



# International Stuttering Association

*A World that Understands Stuttering*

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

## World Congress 2013

Next year, from June 10th until June 13th, the 10th ISA World Congress for People who Stutter will be organised in the Netherlands. Also, the members' meeting of the International Stuttering Association (ISA) will be held on Sunday (9th June) before the congress. Board members from stuttering associations around the World will be there to discuss ISA-goals. If you are representing your National Stuttering Association at this meeting, make sure you are booked in for the night of June 9th to June 13th 2013.



The Netherlands stuttering association Demosthenes has been putting much effort in setting up a good program, selecting internationally well-known keynote speakers and a location which is perfect for this event. This event will really become a World congress for people who stutter and people involved in stuttering, by people who stutter.

The final preparations for the registration procedure have been finished and registration for this congress is now open. [Please register here](#)

During the congress there will be the following keynote speakers:

- Anita Blom (Sweden)
- Marie-Christine Franken (Netherlands)
- Shinji Ito (Japan)

- David Mitchell (Ireland)
- Katherine Preston (USA)
- David Shapiro (USA)
- Michael O'Shea (Ireland)

In addition to these keynote speeches, there will be many workshops and presentations performed by participants, and of course the opportunity to meet people you know and make new friends. Networking is fun.

There are guidelines for abstract submission. These should be completed and returned by 1st December. [Details for submitting extracts are available here.](#)

In addition to the congress, there will be a welcome reception on Sunday evening, social program on Tuesday afternoon and a gala dinner on Wednesday evening.

To reach as many people as possible, we'd like to ask for your cooperation.

If you have not already done so, please will you put a news-item and/or a banner on your website about the congress. Please ask your members to submit an abstract for a workshop. All submissions are welcome and everybody can apply.

All information about the congress is available on [www.stuttering2013.com](http://www.stuttering2013.com). Basic information is made available in several languages and accessible by clicking on the small flags on the site. We hope you are willing to put a link on your website and the ISA will welcome you next June in the Netherlands!

If you have any question, don't hesitate to ask.

With regards,

Maartje Borghuis  
Richard Bourgondiën  
Patrick Wetzels

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## PWS Seeking Financial Assistance

Dear Applicant:

If you would like to apply for financial support from the ISA to attend the World Congress 2013, please provide us with the following information.

The deadline for completed applications is March 15th 2013. Please email your completed application to [msugarman1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msugarman1@sbcglobal.net).

**Personal Details:**

- A. First Name
- B. Surname
- C. Organization
- D. Address
- E. Email

Are you intending to present at a workshop? If so, please send us a copy of your Abstract Submission. [Details for submitting extracts are available here.](#)

Please tell us in no more than 350 words;

- why you wish to attend the Congress
- why you are requesting financial support
- how you will use the information you receive / learn
- how you will inform your peers and other people in your country and organization?

Please provide us with details in US\$ the costs involved in attending:

A. Registration

Go to [the registration page](#) for details.

B. Travel

C. Accommodation

Accommodation can be organised as part of registration. See [the registration page](#) for details, otherwise see the [Congress meeting point page](#) for sharing options and [other accommodation options](#).

D. Total support requested

**Funds are limited, so depending on your application, and the number of applications, most grants may only cover early Congress registration fees and travel.**

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## Membership Meeting

In two weeks I will be sending you an agenda for ISA membership meeting. In the meantime please review the following document, because member organization's representatives will have to vote to either ratify or reject changes to how we interpret the ISA constitution using [Administrative Pronouncements and Interpretations of the constitution by the ISA Board](#).

### Background

There are so many PWS around the world seeking help. Requests reach the ISA either directly or via Member Associations. The Board wants the ISA to be better equipped to meet these requests so we want ISA Directors to more active in ISA work (see also last June's enewsflash). Recently the ISA Board of Directors discussed additional changes to these administrative pronouncements;

**Motion 50. ISA should incorporate the changes into the administrative pronouncements.**

Keith Boss seconded the motion and after discussion the Board of Directors gave the motion their unanimous support. 7 yes votes.

The current ISA constitution [can be viewed here](#).

The amended administrative pronouncements which help the Board of Directors to interpret / correct inconsistencies in the constitution are at [Administrative Pronouncements and Interpretations of the constitution by the ISA Board](#).

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I look forward to seeing everyone in June 2013.

Michael

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