

# ANNUTIATUS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

The 16th Biennial Conference in Magamba, Tanzania July 15 - 17, 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BEATRICE ADERA

Happy New Year!

It is my greatest privilege and honor to assume the role of President of the International Association of Special Education (IASE). IASE continues to play a critical role in improving the quality service delivery and programming for all individuals with special needs around the world. My main focus during my two-year term as IASE President will be to continue building on the foundation laid by our past president Dr. Iris Drower and the rest of the IASE board. This will require close collaboration and partnership with the board and other officers as we work to achieve the four main goals addressed in our current [2018-2022] strategic plan namely:

Goal 1 - IASE will expand world-wide knowledge, exchanges related to the inclusion and the welfare and education of children and youth with special educational needs

Goal 2 - IASE will foster and strengthen collaborative partnerships for the well-being of children, youth and young adults with special educational needs.

Goal 3 - IASE will promote advocacy for the human rights of all children, youth and young adults with special educational needs.

Goal 4 - Sustaining IASE Programs and Future.

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IASE President, Beatrice Adera

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# SAVE THE DATE

**IASE 2019  
Biennial Conference**

Sebastian Kolowa  
Memorial University

**Magamba, Tanzania  
East Africa**

**July 13 - 17, 2019**

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- Newsletter
- Journal
- Financial review
- Constitution
- VSP

My hope is that we will all unite in rebuilding the different collaborative partnerships in addition to exploring different avenues for promoting collaborative international research and ongoing professional development via different virtual platforms. Other major upcoming projects include: the expansion of our volunteer base and donations for our VSP sites; formulation of an ongoing Conference Steering Committee; review/update our Strategic Plan.

Equally important, our Biennial Conference continues to provide educators, professors, administrators, students, parents and community members with the opportunity to learn about the latest research, emerging knowledge, and services. Our upcoming 16th Biennial Conference will be held in Magamba, Tanzania from July 13 – 17, 2019. This conference will be a collaborative effort between the International Association of Special Education (IASE) and Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in Tanzania. The conference theme will be "Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Developing Resilience and Inclusive Sustainable Development." The conference is a great way to bring everyone together to share and network with colleagues from around the world. I encourage you to start making arrangements to join us in Tanzania.

## **Treasurer's Report**

**IRIS DROWER**

Checking	\$7,743.28
VSP	\$26,166.62
Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund	\$7, 334.15
Operational Budget	\$126, 453.28
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$167,697.33</b>

# SANKALP IS AN IASE VOLUNTEER PROJECT

BY DR. ANUPRIYA CHADHA

Since its inception in Delhi in 2006, Sankalp Society has evolved and transformed itself to respond to the perceived changing needs of Children With Special Needs (CWSN). Beginning as a centre mainly to create awareness on inclusive education, the interventions of Sankalp range from training teachers on inclusive education, develop print material on inclusive education and to act as a resource centre to promote inclusion of children from disadvantaged groups in regular schools. One of the aims of Sankalp is to develop a network on inclusion by connecting with other NGOs /special schools having a stake in inclusion. It is in this context that as a part of the IASE volunteer project, Sankalp has been identifying organizations that are working for the disadvantaged and excluded groups of children mainly to help them in some way.

As a part of IASE volunteer Project, Sankalp joined hands with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in 2017. Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, established in 1997, is a nonprofit organization engaged in empowering persons with disabilities and distress in socio-economic-cultural fronts through its various initiatives on Education, Livelihood, Environment, Health & Nutrition, Sports, Culture, and Rehabilitation. It has always believed in inclusion, wherein children from marginalized sections and traditionally excluded groups are made an integral part of the mainstream society.

Samarthanam supports students with disabilities pursuing higher education in institutes of their choice. Students are offered end to end support starting from college enrolment into courses of their choice to practical support in terms of fee, digital audio books, scribes, tutors and hostel facilities. Academic expenditure is taken care of and more than 528 students are being supported. Samarthanam also runs a special school for children with intellectual disabilities, equipped with state of the art infrastructure, teaching and learning aids, facility for physiotherapy and occupational therapy. Over 70 children with intellectual disabilities are trained in the basic daily activities and functional literacy making them independent.

Samarthanam's Residential Primary School, established in 2009, accommodates over 200 children from classes 1 to 7 and is recognized by Karnataka State Board of Education. It's Digital Book Library, started in 2008, is aimed at making education accessible for the people with visual disabilities, dyslexia and verbal processing difficulties. As a part of their Skill development Programme, IASE gave computers to the Samarthanam Trust which would be used to impart basic computer training to young adults with visual impairment. Ms. Mary Gale gave away the computers to the trainers of Samarthanam who would be using them for training young adults with special needs.



SAVE THE DATE  
July 13-17, 2019  
Magamba Tanzania

"We will bus you up the mountain...  
We will bus you down the mountain.....  
And change your life in between"

This conference will be similar to previous conferences and yet be very different.

This is a partnership between IASE and Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU). Dr. Anneth Munga is the chair of the Local Tanzanian Committee. That Committee and the IASE Board are eager to provide you with an invitation to plan to attend the Conference. The theme is "Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Developing Resilience and inclusive Sustainable Development."

