



### A MESSAGE FROM THE IASE PRESIDENT

Dr. Renáta Tichá



Recently, we have celebrated the Lunar New Year, an important milestone for many Asian countries and those of us who identify with one or more of the Asian cultures, including Vietnam, the last IASE conference site. We are now in the year of the Dragon!

Thinking about Asian cultures, it is imperative that we consider the differences and similarities between the perceptions, attitudes, inclusion and service availability for children, youth and adults with disabilities and their families in countries, such as Vietnam, Cambodia, India, and Bangladesh, compared to those of other regions. To honor those differences, IASE biennial conference sites move around the world to experience the different cultures and communities to increase the understanding of the conference delegates as well as of participants from the conference locations.

We are now five months away from the 18th Biennial IASE conference at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen (Plzeň in Czech language), Czech Republic, that will take place on June 27-July 1, 2024. The conference theme is *Supporting Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities across the Lifespan* (<https://www.iase.org/conference>). The conference registration is now open! Do not miss the early-bird deadline! The IASE conference planning committee, together with the Czech local committee, has been working on the conference details, including presentation spaces, housing options, site visits, local entertainment, etc. All this information is available on the IASE conference webpage. This newsletter also includes details on the pre-conference site visits, art exhibits, visa invitation letters, accommodations, and more. We now have a logo ready to depict the

conference theme and location for the conference bags, badges and other conference items. We will have the opportunity to connect in the heart of Europe about important policies, research, and practices to make the lives of people with disabilities more inclusive and to experience the history and culture of the Czech lands. You can plan your trip to visit some important Czech landmarks, including the romantic capital city of Prague, UNESCO cultural heritage sites, such as Český Krumlov and Kutná Hora. The Czech Republic has a world-class inexpensive public transportation system, do not be afraid to use it! At the conference, you will experience a piece of the Czech culture through Czech folk music (Trnka) at the Gala Dinner at the 1901 beautiful building of Měšťanská beseda (Municipal Commons) featured in the photo below.



Read the newsletter carefully for an extended deadline for IASE board officers and a conference site for 2026.

On behalf of IASE, thank you for all the work you do, and we cannot wait to see you soon! Stay updated on the upcoming IASE conference, Volunteer Service Sites, and other happenings at <https://iase.org/>. Sign up for the IASE blog (<https://www.iase.org/blog>). Reach out with any questions.

With warm wishes to all corners of the world,  
Renáta

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Renáta Tichá, PhD, IASE President  
University of Minnesota, USA

## 18<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL IASE CONFERENCE Pilsen, Czech Republic



### Supporting Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities Across the Lifespan

### Special Art Exhibit

By Nik Fernholz

The "Inclusion Collection" at the IASE conference comprises five distinctly curated exhibitions, poised to showcase a compelling theme while emphasizing distinct perspectives. Leading the showcase is "My Life," a presentation by Art for All from the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota, United States. This exhibition eloquently captures the journeys of transition students from the Czech Republic and the United States, utilizing evocative photographs to document their daily lives and articulate their dreams for the future. Adding to the narrative are two solo shows by Mr. Michal Bednář and Ms. Martina Květová, prominently featured in the main exhibit space. "My Pilsen, My Town" takes us on a visual tour through the host town, with young individuals documenting key buildings, imaginary characters in statue form, and monuments, providing a unique perspective on their community.

The exhibition includes striking photographs from the Ngo ProCit, an association of individuals with ASD, enriching the overall visual narrative. To foster community engagement, our fifth exhibit will be displayed at Cafe Restaurant Kačaba, offering a welcoming space for local residents to appreciate and

A Partnership between  
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(IASE) & University of West Bohemia

Pre-Conference Site Visits June 27th

**Pilsen, Czech Republic**  
*June 28 – July 1, 2024*

### IMPORTANT TIMELINES

**May 1, 2024:** Early special rates registration fees end  
**May 1, 2024:** All presenters must be registered for the conference.

**After May 2, 2024:** Late conference fees

connect with the diverse artistic expressions on display. The carefully curated exhibits promise a thought-provoking and visually compelling experience for all attendees.

