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The 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in Perth, Western Australia June 25 - 29, 2017

## President's Message

By Iris Drower

Dear IASE Colleagues,

If you are reading this issue of *Annuntiatu*, you have taken the first step toward being a champion of IASE. **A champion** has vision. A champion dreams of things that haven't been and believes they are possible. A champion says "I can." A champion possesses such qualities as passion, courage, innovation, collaboration, tenacity and flexibility.

Your IASE Board of officers and extended committee chairs' enormous energy and passion have moved us toward advancing research and practice on behalf of children and families around the globe. Sandra Trevethan a long time IASE member, with the support of IASE, will be opening the first Mwayi Trust Vocational Training Centre in Blantyre, Malawi in July of 2016. It has been a long journey, but the courage of Sandra to lead the change and transform her community will now become a reality. Your board is planning a working retreat in conjunction with this grand opening. We will be working on our five-year strategic plan, operational guidelines and calendar for the year. Also, we will conduct a community service project for this site. At this time, I would also like to welcome Mary Gloria Lipemba-Kaphwiti from Malawi as our newest IASE Board Member-at-Large. In addition, I would like to thank Dr. Ambumulire N. Itimu for her service over the years as a Member-at-Large and Malawi National Chair.

Our Volunteer Service Projects (VSP) relish being on the forefront of change and continue to inspire us. Featured in this issue you can read more about how IASE is building an adaptive playground in Hue, Vietnam as well as providing training for parents and teachers to work collaboratively as a team at our Dien Ban Day Centre in Hoi An. I have had the pleasure of bringing and purchasing supplies for these sites plus the Ho Chi Minh City University. Marg Csapo has been happily volunteering at our VSP Indian sites at Vimukti in Jaipur and Lebenshilfe in Visakhapatnam.

As we prepare for the upcoming Biennial Conference in Perth, (June 25-29, 2017) I want to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of Conference Chair Sally Mohammedi, local collaborators, our conference chairs and their committee representatives.

I encourage you to visit our website to explore the range and quality of the topics available for our upcoming Biennial conference by going to [www.iase.org](http://www.iase.org). Proposals are now being accepted up to Oct 1<sup>st</sup> of 2016.



We want to hear from you! Please share your research. We want our parents, students, colleagues and community providers to learn about evidence-based practices for children and families. Also there is always an interest in your classroom techniques and activities that work with our students.

As members, it is through you that we continue to grow and thrive. I do encourage you to engage in international dialogue with our National Chairs throughout the world, write a piece for our newsletter, join our committees, and volunteer at our VSP sites. On behalf of the professionals who advocate for children, youth and adults with exceptionalities from diverse backgrounds, I ask you to exercise your voice, use your platform and continue to be a champion for IASE.

Learn About IASE Scholarships for 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in Perth, Australia, June 25 – 29, 2017

By Meghan Mulvenna, Scholarship Committee Chair



2015 scholars

The Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund was created in tribute to founding member, mentor, and leader in the IASE, Dr. Marg Csapo. The goal is to provide opportunities for those in the field of Special Education worldwide to be able to access the information and networking

opportunity of IASE Biennial Conference.

Approaching the biennial conference, members of IASE (for at least one year) are eligible to apply for a scholarship, which covers the costs of conference registration, the Gala Dinner during the conference, and five nights of lodging during the conference. The application is accessible through the IASE website. Preference will be awarded to applicants from developing/ emerging nations as well as field practitioners.

The due date for applications for the next conference in Perth, Australia is October 1, 2016. Please complete the application fully to avoid any delays. An international committee will review the applications, and applicants will be notified of their acceptance by November 1, 2016.

We look forward to your scholarship applications for the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in Perth, Australia!

Perth,  
Australia  
June 25 – 29,  
2017

15<sup>th</sup> Biennial  
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See you there!

## Vimukti Girls School

By Marg Csapo

It was a real pleasure to see all the girls on my February 2016 visit to our IASE Volunteer Service Project site located in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India. The Vimukti Girls School seems to move forward like a steam engine and the board, the staff, and the principal are all strongly motivated to achieve the goals toward an independent school of their own. There were only 32 girls at the school when it began in the 2004-05 school year. Now there are 500 girls who receive free education, free books, uniforms, transportation and a daily glass of milk accompanied by a banana. As Lavalina Sogoni, the Secretary, reports, "the growth is tremendous, not only regarding numbers but also in the terms of change in the attitude of parents towards the education of their daughters" (2015, July Vimukti newsletter). The basic goal is to convert socially and economically underprivileged girls, those living below the poverty line, into educated, confident, financially independent women. A brave and very important dream which is becoming reality as the first group of students soon will reach graduation. The next dream turns into another goal, which is to offer job-related skills and to help find employment.

