International Stuttering Association

A World that Understands Stuttering

Greetings!

After many years of hard work, Judy Kuster announced her retirement from the International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD) Online Conference this year. The International Stuttering Association (ISA) is continuing to support this important event in 2013 and beyond. We have formed a small team, made up to Anita Blom, Dan Hudock, Keith Boss, David Resnick and Bruce Imhoff to progress this event.

We're sending out this message as a 'call for papers´ and for people to be in the 'Ask the Experts' for the 2013 ISAD Online Conference. We may have already made contact with you about the online conference. The purpose of this message is to explain our requirements and deadlines for content.

As Judy has done in previous years, the 2013 Online Conference will start October 1 and finish October 22, on ISAD, to coincide with many events around the world. We're including a 'summary' page for associations to record what activities their association is doing for ISAD in 2013.

The 2013 theme is 'People Who Stutter Supporting Each Other'. If you don't see the image in this email, you can also see it at the website

isad.isastutter.org/isad-2013/

We kindly ask you to post and spread the logo and this message through your networks.

We welcome papers from not only people who stutter (PWS) and professionals (SLPs/SLTs), but also from those who are the partners, parents, children, colleagues and other people who support PWS. We ask for people to commit in one of four ways.

1. Write a paper.
Write a paper (in English) of not more than 2000 words (including a title). Shorter documents are

also welcome, in the format of a paper, a piece of poetry or something else. If you quote or use material from another person, please cite the reference at the bottom of the paper. Papers must be submitted not later than August 31 and should be provided in text (TXT), rich text format (RTF) or Word (DOC/X) format. Images may also be included, but please use RTF or DOC/X formats only if you are including images (for context). Special fonts should not be used, as all papers will be presented in one style. All papers will be assessed by the team, who may speak with the author where necessary. Please do not use complex formatting, if you have something complex to include, convert it into an image and send the image as part of your paper.

2. Make a video or audio presentation.
Record audio to be loaded to the website. Audio must be in the format .mp3, .m4a, .ogg or .wav.
OR
Record video to be loaded to be website via YouTube. Videos emailed to us cannot be loaded into the website, so please load them to YouTube and send us the link to the video.

Include a short summary of the content. EG. A video by Joe Blow about how his stutter made him a better person.

3. Be an 'expert'.
As in previous ISAD Online Conferences, we will provide a space for participants to ask questions of Speech and Language Pathology (SLP) professionals. Experts will need to monitor the questions in the 'Ask an expert…' forum.

4. Write about ISAD in your country.
Write a short summary about what your association is doing for ISAD. One of the points of the ISAD Online Conference is to raise awareness of ISAD and find out what others are doing. If your association is doing something for ISAD, please let us know;

- your country

- your association's name

- what you are doing for the ISAD this year

- include any venues, dates and times of activities, so others in your country can support you!

Please let us know if you will contribute something to the 2013 ISAD Online Conference by July 31.

Send all emails/papers/requests, including your contact details, to isad@isastutter.org, so we can contact you if we need to. All papers are due by August 31.

The committee has the right to deny, shorten or adjust anything submitted for the ISAD Online Conference.

For all participants in the conference we ask you to

- Provide a short bio about yourself (not more than 150 words) with a picture of you (head/face) as an introduction of who you are and your background.

- During the online conference, monitor the page where your paper is stored and respond to comments made by others on a regular basis.

We look forward to your contribution to the ISAD Online Conference this year!

Kind regards

The ISAD Online Conference Team