**INCLUSION COLLECTION**

**IASE 2024 ART**

**5 ART EXHIBITS**

**My Life**  
**My Pilsen, My Town**  
**Mr. Michal Bednář**  
**Ms. Martina Květová**  
**ProCit association**  
**Art at Cafe Restaurant Kačaba**

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## Important Information for International Participants Requiring Visa Invitation Letters

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We are delighted to welcome you to our upcoming IASE 2024 Conference. For those of you traveling from abroad and requiring a visa, we understand the importance of having a proper invitation letter to facilitate your visa application process. To ensure your invitation letter contains all necessary details, we kindly request you to provide the following information when requesting an invitation letter:

1. Full Name as in Passport: Please provide your complete name exactly as it appears in your passport.
2. Passport Number: Include your passport number for identification purposes.
3. Date of Birth: This is required for further identity verification.
4. Nationality: Please specify the country of your passport.
5. Affiliation: State your institutional or organizational affiliation.
6. Position: Your current role or position within your institution or organization.
7. Address: Provide the address where you would like the invitation letter to be sent, if applicable.
8. Purpose of Visit: Briefly mention your purpose for attending the conference (e.g., presenter, attendee, etc.).
9. Dates of Stay: Include the dates for which you plan to be in the country for the conference.
10. Any Additional Details: If there are any specific details or formats required by your local embassy or consulate, please let us know. Please send this information to [[:visas.invitationletter.iase@email.cz](mailto:visas.invitationletter.iase@email.cz)] at your earliest convenience. The sooner we receive your details, the quicker we can process and send your personalized invitation letter.

Kind regards, Dr. Tereza Havránková Visa & Invitation letters chair University of West Bohemia, Pilsen

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## Pre Conference June 27<sup>th</sup> Special School and NGO Visits IASE 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference 2024

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Dear IASE 2024 Delegates,

Should you wish to participate in our pre-conference site visits, below you will find a list of suggested onsite settings, including schools or social services settings, provided within the city of Pilsen or nearby.

We have organized nine different site visit options, each with the capacity of 5 people max and each named by a different color for better orientation. Participants will gather at a pre-arranged meeting point, the well-known and still glorified Memorial called "Thank you America," ([https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Díky,\\_Ameriko!#/map/0](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Díky,_Ameriko!#/map/0)) located at Americká Street, on behalf of those who liberated our city in 1945. Your site visit guide, holding a ticket matching the color of your visit, will meet you there.

The first visit is scheduled for approximately 8:30 – 11:30. Following the visit, there will be a lunch break (11:30 – 12:30), provisionally scheduled at one of our well-known social enterprises – Café Restaurant (<https://kacaba.cz> Prokopova 17, 301 00, Plzeň).



Here, young people with intellectual disabilities will serve you. They acquired their first social and vocational skills here, which they then applied within the open labor market. Please note that you will be responsible for paying for your lunch (best to have local currency for both) as well as a ticket for public transportation. Your guide will assist you.

The second visit is scheduled for the early afternoon, approximately from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, depending on the location of the site and the nature of the support provided to the clientele. You will be accompanied by our experienced guides on both visits, and translation into Czech will be provided. You can see the selection of [Site visits](#). You can [sign up here](#). Check out our website by going to [conference 2024](#).

We wish you a pleasant journey and hope you enjoy the experience.

Best regards, Your Local Organizing Committee

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## Accommodations

### IASE 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference 2024

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The 18th Biennial Conference in conjunction with University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic 28.6. – 1.7. 2024 (27.6. optional site visits)

Conference discount code: IASE2024  
Accommodation of various categories is provided at discounted prices near the Conference Center. Please note that the accommodation price is not included in the registration fees. We have secured a variety of accommodation in Pilsen at preferential rates for the 18th IASE delegates. To take advantage of these special rates, please use the discount code "IASE2024" when making your booking.

In order to secure a reservation at the hotel of your preference, we recommend making your booking as soon as possible. For more information about the hotels, availability & rates, and to make your reservation, visit our accommodation page. Please do not hesitate to arrange your accommodation soon. Pilsen, having been selected as a "European Capital of Culture in 2015," may attract a large number of visitors, and some hotels might be fully occupied. For more details go to: [accommodations](#)



**Calling on All IASE members**

### How to Donate and Support a Teacher and or Student from the Czech Republic

Don't forget we are accepting sponsorships for a teacher and or a student from the Czech Republic. For \$100 USD you can help a teacher and or student attend our upcoming conference. We are accepting donations starting this year, 2024. Get a head start toward supporting inclusive education worldwide. Just donate and continue to Raise Your Hand toward our future. In the past our IASE members and outside donors have funded over 25 individuals who otherwise would not be able to attend our conferences. We will connect you with the educator or student you sponsored too! Your support would be

greatly appreciated. For more information go to our website at <https://www.iase.org/conference>



### Silent and Live Auction

These two events benefit the **Marg Csapo Scholarship Fund**. Funds raised from these auctions partially support individuals from developing countries to attend our Biennial Conferences. To make the auction successful please remember to pack any items that you wish to donate for these auction events. These will be collected at the registration table at the conference. Funds for 2024 will be supporting international scholars from around the globe! This year we are supporting 10 scholars.



