



# International Stuttering Association

*A World that Understands Stuttering*

To: Stuttering Community  
From: Michael Sugarman, MBA  
Regarding: World Congress 2013

We have reached December 2012. The holidays and 2013 will be here for shortly. I wish you all a superb and healthy December and a safe end of the year festivities.

## World Congress 2013



*BREAKING TABOOS AROUND STUTTERING*

June 2013 is less than 7 months. Our 10th members' meeting of the International Stuttering Association (ISA) will be held Sunday (9th June), just before the 10th ISA World Congress for People who Stutter which takes place from June 10th until June 13th. This ISA World Congress will take place in the Netherlands, thanks to the organization of Demosthenes. The whole of the ISA Board wishes to welcome you to both the Members' meeting and the World Congress. Several of us will attend both events and look forward to talking with you. We always want to know from you how we can improve; what you like about what we do and what you think we should do.

## Registration Process

If you wish to attend both the members' meeting and the congress you will need to register for at least 4 nights from and including the 9th June. It is possible to stay at the Congress center for up to 6 nights from the 8th June.

If you are registering for the Members' meeting, we need to know if you are the voting member.

The costs of registration and accommodation can be found on the [Demosthenes registration page](#).

Please remember that early registration gives a reduction of up to 25% of registration costs. The deadline is before 1st January 2013. If you register by the 31st December 2012 it will be much cheaper than if you register in 2013. There is a paragraph at the end of the page about cancellation of registration.

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## Abstract Submission

There is a simple system for submitting an abstract to give a workshop. [Please see the details here](#).

Remember these must be submitted by 1st January 2013.

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## Board Candidates

If you wish to self nominate at the ISA membership meeting on the 9th June 2013 for a position on the Board of Directors for the next 3 years until 2016 please will you consider that you need to let us know how you will spend a few hours a month to

- help the ISA to meet our goals
- serve the membership of the ISA
- serve PWS around the world

It is also a requirement to have the approval of your National Association to represent their views to the ISA.

Please provide this information before the end of April 2013.

If you need any information about the job of an ISA Director, or have any questions please ask [Michael Sugarman](#) or [Keith Boss](#).

You will need to register to attend the ISA members' meeting on the 9th June.

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# Draft Agenda for Members Meeting

Ice breaker and introduction

Voting for 2016 to host next World Congress

Discussion on how to pay renewals

Vote to approve the [Administrative Pronouncements and Interpretations of the constitution by the ISA Board](#).

Discussion on ISA

Vote for new board

Any Other Business

- Perspective from a member

Members' dinner after the meeting.

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**Holiday Greetings from *Parental Guidance's* Billy Crystal to the NSA!**

Award winning actor Billy Crystal sends his holiday greetings to the National Stuttering Association, and would like everyone to get out and see his latest film, [Parental Guidance](#), premiering Christmas Day 2012. Parental Guidance is a family comedy in which old school grandfather Artie (Billy Crystal), who is accustomed to calling the shots, meets his match when he and his eager-to-please wife Diane (Bette Midler) agree to babysit their three grandkids when their type-A helicopter parents (Marisa Tomei, Tom Everett Scott) go away for work. One of the grandchildren speaks with a stutter that is touched upon throughout the film in a believable and lighthearted manner.



Warmly

Michael

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