In October 2015 a post-school support program was started for girls who complete class XII to pursue vocational training directed toward gainful employment or to prepare them for entrance exams for higher education. Currently, Vimukti School offers programs to class X and in the process of expanding the school program to reach class XII and to establish a professionally managed Vocational Centre. This brave dream will require a campus of their own which they aim to accomplish within the next 2-3 years.

And they all keep on dreaming and realizing it all when only a few years ago it seemed to be impossible. Congratulations to all of the actors who turn these dreams into reality. IASE has helped a bit over the years by being able to provide some school supplies, books, uniforms, and a local puppet show performance. So, all of you can share in their success! These well deserving students learn more than just the prescribed curriculum. They know that working together towards goals, by sharing and volunteering, dreams can become real!



Vimukti girls happily showing off their popsicle flower.

## Breaking Ice with Parents at Kianh Center

By Peng-Sem Eng

Kianh Foundation operates a charity funded special education centre at the Dien Ban Day Centre located near Hoi An in central Vietnam. This is one of IASE's Volunteer Service Project (VSP) sites. While the intake and number of children with autism at our centre are increasing (many are on a wait-list), Kianh still operates in the midst of a community that has little awareness of this autistic spectrum disorder. Many parents of our students with autism are at a complete loss on what to do with their children. Most of these children have behaviors that adversely affect their daily and social functions. Staff from our centre are currently helping to build parent confidence by teaching them the appropriate skills which will equip them to play a greater role in their child's development.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, IASE president Iris Drower participated in one of our parent support programs. She facilitated a workshop about "Floor time" focusing on staff-parent interactions to expand upon basic concepts that were introduced earlier at a prior workshop. Some of the key steps taught involved: observation, open the circle of communication, follow the child's lead, extending the play and closing the circle of communication.

The workshop was a success. Kianh staff were fantastic at supporting the parents. The parents demonstrated an increase in their active participation throughout this workshop presentation. It was amazing to watch as their confidence grew through ongoing activities, role modeling and active monitoring of these activities throughout the workshop. This was a sensational start for parents to gain further understanding of their own child's development through play. We are looking forward to more workshops and training to support our parents, teachers and community needs.



Parents and teachers modeling emotions.



Staff role played during the workshop to demonstrate how they engage with students.



Kianh staff leading a parent in playing a role as an adult building a relationship with a child.

## Enjoy Western Australia: IASE Conference and Travel Options

By Swaleah Mohamedali

Our next IASE Biennial Conference is a mere 14 months away! With the support of our collaborators, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, and the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia, we cordially invite all interested parties to submit your proposals. Your conference committee is very excited to be holding this conference from June 25-29, 2017 in Perth, Australia. Every two years IASE provides valuable, sustainable and informative dialogue for professionals from various disciplines who are engaged with individuals with disabilities. Everyone is working around the clock to provide you with an exemplary venue for this conference around the clock. So do not forget to mark your calendars and get ready to experience the "City of Lights."

The theme of the 2017 conference is **"Addressing the Exceptional Needs of the Whole Child and Young Adult: Embracing the Future."** Our 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference will be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Center – Perth WA. The Call for Proposals is now available. Please submit your proposals through the IASE website at [www.iase.org](http://www.iase.org). Be sure to read and adhere to the criteria for submitting the proposals. All proposals are due electronically to Dr. Fartun Mohamud ([fartunkaafi@gmail.com](mailto:fartunkaafi@gmail.com)) by October 1, 2016.

We are always looking for our members to volunteer at this most exciting event. Some possibilities that may interest you are: working at the registration table, scheduling and working with the exhibitors, helping conduct the silent auction, helping to set up the children's art exhibit, working at the Gala Dinner, or preparing the Opening Reception. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in getting more involved! ([sallymohamedali@gmail.com](mailto:sallymohamedali@gmail.com))

We are also excited to announce various tour options for our delegates. Grahame Hay, Owner of WA InStyle Tours, and his local arrangements committee are planning many exciting options to meet the needs of all of our delegates. All trips and tours will be booked directly with Mr. Hay.

Here are some exciting pre and post-travel options:

### CORAL COAST 3-5 DAYS Shark Bay – Ningaloo Reef



The pristine coral coast line of Western Australia stretches a vast length of 1,100 km. You could dive with whale sharks! Visit beautiful Ningaloo Reef, which has one the most diverse marine habitats in the world. Or maybe visit Shark Bay, a World Heritage site, where only the lucky may hand feed the dolphins.

Add a stop at the Pinnacles and grab a snack at the Lobster Shack....memories are for the making!

### SOUTH WEST – MARGARET RIVER South of Perth

Three and ½ hours south of Perth is the town of Margaret River which is located in the valley of the eponymous Margaret River. The longest jetty in the Southern Hemisphere can be experienced here. This is also a premium wine region with scrumptious food.