It is never too early to begin your spring cleaning....remember "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill. During the conference week you will be able to participate in the **silent auction** by browsing items on display and placing your bid on the item. At the end of each day the person who bids the highest amount for the item will win that item. You will need to collect each item at the designated table by 2:00 pm. daily to retrieve your new treasure!

A **live auction** will be held at the Gala dinner. Here you will be able to make bids on 'special marked items.' These will be on display prior to the dinner as well as at our live auction. Please remember to bring your credit card and or cash too! An IASE volunteer will lead the live auctioneer and identify the highest bidder.

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Two VSP Sites in India  
Celebrate Their Golden Jubilee

## Don Bosco Sneha Bhavan's Impact in Kochi, India 1974-2024

Featured Fr. P.D. Thomas, Executive Director, Mr. Sony,  
Ward Counselor, Mr. Babu, the President of the Alumni  
Association, Mr. Augustine, Sr. Rosily and Fr. Sebastian.



This Golden Jubilee celebration not only marked the institution's rich history but also emphasized its ongoing commitment to the welfare of children and youth at risk.

Some highlights of this celebration can be seen on YouTube. [Check these out!](#)

Dance has the power to weave magic into everyone's lives! Please view photos of a performance by a group of talented girls from Valsalya Bhavan Annexe at the grand kickoff of Sneha Bhavan's Golden Jubilee celebration.



Now check out the boys from Sneha Bhavan Annexe (above) who owned the stage with an enchanting dance performance. The boys from Sneha Bhavan (above) also showcased an incredible thematic dance performance too!

Finally (below) the girls from Valsalya Bhavan Ammathotttil dance with pure joy



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## **SPJ Sadhana School, Mumbai, India Empowering Persons with Special Needs 1973-2023**

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The month of August 2023 began with the first event for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of SPJ Sadhana School, the Inauguration of the Memory Wall. The unveiling of the Memory Wall revealed the emerging story of 50 years of the school. An important aspect was the Golden Jubilee Logo, which celebrates the milestone of 50 years and symbolizes the promise to continue the journey onwards.



SPJ Sadhana School is a special school dedicated to the holistic development of children and young adults with varied neuro-divergent needs. Located in the scenic campus of Sophia College in Mumbai, the school is a renowned institution working in the field for the past fifty years.

The school has a dedicated mission to empower the students with Special Educational Needs, to develop cognitively, kinaesthetically, socially, emotionally, behaviourally and vocationally, with the ultimate goal to make them independent and productive members of society.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. And the school has been supported

with the compassion and collaboration of numerous large-hearted and dedicated persons, through the management, staff, parents, donors and students.

### **SPJ Sadhana School's Journey**

In the 1960's, Ms Mira Parikh, the Principal of Tinkerbell School, along with a few parents of children with special needs, started a Special Unit of Education, within the school. It was located at Kemp's Corner, near the flyover. The founder members included Mrs. Durga Jain, mother of Vasudha; Lady Sonoo Jeejeebhoy, mother of Geeta; and Mrs. Gladys Kothawala, who was later the founder member of AWMH.

When the school was asked to relocate, these parents approached Sr. Mary Braganza at Sophia College, who open heartedly housed the students. The first classrooms were in the basement of the college. The principal of this small unit was Sr. Ormesher from 1970 to 1972. The goals of education included developing communication, independence and training in basic educational subjects. Parental involvement was imperative so as to provide them guidance on how to work with the children at home. Mrs Din Guha was the Principal from 1972 to 1973.

In 1971, the Province decided to take the school under their wing and drew up an agreement to place it under SHEWI (Society for Higher Education of Women in India) in March 1973.

Thus SPJ Sadhana School was born owing to the missionary zeal of the Sisters of Sacred Heart and the philanthropic gesture of the Shreyans Prasad Jain Trust.