The Call for Papers is open and can be found on the IASE website.

<http://www.iase.org/16th-conference-proposals>

More details related to registration, housing, keynote speakers, local travel and the conference program will be coming soon to the IASE website. Be sure to be making your travel plans to attend this creative conference.

Susan Pursch

# GREETINGS FROM SPJ SADHANA SCHOOL!!!

BY TEJAL KOTHARI

SPJ Sadhana School is a specialized school, the only one of its kind in the country. It trains multiply handicapped and mentally challenged individuals to be productive members of society. Ever since its inception, forty-two years ago, the school has worked tirelessly towards helping individuals, to learn to adjust to the world around them and to learn to be more independent and self-sufficient.

The focus of SPJ Sadhana has been on achieving excellence in the field of special education and training. The school has developed innovative and detailed systems and processes and has received ISO certification for the quality of its services in this rare and specialized area. The curriculum divides the school into two sections. The Formative Years syllabus, Grades I to IV, caters to young children. The middle school curriculum is made up of skill enhancement and pre-vocational classes and a Five Year Polytechnic Course. This course has been recognized as the only one of its kind in the world providing vocational training to groom mentally challenged young adults to take their place as an independent, confident, and earning members of society. We have a 93% success rate of placing students in employment.

A highly trained team of teachers and professionally qualified therapists each of whom has hands on experience in the field, look at all aspects of mental retardation and associated conditions, including the benefits of nurturing the special talents of each individual and encourages the student to develop it. Arising out of such challenges, special teaching strategies and unorthodox technologies are involved and constantly reviewed and upgraded. The goal is to transfer as much learning as possible, to make the learning process enjoyable and relevant to the individual student's needs, and to elicit the maximum satisfaction from it, both for the teacher and the student. Years of such experiences have crystallized into the five-year vocational course, which, while tapping a trainee's special gift and fostering creativity, aims to equip the student to be launched into a self-reliant and productive life.

The main aim of SPJ Sadhana School has been to recognize each student as a creative individual and nurture his or her particular ability towards excellence.

The school is not grant aided. It runs on the donations of Trusts, Companies, Philanthropic groups / individuals. The school website [www.spjsadhana.org](http://www.spjsadhana.org) also provides more information about the latest activities of the school.

With the support from IASE our children with special needs have made great gains playing sports both in programs and on integrated teams. IASE has provided us with table tennis table, bocce kit, hurdles and trampolines for enhancing sports skills. Last time we received cycles and the gears for safety while riding a cycle, a cricket table tennis table, bocce kit, hurdle and trampolines for enhancing sports skills.

We believe that training our students and encouraging them in sporting endeavors are a quintessential part of childhood. Experts agree that the benefits of sports build self-esteem, teamwork and goal setting skills. In addition our children soon acquire leadership skills, establish new friendships, and channel their energy in a more positive manner. Both sexes thus establish a life-long relationship with physical fitness too. Children with physical and mental disabilities, however, often face hurdles when they try to join sports teams but we encourage our students to participate and perform. Our students participate in several events related sports at the state, national and international levels. Our schools song is born to be winner which makes our students a winner in field of sports as they excel in this area.

Mary Gale Budzisz volunteers and visited our school this past December to fulfill our wish lists on behalf of IASE. She has been an IASE member for over 30 years and is very fond of our school. SPJ Sadhana will forever be thankful for everything that she has and continues to do for us as IASE Volunteer Service Project Coordinator and a life-long volunteer.



Students doing their exercises.



# IASE Membership

Date:

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(month/day/year)

Please print clearly

Surname:		First name:
Address:		
City:	State/Province:	
Postal code:	Country:	
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*Membership type	US (check applicable)	Name	Amount
<i>Institution</i>	\$70 <input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Regular</i>	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Sponsorship</i> 3 or more sponsored individuals – please state number here and attach details in page 2 below. Thanks)	\$20 /person <input type="checkbox"/>	(Name and email of sponsored)	
		(Name and email of sponsored)	
<i>Student</i>	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Developing economy</i>	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	Please refer to website for qualifying countries.	
<i>Marg Csapo Scholarship</i> (Donation)	\$_____ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**PAYMENT DETAILS :**

<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Discover	Name of Card holder (print): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque Payable to: IASE, US funds <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized.net (Please follow link on the website @ <a href="http://www.iase.org">www.iase.org</a> )	
	Credit card number: _____		Expiry date: _____
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Please send your membership form : <a href="mailto:Mail : IASE Treasurer, PO Box 2159, Mesa, AZ 85214, USA">Mail : IASE Treasurer, PO Box 2159, Mesa, AZ 85214, USA</a> E-mail : <a href="mailto:dririsdoug@gmail.com">dririsdoug@gmail.com</a>			

Effective 28 June, 2017 , IASE is implementing rolling membership dates. This means that an individual new membership will be effective for a year after payment is processed. Membership renewal will work similarly: membership will be extended for one year provided a renewal is processed before the membership expires. If a renewal is received after the membership has expired, the new expiration date of the membership will be one year after the renewal.