### GOLDEN WEST 1-3 DAYS Wave Rock – Kalgoorlie



The wave situated 3 ½ hours east of Perth can only be described as unique. The red golden soil of this outback area has formed into a rock sculpture. Enjoy the gold rush town of Kalgoorlie, where the largest open-pit mine in the world is located.

### NORTH WEST - KIMBERLEY

From red dirt to the azure blue skies of the Kimberley North West, Australia has more diversity than even your wildest imagination can dream. From the dinosaur prints at low tide in Broome, to the Horizontal Falls and the stairway to the moon on



Roebuck Peninsula you could end the day with a camel ride into the sunset. Make sure your camera is ready to click for these adventures

### Full and partial day trip options:



Get to know Perth by joining a full day tour. With over 19 beaches and 3,000 hours of sunlight in the extraordinary WA capitol there are many areas to explore during a day tour. Enjoy the sunset on Cottesloe Beach along with the wine and food of the Swan Valley. Take a boat ride on the Swan River and do look out for those black swans! Check out the historic port of Fremantle and even take a nighttime underground prison tour!

For you walkers, another day option would be with the company named "Two Feet and a Heartbeat." These tours are designed to be conversational, informative, engaging and very entertaining. Yes, you will need good walking shoes too! Some options would include:

- **Discovering Perth's past, present and future.** You'll get stories about the quirks of its history, heritage, culture, and architecture. Your passionate guide will show you why Perth is the way it is, and what really makes this city tick. Duration: 90 minutes
- **Morning Tea Tour of Perth** (Coffee and treats with a dash of history, art and culture). Start your day in Perth with a morning tea while exploring the Perth Town Hall, old theatre district and The State Buildings - the former home to the General Post Office, Land Titles Office, Treasury and even Parliament. **Duration:** 90 minutes

Remember no matter what options you choose, Mr. Hay will make sure the tour will suit your needs. Exact pricing and days will be posted on our website soon! For more information on other tours feel free to contact Grahame Hay at: [tours@wainstyletours.com](mailto:tours@wainstyletours.com).

## IASE GIVING Fund Helps to Support OGCDC

By Phoung Anh and Dr Nhan



Student playing with the new slides.

The Office of Genetic Counselling and Disabled Children (OGCDC) under the roof of the Hue Medical College has been setting up projects for children with disabilities since 1999. The project of the Early Intervention (EI) in Hue City, in the Central area of Vietnam, emphasizes creating a professional environment for supporting families with children with disabilities as well as teacher training and colleague support. The Early Intervention centre provides a wide range of therapies including speech and physical therapy. Educational support is provided not only for children with disabilities in the Thua Thien Hue province but also for some nearby provinces. This centre is equipped with basic furniture and a limited resource of toys used for teaching and learning plus playing and having fun.

With the support of International Association of Special Education (IASE), the procurement of outdoor equipment and toys has created an adaptive playground at the new assessment centre. IASE also provided a bench for the parents, too! The Centre has a child-friendly environment. The children are very happy and really enjoy their time at the centre.

They are very eager to explore how to play with various toys. Different kinds of learning materials provide support for the staff to enable them to teach various skills including communication, social, cognitive, and movement. These learning materials have helped promote the classes' activities as well as the development of skills for the children.

We would like to faithfully express our deep gratitude to the IASE for supporting us with GIVING Funds. We are happy to continue to collaborate with IASE in the mission of early intervention for children with disabilities in our area in Vietnam.



## Publication Announcement to the IASE Community

By Co-Editors, Renata Ticha and Elizabeth Dalton

The Co-editors of the JIASE, Renata Ticha, and Elizabeth Dalton, invite submissions for our upcoming **online-only**, issue of the Journal of the International Association of Special Education, with publication expected in **Fall 2016**. This issue will focus on the conference theme **"New Dimensions Toward Education, Advocacy and Collaboration for Individuals with Special Needs"** from our very successful 2015 conference in Wroclaw, Poland. If you presented at the conference and would like to submit a manuscript representing your work, or if you are a member of IASE and have work that you would like to submit that fits within this conference theme, please refer to the JIASE submission guidelines posted on the IASE website under "Publications" and "JIASE". We invite all submissions that meet these criteria and that will enhance understanding of education, advocacy and collaboration to benefit individuals with special needs around the world. Manuscripts that meet review criteria but cannot be used for this issue will be considered for inclusion in the regular edition of JIASE in 2017. Thank you for considering submitting your work, and please contact us if you have questions.

