



A MESSAGE FROM THE IASE PRESIDENT

Dr. Renáta Tichá



Dear IASE members,

This newsletter is coming out at a time when preparations are at their peak for the IASE 17th Biennial Conference “Building an Inclusive Culture Worldwide” that

will take place on July 10 to 14, 2022, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, that will take place in person with an online component.

We are very excited to finally hold this conference in Vietnam to resume a wonderful exchange of ideas, research findings, and classroom practices from around the world. We have an outstanding set of keynote speakers, including Dean Nga Hoàng, Faculty of Special Education, HCMC University of Education, Vietnam; Dr. Erlinda Borromeo, Co-founder and President of the Autism Hearts Foundation, USA/ Philippines, Dr. Viann Nam-Phuong Nguyễn-Feng, counseling psychologist and assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Minnesota, USA; and Dr. Phuong N. Le, Co-Founder & President of the Consortium to Advance School Psychology - International (CASP-I), freelanced public speaker, trainer, and writer in psychology and education, Vietnam.

The program includes presentations from Vietnam, India, UK, Nigeria, Spain, Australia, US, Czech Republic, and more. We will hear about many different topics related to special and inclusive education and related topics, such as co-teaching, self-determination, customized and supported employment, social inclusion, international collaborations, etc. We will also highlight work of

IASE, including Volunteer Service Sites, the Journal, and National Chairs.

While most of the conference presentations will be in person, we will have an online strand throughout the conference. We have pre- and post-conference tours planned for those who would like to learn about the work with children and youth with disabilities in a local setting. There will also be performances featuring the beauty and richness of the Vietnamese culture. In short, you will not want to miss this opportunity!

The IASE conference planning committee and especially Dean Nga Hoàng and her team at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Education (HCMUE) have been working diligently and with enthusiasm to make this upcoming conference a success! Give them a round of applause!

Check out the website for more information about the conference: <https://iase.org/conference>

Hoping to see you soon,
Renáta Tichá, PhD, IASE President
University of Minnesota, USA

Renáta Tichá, Ph.D., received her Ph.D. in Special Education at the University of Minnesota in 2008. She has extensive experience in development, implementation, and conducting research with individuals with intellectual and developmental, and related disabilities. She has been a principal investigator or co-PI on multiple grants, including randomized control trials (RCT) with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in community residential settings and investigating the effectiveness of a workforce intervention for frontline supervisors working in agencies serving people with IDD or aging needs. Dr. Tichá is a PI on the National Core Indicators Survey study to assist with answering questions pertaining to the quality of life for adults with IDD, including rights, choice, and employment. She is a Co-Director of the Global Resource Center on Inclusive Education (GRC), working on international projects in Japan, Bhutan, India, Armenia, and other countries focused on inclusion in education, employment as well as social inclusion. Dr. Tichá is an editor of the Journal of the International Association of Special Education.

17TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF IASE

Theme: "Building an Inclusive Culture Worldwide"



Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, July 10-14, 2022

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 inclusion and effective special education practices across many different cultural contexts.

Children's Art

Art Work Please bring artwork during registration on Sunday, July 10th. Contact Dr. Carolyn Lindstrom [<drclindstrom2015@gmail.com>](mailto:drclindstrom2015@gmail.com) The exhibit will showcase local art and those from around the world.

Live and Silent Auction

Don't forget to bring your auction items (both silent and live) to the conference. Dr. Zandile Nkibinde and, Yogi will be collecting these items during registration on Sunday, July 10th. All proceeds will benefit the Marg Csapo Scholarship fund.

General Membership

Our General membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 11th, **3:45 pm- 4:45 pm** in the Auditorium. Meet our International Chairs, and your officers, and find out more about IASE and how you can get involved with our Volunteer Service Projects.

Gala Event

Heartwarming, Invigorating, and Inspirational! Don't miss our gala event. This will be at HCMC University of Education on Wednesday, July 13th. We will have a special performance at our live auction, an award ceremony, and a few surprises too! Remember to dress in your native attire for this event.

Entry / Exit Requirements

For visits to Vietnam, you should have a current passport, and check to see your country's requirement for receiving an e-visa (always take a paper copy with you as well). Take a copy of your vaccination card. For your return check out this website for places to testing locations:

<https://vn.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/covid-19-information/list-of-covid-19-testing-locations-in-vietnam/>

July's Forecast

The weather in HCMC in July is hot, sunny, and humid. In Ho Chi Minh City, the average high temperature in July- tropical 31.2°C (88.2°F). The average low temperature, in Ho Chi Minh City, is 25°C (77°F). Expect some summer monsoons so bring an umbrella and lots of sunscreen!

Sites to Visit

Delegates have an opportunity to visit one of two sites in HCMC on Thursday, July 14th. Delegates can sign up for these on-site at the conference. The fee will be collected on-site in USD or VN Dong.

