First message from the new Chair

10th World Congress for People who Stutter

I will start by congratulating Maartje Borghuis and Richard Bourgodiën for the work done by themselves and their team on running a very successful 10th World Congress for People who Stutter. The whole organisation, venue and Congress manual worked very well. I think Richard lost one tenth of his weight running around at the Congress dealing with issues. I liked his slow drum beat as I limped slowly onto the stage for the last time. Thank you both. I had pleasure giving them awards at the Gala Dinner. They are the face of our future.
Current Past Chair

We say a sad farewell to Michael Sugarman as our Chair. He completed 9 years of serving on the ISA Board. He brought the ISA through a difficult number of months and slowly helped us to heal and grow. He led us to the 9th World Congress and the 10th World Congress. He worked tirelessly on ISAD and the ISAD online conference, and initiated this monthly e-newsflash. I had pleasure giving Michael an award at the Gala as well. We hope he will soon agree to join the Advisory Board to continue working with us.

My ISA Guru

I also had the pleasure of presenting awards to Mel Hoffman and his wife Ruth. I regard and will continue to use Mel as my wise, level headed, ISA Guru. He has done so much for the ISA over countless years. His wife has supported him every step of the way. Thank you both.

Congress Website

Remember the official website for the Congress is http://www.demosthenes.nl/wc2013/index.php. When Richard returns from a cycling holiday in the UK he will arrange a central place for people to upload their pictures.
Facebook groups set up by National Associations or their representatives are a good place for communication. Closed groups set up by others have caused problems for both the ISA and World Congress organisers. One especially has not worked with Congress Organisers. My advice is to ignore those kinds of closed groups.

Membership meeting in Lunteren

At the membership meeting at the Congress the new Board was elected. (Minutes of the Membership meeting can be read at this link). Michael (Past Chair) called the first meeting of the new Board and Keith Boss (UK) was elected as the New Chair. After a brief discussion Harry Dhillon (UK) volunteered to be Treasurer and Masuhiko Kawasaki (Japan) offered to be in charge of our One Voice magazine. We decided to appoint the other Officer positions when all the new board was available. A few of the Board had a second meeting to introduce themselves to each other.

We also voted to hold the 11th World Congress for people who stutter on the west coast of the USA, combined with the NSA annual conference. Discussions about how to achieve this will take place with the NSA over the next three years.

Bert Bast, now an ISA Board Director talked about Stuttering Therapy and misleading claims. The voting members endorsed the declaration drawn up by Bert and many others. See http://www.isastutter.org/initiatives/declaration-for-stuttering-treatment.

One Voice 34

We need your articles for One Voice 34 by Monday 22nd July 2013. If you attended the WC2013, will you write about the WC in English please, and a copy in your own language?

Also you could write about (in English please, and a copy in your own language)

- What you are doing for the ISA;
- What is going on in your own Associations / Countries
- Self help groups / Chapters in your own Countries;
- Anything you want to tell to our Global community;
- Any conferences / Open Days you held or were part of, in the last 6 months?
- Readers would really like to hear your experiences.
- ISAD 2013 is coming up in October. What do you plan to do in your Country on October 22nd? Have any of you something to write about, to contribute to help others with ideas?

Photos with any article will be very helpful.
Please send all articles and photos to Masuhiko Kawasaki ma-kawas@sa2.so-net.ne.jp. He will collect them and pass them on to our Editor, Josh.

If you need inspiration, please see http://www.isastutter.org/news/one-voice-newsletter.

Masuhiko looks forward to hearing from you all.

Language translations

Would any Member Association volunteer to translate this and other e-newsflashes into Chinese; French; German; Hindi; Japanese; Russian; Spanish; Urdu; and any other useful languages.

ISAD Online conference
(October 1st to October 22nd)

We need your papers for the ISAD Online Conference! Please click here for more information.

Board Business

- Motion 54. This Board elects Jerry Maguire to be Vice Chair of the ISA. The Board agreed and elected Jerry to be the Vice Chair of the ISA.

- Also, Jerry Maguire was appointed Vice Chair of ISA Outreach and Anja Herde has volunteered to join with and work with me, Chair ISA Outreach and Jerry as Vice Chair ISA Outreach. Three ISA Directors working on Outreach is superb.

- In the August e-Newsflash we will give an initial list of Projects / committees we plan to start. We will ask for volunteers to help in the work of one or more Projects. We will give the Membership an update on each project every three months.

- We need to appoint and ISA Secretary. This person must be an ISA Director. Please ask amongst your members if any of them would like this position. If so, ask them to contact me. Keith Boss keithmaxkb@yahoo.com.

I wish all of you a very good 6 months ahead

Keith
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