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## **SPJ Sadhana School's Journey Continued.....**

The word 'sadhana' implied 'dedicated work and spiritual discipline', since Mrs Durga Jain believed that she had been entrusted by God to look after her special child. Mrs. Vijaya Ullal became the Principal and the school grew in terms of the services that it provided. For Sophia College, the school also served as a practical work centre for the Psychology Department.

In 1977, Mrs. Rukmini Krishnaswamy became the principal. Under her leadership, and the guidance provided by Sr. Mary Braganza, Sr. Charlotte Bastion and Sr Geradette Phillips, the student strength of the school grew from 16 to 48.

Besides the education, it was important to provide vocational training to the students. Hence, in the 1980's, the family of a student, Srinivas Ramanujan (Bossie), sponsored the development of the Vocational Section, on the top floor of the Arts building of the college. The polytechnic courses included were Office Skills, Art department and a Fast Food Department. The first batch of students graduated in 1990, and that was when Mrs Krishnaswamy retired.

In 1990, Sr Eileen Gaitonde took over as the principal, and steered the school forward until her retirement in 2017. She was dynamically supported by Dr Radhike Khanna, who served as the vice principal from 1995 to 2017. In 1991, through another generous endowment from Mrs. Esther D'Souza, a new building came up on the campus, and was named Dr Rozendo Ribeiro Children's Complex, after her father. Here, the school was housed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

With the additional space the school's processes and services expanded to serve the

students on a broader spectrum. These included the following classes and departments: The Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU), Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Transition, juniors, Pre Vocational, General Vocational, Office Skills, Hospitality and Catering, Art and Craft and Home Skills along with a psychologist, an occupational therapist for sensory integration, a speech therapist, the use of Makaton and computer training. Students of the vocational courses were introduced to internships, and graduation ceremonies were conducted every five years. In 2008, the school was even ISO certified, making the systems and processes of the school match international standards. However, more space was required, to provide more enhanced services, to empower more children and young adults with neuro-divergent needs.

Thus in 2011, with Sr. Gaitonde's vision, Dr. Radhike Khanna's received from the Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust, two more floors were added to the building.

The school structure now included the Formative Years with grades I to IV, the Intermediate Level including the Skills Enhancement Class and the Pre Vocational Class, and the five-year Vocational Training Courses including Hospitality and Catering Department, the Office Procedures Course, the Visual Arts and Crafts Department and the Work Words Skills Department (later renamed as Wood Arts and Handicrafts Department).

The topmost floor was dedicated entirely to the provision of multiple therapies that supported the teaching and vocational training programs of the school. It was called Enhanced Learning Centre, and in 2020 was renamed as Enhanced Intervention Centre. Currently the multi-therapy centre includes Arts Based Therapy, Art and Craft, Counselling and Therapy, Dance Movement Therapy, Department of Eclectic Therapy, Hydrotherapy, Music

Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Play Therapy, Snoezelen, Speech Therapy, Sports training and Yoga.

In 2016, Sr Pratibha Pinto was appointed as the School Administrator and in 2018; Ms Fionika Sanghvi became the Principal of the school. Under their leadership, the school is now recognised as a model school working ceaselessly to make the students creative, responsible and productive members of society. Today the Principal Fionika Sanghvi leaves us with.....

“Empowering the special needs students leads to their growth. Every student who has reached the door of the school climbs its steps and runs through the corridor. We have been able to empower the students to a level of advocating INCLUSION.

And, so, this is the theme of the Golden Jubilee of SPJ Sadhana School Inclusion.”

IASE is so proud to be a part of the rich history and memories of both of our VSP sites in India. We hope to continue to make memories for years to come! If you are interested in volunteering or donating to these and any other VSP sites please go to our website at: [VSP Projects](#)

Feel free to reach out and contact me for more information at <mailto:dririsdoug@gmail.com>



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## Sponsor a New Member and Make a Difference

IASE continues to reach out to members around the world as we spread the word of what IASE has to offer. Part of this comes

from the generosity of our membership. Here is an opportunity for you to sponsor a new member and become part of their lives. If you would like to support fellow special educators from developing economy nations to become members in our dynamic association, we encourage you to use the donation button on the membership page. For \$20 you can sponsor a new member. \$100.00 will pay for five new members. Click on the sponsorship button to sponsor one member. Click on sponsor members for more than one sponsorship. Thank you for your support. For more information, go to membership or contact our Membership Chair, Dr. Rachael Gonzales [iasemembership@gmail.com](mailto:iasemembership@gmail.com)