See You in Vietnam!

Start planning today for our 17th Biennial Conference in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
We will be celebrating 35 plus years!

Please share your memories with
Dr. Zandile Nkabinde znkabinde@gmail.com

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Phuong N. Le

"Knowledge of Vietnamese Special Education and Psychology Faculty towards Specific Learning Disability"



Dr. Phuong N. Le received his M.A in Educational and School Psychology from California State University, Long Beach and his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Psychology from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Le has over 18 years of

experience as an educational psychologist for major school districts in California, USA, where he was responsible for evaluation, counseling, and delivering interventions for students with disorders and disabilities from K-12 students. He was also an adjunct faculty in the graduate school psychology and counseling programs at California State University, Long Beach and Chapman University. In private practice, Dr. Le provides counseling and psychotherapy services to clients at all ages with mood disorders, which include stress, anxiety, depression, and especially complex trauma. He specializes in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Brief Solution-Focused Therapy, and Somatic Experiencing.

Dr. Le was also the co-founder and later the President of the Consortium to Advance School Psychology - International (CASP-I), of which aim is to bring school psychology as both a discipline and profession to Vietnam. For this effort, he received the inaugural Outstanding International School Psychology Practice Award from the International School Psychology Association in 2011 and later became a Fulbright Specialist of the U.S. State Department from 2014 to 2019. The organization was successful to campaign

for the issuance of the MOET's 31/2017 and later for the graduate school psychology program at the Hanoi National University of Education and school counseling program at the University of Education of the Vietnam National University.

In 2017, Dr. Le chose to come back to Vietnam to actively participate in the beginning but dynamic field of psychology in the country. Dr. Le's two-volume "Raising Children in Confusion" was the best seller and he was the recipient of the Best Book Award in Vietnam in the year 2018. Currently he works as freelanced public speaker, trainer, and writer in psychology and education.

Abstract: There has been an increasing understanding in Vietnam about learning disability as a specific impairment that negatively impacts students' performance in school in spite their backgrounds, attitudes or effort in learning. However, belief and perception related to specific learning disability continues to be limited and uneven among university faculty in special education and psychology departments in Vietnam. This limitation, therefore, may adversely affect the training especially future teachers and psychologists. The purpose of this qualitative study was to examine these trainers' knowledge about nature and characteristics, assessment and diagnosis, services delivery and intervention of specific learning disability. Knowledge gap analysis was conducted to identify areas that need improvements.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Nga Thi Hoang

"The Real Situation and Measures in Managing The Inclusive Education Of Children with Disabilities in Vietnam"



Nga Thi Hoang is a lecturer at Ho Chi Minh City University of Education and has been in charge of the Special

Education Department since 2014. She holds B.Ed. degrees in Elementary Education and in Special Education as well. She received her M.Ed. in Special Education and Ph.D. in Educational Management related to Special Education. Her research focused on promoting the quality of education for children with visual impairment in VietNam. She is a key person to develop many training programs in the field of special education. Her interest, currently and near future, is improving the early intervention service for children with developmental disabilities, evidence-based teaching and promoting the inclusive education for children with disabilities in VietNam.

Abstract: Since inclusive education was introduced in Vietnam nearly 30 years ago, the quality of education for children with disabilities has been continuously improved. Many factors have contributed to these positive change included the key one of the construction and operation of the inclusive education management system. The article addresses the primary achievements in inclusive education management and at the same time points out the problems and shortcomings in this system, from which proposing a number of measures to enhance the quality of inclusive education for children with disabilities in Vietnam.

VIETNAM AUTISM NETWORK (VAN)

Pham Thi Kim Tam

I have a son with autism. Now he is 20 years old. 17 years ago in Vietnam, almost nobody knew anything about autism. I sent my son to preschool and no one could understand or teach him. To meet his needs and the needs of other children with autism I opened a small special center, TUOI NGOC SPECIAL CENTER that is still open today.

The Vietnam Autism Network (VAN) was established on August 30, 2013 from the initiative of a group of parents of children with autism with 7 groups of parents in 7 provinces. VAN is an official member of the Vietnam Federal of People with Disabilities and also a member of the Asian Autism Network (AAN). The establishment process was supported by the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD). Currently, VAN has 42 members made up of different organizations and parent groups across the country and nearly 36,000 members on the social network Facebook.