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### Treasurer's Report

By Coleen Meyer

Currently as of April 24, 2016 we our accounts are:

Chase Bank Savings – \$20, 907.00

VSP/ GIVING – \$61, 708.11

Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund – \$11,288.38

Operational Savings Account – \$156,245.30

Grand Total of \$250,148.79

Reviewers are needed for our IASE 15th Biennial Conference proposals. If you are interested please contact Dr. Fartun

Mohamud at [fartunkaafi@gmail.com](mailto:fartunkaafi@gmail.com)

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### Featured Member

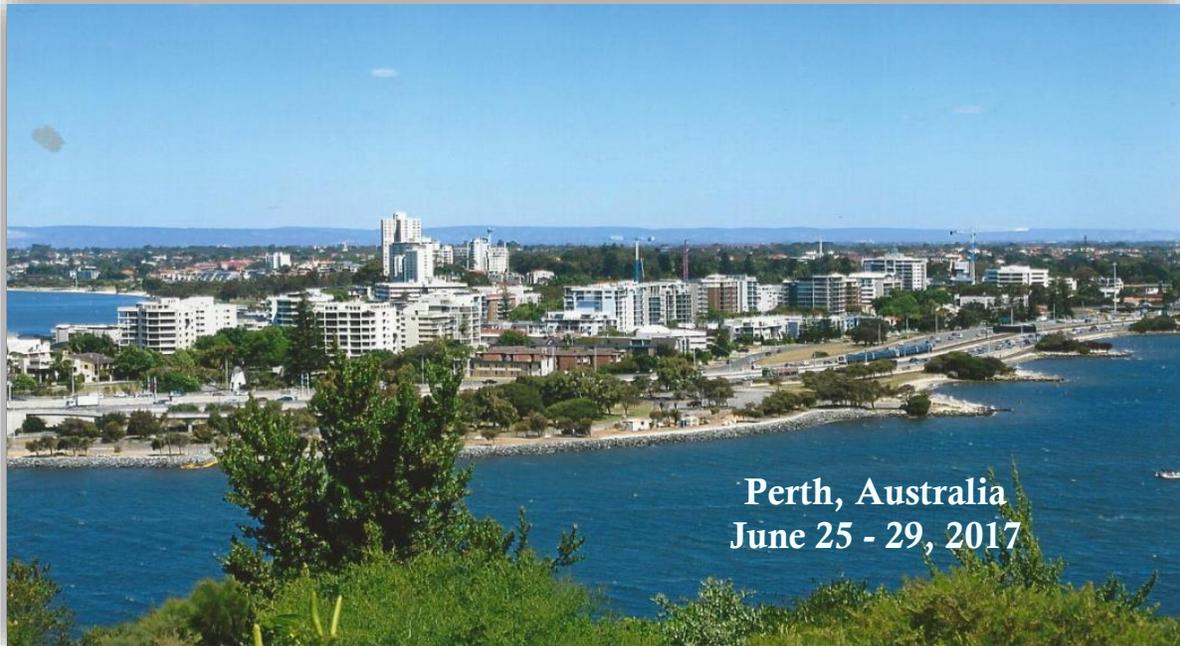


My name is Meghan Gallagher and I love working with all kiddos and finding their unique abilities and inspiring a love of learning as they do for me. I have been fortunate to be a teacher, volunteer, trainer, leader, evaluator, and advocate for children and families with special needs. I have a Master's Degree in Special Education and taught high school and elementary. I have volunteered through IASE two

amazing times. I currently work in Washington, DC where I have been for five years evaluating kiddos ages three to six for special needs and leading their families through the process of eligibility and IEP as well as working with the school teams.



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



### “Addressing the Exceptional Needs of the Whole Child and Young Adult: Embracing the Future”

In Collaboration with:



Ms. Swaleha (Sally) Mohamedali, IASE Conference Chair, and Drs. Fartun Mohamud and Brenda Lazarus, Conference Program Co-Chairs, and our collaborators: Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, and the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia, cordially invite all interested parties to submit presentation proposals.

Please review all submission criteria. Then complete and submit the proposal presentation form (on our website at: [www.iase.org](http://www.iase.org)) by October 1, 2016. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

**Proposals are to be submitted electronically to Dr. Fartun Mohamud at [fartunkaafi@gmail.com](mailto:fartunkaafi@gmail.com)**  
All presenters will be required to pay their registration fees by April 15, 2017 to be included in the conference program.

#### IMPORTANT TIMELINES

October 1, 2016  
December 1, 2016  
February 1, 2017  
February 1, 2017  
April 15, 2017  
May 1, 2017

Deadline for submission of proposals  
Notification of acceptance of proposals  
Early Bird Conference Registration Discount  
Deadline for submission of Conference Proceedings  
Deadline for Presenters to be included in Conference Program  
All participants must be registered for conference.

For proposal submission and further information about the conference, go to our website at [www.iase.com](http://www.iase.com)

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