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### IASE MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

#### Wilfred Elias Serikali

Member for 5 years

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*One of the strengths of IASE is the individuals who represent our IASE Family. This month we will be highlighting Wilfred Elias Serikali from Tanzania & Dung Doan from Vietnam*

-Dr. Rachael Gonzáles

Wilfred Elias Serikali, is a Tanzanian from Musoma located in the Mara region. In 2023 he was hired as the first special education teacher at Musoma Technical Secondary School which is a public school with students with disabilities who are deaf, physically impaired, visually impaired, intellectually impaired, and albinism. He was allocated to teach deaf students where he was able to establish a sign language club that opened communication between students and their hearing peers; it also became a great platform for producing sign language interpreters at the school.

In September 2023, Wilfred convinced his fellow teachers in town to establish an NGO for the creation of a union of special education teachers to gain greater strength and a voice to help students with special needs in more life skills including education, economics, and

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leadership. Finally, on December 2024 we were able to register an NGO called Organization of Special Needs Education Teachers (OSNET). We started with 8 members, later 10 others joined and now the NGO has 230 members where 96% are special education teachers. For all that time until now, he continues to be the Chairman of OSNET.

Through OSNET, we have been able to reach 89 schools, (51 primary and 38 secondary) with more than 30,000 students and 442 teachers. Also, we have been able to reach 16 of the 26 regions in mainland Tanzania. We do empowerment activities, advocacy for change, and lobbying.

Our biggest goal by the year 2025 is to be able to reach 120 schools, 1000 teachers, and 50,000 students in all 25 regions of Tanzania. OSNET has become a wide network to connect the ideas of special teachers who have been scattered in different corners of Tanzania for a long time. It has allowed them to exchange knowledge, linking and learning together to improve inclusive education in the country.

Our vision for the year 2024 is to start the Yearly National Summit of the Special Education Conference as it is done in IASE. This conference will bring together important stakeholders from educational decision-making levels including policymakers, government officials, special education teachers, school principals, out-of-service teachers, and others who will be included in one platform to evaluate the progress of inclusive education in the country. Also, it will open the door for friends of inclusive education to discuss successes and make suggestions for improvement for the betterment of young students with special needs in the country. Finally, each year the summit will develop a practical guidebook that

can be implemented by every educator in inclusive schools.

For more information, you can visit the OSNET website [www.osnet.or.tz](http://www.osnet.or.tz) or through our social networks <https://web.facebook.com/OSNETMUSOMA/> or <https://www.instagram.com/osnettz/> or through my email [dsmtch21@gmail.com](mailto:dsmtch21@gmail.com)



One of the outcomes of our Sign Language Club in the Rugambwa Girls Secondary School is having hearing impaired and non-deaf students join together to sign the national anthem.



Here Wilfred works with a group of young pupils (above) with albinism from the Mwisenge Primary School.



Wilfred conducts (above) a training session on inclusion.

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## IASE MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### Dung Doan Member for 2 years

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Dung Doan from HCMC Vietnam is the founder and director of the Potential Development Center of Psychological and Speech - Language Therapies. After working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) for 2 years, he had an opportunity to participate in a 2-year Speech - Language Pathology program. This was a partnership program between Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine, University of Newcastle (Australia), Ho Chi Minh City Otolaryngology Hospital and Trinh Foundation – Australia.

In 2016, to support more families with children with ASD, he decided to open Potential Development Center of Psychological and Speech - Language Therapies. The main center is located at 47/4 Nguyen Cuu Van Street, Binh Thanh District, HCMC. In 2018, he moved the main center to 18/29 Nguyen Cuu Van Street, Binh Thanh District and opened three more branches in the area.

The 4 campuses include 30 intervention rooms, 9 sensory and playrooms, 1 calming room and 2 enhanced physical exercise rooms. He currently has 23 staff who have graduated with Bachelor's Degrees in Psychology, Speech Language Pathology or Social Work.

The early intervention center focuses on 1: 1 individual intervention. Our Potential Development Center of Psychological and Speech - Language Therapies uses a family centered approach toward learning. We acknowledge the importance of the family presence and understanding in their children's daily lives. So we create an environment where parents and caregivers are encouraged

to work closely with specialists in the child's intervention and development process. Intervention goals are individualized to suit each child's abilities, while emphasizing the close connection between our specialists and families. In addition, multidisciplinary coordination is also highlighted to target specific interventions in the child's overall development.

