. She established the Lebenshilfe, an organization for the mentally challenged.

With a view to serve the mentally challenged, she established Lebenshilfe with 12 mentally challenged children in 1980 which is presently running with a total strength of over 500 children. Over 120 dedicated employees also work in the organization. She developed tiger dance, an old form of art of Andhra Pradesh, into a therapy to control aggressiveness in the mentally challenged children, pre-vocational training and many other techniques.

Treasurer's Report

Checking:	\$31,428.49
VSP/Giving:	\$24,045.26
Scholarship:	\$7,336.70
Operating Budget:	\$128, 007.44
Total:	\$190,817.998



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