The goals of VAN are:

- Provide a legal, social, educational, health, equitable, safe and affordable environment for persons with autism.
- Support, promote and train persons with autism, including their families.
- Develop, support and share knowledge about autism.
- Promote sharing of experiences and strengthening cooperation among members.
- Seek financial support and funding for persons with autism.
- Promote research, train specialists in the field of autism



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

July 10 – July 14, 2022

Sunday, July 10th

Registration Opens 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Pick up conference materials at the Auditorium
 HCMC University of Education Campus tours
 (4:30 pm to 5:15 pm)
 Drop off auction items with Dr. Zandile Nkabinde
 and Yogi Tokas
 Drop off Children and Young Adult Art with Dr.
 Carolyn Lindstrom
 Exhibitors set up with the Local Arrangement
 Committee
 Sign up table for local optional tours (pay in
 dollars and or Vietnamese Dong) for Thursday,
 July 14, 2022.

Welcoming Reception 5:20-6:00 pm

Welcome by IASE President, Dr. Renata Ticha
 Welcome by Past President, Dr. Zandile Nkabinde
 Local Welcome by IASE Dean Nga, Local
 Conference Chair Special Welcome from HCMC
 University Representative Greetings from MOET
 (Ministry of Education)
 Local Entertainment
 Light refreshments and networking

Monday, July 11th

Registration Opens 8:30-8:50 am

Delegates can view the exhibits, Children and
 Youth Art, Silent Auction items, VSP Table, & local
 artists selling their goods in the Vietnam Market.

**Pick up and pay for silent auction items daily
 during tea breaks and lunch.**

**All Proceedings will be emailed to you prior to
 the conference.**

Wednesday, July 13th

Cultural Gala Event

5:00-7:30 – Gala Dinner at HCMC University of
 Education

Please dress in your country attire. Plenty of times
 for Networking and photos

5:00 pm Viewing Live Auction Items

5:15 pm Welcome by Drs. Renata Ticha and Dr. Nga
 Hoang 5:20 pm Dr. Marg Csapo Scholarship
 Awards


5:25-6:00 pm Entertainment

6:00-7:00 pm Buffet Dinner

7:00 pm Live Auction

MONDAY 11 TH JULY 2022		
TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
8:30-8:55 am	Registration & viewing exhibitions, Market Place, Silent auction, VSP Table & Children's and Young Adult art.	Outside the Auditorium
9:00-9:15 am	Opening Welcome by Local Conference Chairs Drs. Nga Hoang and Renata Ticha	Auditorium
9:15-10:15 am	Keynote address by Dean Nga Hoang, Dean, Faculty of Special Education, HCMC University of Education, Vietnam <i>Title: Student Achievement and Inclusive Education</i>	Auditorium
10:17-10:52 am	Keynote address by Dr. Erlinda Borromeo, Co-founder and President of the Autism Hearts Foundation, USA/Philippines <i>Title: Special Education Beyond the Classroom</i>	Auditorium
10:55-11:05 am	TEA BREAK	
11:07-12:07 pm	Concurrent Session 1	See Program
12:10-1:10 pm	Concurrent Session 2	See Program
1:10-2:00 pm	LUNCH	Cafeteria (Paid by IASE)
2:05-3:05 pm	Concurrent Session 3	See Program
3:07-4:07 pm	Concurrent Session 4	See Program

TUESDAY 12 TH JULY 2022		
TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
8:30-8:55 am	View silent auction items, Children's Art, Exhibits & Market Place	Outside the Auditorium
9:00-10:00 am	Keynote address by Dr. Viann Nam-Phuong Nguyễn-Feng, counseling psychologist and assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Minnesota, USA <i>Title: Culturally-Sensitive and Trauma-Informed Education Practices</i>	Auditorium
10:05-11:05 am	Concurrent Session 5	See Program
11:05-12:05 pm	Concurrent Session 6	See Program
12:10-1:10 pm	LUNCH	Cafeteria
1:15-2:15 pm	Concurrent Session 7	See Program
2:20-3:20 pm	Concurrent Session 8	See Program
3:25-3:40 pm	TEA BREAK	Outside Auditorium
3:45 pm- 4:45 pm	IASE General Membership Meeting (Everyone is Welcome)	Auditorium

WEDNESDAY 13 TH JULY, 2022		
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Cultural Day</p> </div>		
Come Dressed in your Native Attire		
TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
8:30-8:45 am	Local Chair Announcements and Welcome	Auditorium
8:45-9:45 am	Keynote Address by Dr. Phuong N. Le, Co-Founder & President of the Consortium to Advance School Psychology - International (CASPI), freelance public speaker, trainer, and writer in psychology and education, Vietnam. <i>Title: Knowledge of Vietnamese Special Education and Psychology Faculty towards Specific Learning Disability</i>	Auditorium
9:50-10:50 am	Concurrent Session 9	See Program
10:55-11:10 am	TEA BREAK	Outside Auditorium
11:15-12:15 pm	Concurrent Session 10	See Program
12:20-1:20 pm	LUNCH	Cafeteria
1:25-2:25 pm	Concurrent Session 11	See Program
2:30-3:30 pm	Closing Session	Auditorium
3:30-3:35	Conference Evaluations	Auditorium
5:00-7:30 pm	Gala Dinner	HCMC College of Education

MOUNTAIN OF JOY

Arusha, Murieth, Tanzania



Mountain of Joy Foundation is a non-government organization which has been doing a tremendous job to educate local communities in Tanzania about people with cognitive disabilities living in challenging environment so as to reduce stigmatization and discrimination hence promote equality and fights for their right.