Since our center mainly is for early intervention with 1:1 section. Our Basics3 classes are for a small group of 3 - 8 students depending on the students' age and development. One class serves as a PREP PROGRAM for children starting elementary school and the other class is for students who need more independent skills in daily life.

For children intending to go to elementary school, students can take the 1:1 section and Basics3 class simultaneously which usually takes around 6 months to 1 year before entering the elementary school classes.



Photos: classroom setting and Mr. Dong Doan & Ms. Khuyen Le

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## CALL FOR 2026 BIENNIAL SITE VENUES

### IASE Biennial Conference

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We are currently seeking proposals for the 2026 IASE Conference site. We welcome proposals for a venue site that meet the requirements listed below:

- **Located in a city with an international airport and situated in reasonable proximity to hotels.** In addition, there should be available low-cost sleeping rooms (e.g., dorms) for individuals who prefer to stay on the university campus.
- **Provide adequate meeting space** with 12-15 meeting rooms that would accommodate 25-35 persons, a large meeting space (to accommodate 400 people) for general plenary sessions, and space for registration, exhibits, and poster sessions.
- **Provide needed equipment** (e.g., overheads, and/or LCD projectors, screens, laptops, easels).
- **Have food services available** at/near venue site.

**Be willing to promote the conference in the region/country** and designate a

- Planning Committee to work with the IASE Planning Committee on conference needs (e.g., printing a program).
- **Be willing to provide guidance to the IASE Planning Committee** about tours, school visits, venue for Gala Dinner, and more.
- **Have available low cost sleeping rooms** (e.g., dorms) for individuals who seek/prefer to stay on the university campus.
- **Be able and willing to accept registrations from your own country.** This would include accepting the registrations and funds and maintaining appropriate records for accounting purposes.

If you are interested in hosting the 2026 IASE Conference, please submit a proposal to IASE addressing all the information listed above. **All proposals should be forwarded to our IASE**

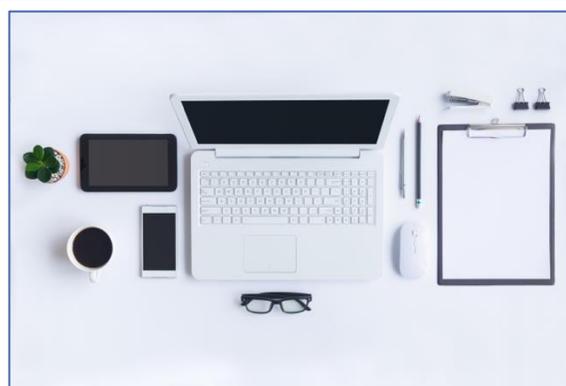
**President.** Your proposal should be sent to Dr. Renata Ticha, at [tich0018@umn.edu](mailto:tich0018@umn.edu) by **March 20, 2024**. The proposals will be reviewed by our Site Selection Committee. The recommended site(s) will be forwarded to the IASE Board for final selection at the spring 2024 Board Meeting. **The final site will be announced at our 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference in the Czech Republic.**

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## CALL FOR IASE BOARD NOMINATIONS

### 2024-2026 Nominations

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Call for IASE Board Officers Nominations 2024-2026 Nominations are being accepted from now until **March 15, 2024**. The following positions are open:

1. **President-Elect**, 1 to be elected for a two-year term
2. **Secretary**, 1 to be elected for a two-year term.
3. **Treasurer**, 1 to be elected for a two-year term
4. **Member-at-Large**, 3 to be elected for two-year terms.

Descriptions of the roles and responsibilities for each of the above positions are in IASE's constitution and by-laws which can be found at [iase.org](http://iase.org)

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**CALL FOR IASE BOARD  
NOMINATIONS  
2024-2026 Nominations**

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The Constitution states that the board shall be comprised of a minimum representation of 3 countries to reflect the international focus of the organization.

Criteria for application include a valid IASE membership and prior experience with IASE (e.g., committee chair/work, volunteer service and/ or an elected position). Board members are not paid a salary and must attend meetings at their own voluntary expense.

**If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise, send a letter of intent and a short (one-page) resume to Dr. Zandile Nkabinde Past President at [znkabinde@gmail.com](mailto:znkabinde@gmail.com) or [znkabinde@njcu.edu](mailto:znkabinde@njcu.edu) the IASE Nominations Chair. The committee will review all nominations and forward their recommendations to the Board for ballot approval. The voting ballot will be emailed to all paid IASE members.**

Looking for Volunteers to serve on the following IASE Committees:

Would you like to join a committee?

- Virtual Events (panel of speakers, interactive discussions);
- Mentor Support Committee (support students through mentorship and work on advance degrees);
- Election Committee (work with past president in organizing annual election)
- Membership Committee (identify ways to increase membership and engagement across the globe);
- Newsletter Committee ( review articles, publications and events);
- Biennial Conference Committees;
- Volunteer Service Committee;

- International Journal Reviewers

For more information on how you can serve feel free to contact

<mailto:dririsdoug@gmail.com>

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Dr. Iris Drower**

as of February 12, 2024

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Account	Amount
Checking	\$3,553.92
VSP/Giving	\$7,806.52
Marg Csapo Scholarship	\$13,529.69
Operational Savings	\$130,491.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$155,381.83</b>



Featured above is Mr. Nova Marandu, Executive Director of Toa Nafasi. He climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to challenge the situation of children in his community. A true inspiration! We look forward to seeing him as one of our Dr. Marg Csapo Scholarship Awardees in June, 2024 in the Czech Republic.



## REGISTRATION Fee Schedule

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

You can complete a separate registration form for each participant or complete this online by going to our website at [iase.org](http://iase.org). Duplicate this form as needed. **Make checks or money orders payable to IASE** in US dollars. Mail to: IASE Treasurer, Dr. Iris Drower, P.O. Box 2159 Mesa, Arizona, 85214 USA Email: [dririsdoug@gmail.com](mailto:dririsdoug@gmail.com). For wire transfers please contact the IASE Treasurer directly via email.

You may pay by credit card online too! Go to our website for information. Our payment schedule will be available on our website on or before January 15th, 2024 **IASE Federal ID# 43-1974089**.

**Please note all Czech Participants will pay a special country rate fee of 100.00 USD. Plus 50 USD for IASE membership. Please contact Dr. Šárka Káňová for more information: [kanova@kpg.zcu.cz](mailto:kanova@kpg.zcu.cz)**

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Extra Gala Dinner: \$40 USD Yes:  No:  **Indicate Special Diet Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate Any Special Access Services Required:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference registration includes: Opening Reception, conference bag, three days of conference sessions with morning breaks, program, Gala Dinner, and Conference Proceedings.**

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## REGISTRATION FEES

	By May 1, 2024	After May 2, 2024 (late fees)
<b>IASE Member</b>	___\$485.00	___\$585.00
<b>Non IASE Member</b>	___\$535.00	___\$635.00
<b>IASE Member</b> Developing Country	___\$185.00	___\$285.00
<b>Non IASE Member</b> Developing Country	___\$235.00	___\$335.00
<b>IASE Student Member</b> (undergraduate and graduate students taking 15+ credit hours per academic year)	___\$285.00	___\$385.00
<b>Non IASE Student Member</b> (undergraduate and graduate students taking 15+ credit hours per academic year)	___\$335.00	___\$435.00
<b>IASE Member Retired</b> (65+ years old)	___\$225.00	___\$325.00
<b>Non IASE Member Retired</b> (65+ years old)	___\$325.00	___\$425.00

**Extra Gala Dinner Tickets for a guest only:** \_\_\_ Number @ \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Tours:**

Fees to be determined

**TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES:** (payment in US dollars only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment:** \_\_\_ Check/Money Order \_\_\_ Credit Card (see below)

**Name on Credit Card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of the Credit Card:** \_\_\_\_\_, City \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip or country Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration date of card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** All presenters are required to register for the conference by May 1, 2024 or their names will not appear in the conference program. All registration forms and payment must be received no later than May 1, 2024. Registrants with special meal requests must list them on the registration form.

**Cancellations MUST be made in writing for the IASE Board approval.** Send to IASE, c/o IASE Treasurer PO Box 2159, Mesa Az. 85214. Refund information: All refunds are subject to an \$80.00 US processing charge. Cancellations made by May 1, 2022 full refund minus the \$80.00 processing charge. May 2-15, 2024 a 75% refund (minus \$80.00), May 16-30, 2024 a 50% refund (minus \$80.00). No refunds after June 1, 2024.

**PLEASE remember to register early as this conference is limited to the first 400 participants.**

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

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