Among the activities done by MJF is to make sure people with Autism and other cognitive disabilities are identified, valued and given equal chance in both education sector and job opportunities as a result of being independent and bread earners of their families.

The organization overall goal is to promote community awareness and advocate for people with autism, through education, seminars, events, and media campaigns. The organization has managed to achieve the quarterly activities as a part of creating awareness and advocating for people with autism.

To achieve the goal, Mountain of Joy is looking support to meet its objective in creating awareness workshop about Autism spectrum disorder and Inclusive education to government vocational training center at Arusha, Dar es Salaam and Tanga region for the aim of opening more connection for youth to be enrolled to vocational center especially to those who fails to get further education. This will open more opportunities for youth to sustain their life.

The members of the Board conducted a first meeting on January. Among all other things they also discussed different strategies of helping individuals with autism.



The board is introduced by Regional coordinator of Non -government organizations.

Successes:

- ✓ MJF achieved a partnership with TAHA which Will simplify the availability of Agricultural equipment and modern techniques
- ✓ The MJF built a cooperative relationship with the government on supporting people with special services like those with autism
- ✓ The organization gains popularity through interacting with society members and other stakeholders participated on the event referred.
- ✓ MJF gains moral support
- ✓ Strengthening cooperation between government officials with the organization

Way Forward:

- More awareness to local leaders, parents, youth and traditional leaders should be strengthened.
- Life skills training to youth with 18 years should be given (Youth Program)
- Follow up

Challenges:

- ❖ Lack of funding to support MJF Programs
- ❖ Lack of awareness in Tanzanian local leaders about people with cognitive challenges.

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JOIN THE TEAM

Dr. Rachael Gonzales



Calling all IASE members to join us in celebrating the 17th Biennial Conference: Building an Inclusive Culture Worldwide, July 10-14, 2022 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Presentations will be in person and virtual.

Our latest Virtual Dialogue: Parents as Partners and Advocates Part II was held April 2 and was a great success. We had a good representation of parents and other IASE members join in the Dialogue. We will continue the Virtual Dialogues after the Biennial conference. If you have a certain topic that you would like to see addressed in the future please contact me at iasemembership@gmail.com

IASE is as strong as its members. If you have not renewed your membership please do so now at <https://iase-biz1.webs.com/membership>. Encourage your colleagues to join this community of educators, parents, and organizations dedicated to *Cultivating Growth: Sowing Seeds of Inclusive Education for All*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Iris Drower
as of April 25, 2022

Account	Amount
Checking	\$7,042.66
VSP/Giving	\$18,860.63
Marg Csapo Scholarship	\$6,283.86
Operational Savings	\$139,161.08
Total	\$171,348.23

Vietnam Tourism

Please access the link for a list of tourism companies and their special offers:

<https://www.vietnam.travel/travel-offers>.

There is a recommended tour company, which is **TheSinhTourist**, which was established in 1992. It provides comprehensive travel services in Vietnam to international travelers such as bus/airplane/train tickets, accommodation booking, visa extension, currency exchange, cars for hire, and local tours. The mission of the company is to introduce Vietnam country and Vietnamese people to friends all over the world. **Here is the link of the company:**

<https://thesinhtourist.vn/>

Vietnamese - Tiếng Việt

Hello – Xin chào /*Sin chow!*/

How are you? - Khỏe không? /*kweh kong?*/

Fine, thank you - Khỏe, cảm ơn /*kweh, kam un*/

Thank you - Cảm ơn /*kam un*/

My name is ____ - Tôi tên là ____ /*Toy ten la ____*/

Yes (correct) – Đúng /*dung*/

No - Không - /*kong*/

You're welcome - Không sao đâu /*kong sao dwoh*/

I'm sorry - Tôi xin lỗi /*sin loy*/

Good bye - Tạm biệt /*tam byet*/

Yes – Vâng /*vung*/

Do you speak English? - Biết nói tiếng Anh không? /*bet noy tyeng ang kong*/

I don't understand - Tôi không hiểu /*toy kong hugh*/

That's too expensive - Đắt quá /*dat kwah?*/

Ok, I'll take it - Ok, tôi lấy! /*Oh-kay, toy lay*/

I can't speak Vietnamese [well] - Tôi không biết nói tiếng Việt [giỏi lắm] /*thoy kong byet noy tyeng vyet [zoy lum]*/



Renew and Join IASE Today!

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

Please print information clearly:

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

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

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

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

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