



International Stuttering Association

A World that Understands Stuttering

To: Stuttering Community
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ISAD Online Conference (October 1-22)

Our 2013 ISAD online conference is over. You all know the history of these conferences. This is the first year the new ISA team, under the leadership and drive of Bruce Imhoff, planned, set up and implemented this valuable task. We added a new dimension by allowing videos and having three Google hangouts on the last day. We got people talking, not just writing. I regard this year's conference as a success. Judy Kuster succeeded in building up to conferences on a very large scale. With our new found experience, the new team will follow her example and increase the number of articles year on year.

Please remember the conference material with questions and answers can be found at <http://isad.isastutter.org/>. Also, we want to improve and provide a better conference in 2014. Please give us your feedback with ideas to help us. Send them to me keithmaxkb@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance.

ISAD October 22nd

Various activities were posted at <http://isad.isastutter.org/isad-2013/isad-2013-around-the-world/>. Please let us know of your activities and what took place. We will publish them in One Voice 35 (early 2014). Please send them to me and I will

pass them to our One Voice team.

Raising Stuttering Awareness

There is a general knowledge that about 1% of the world population stutters, i.e. 71,890,000 people. I have wondered how this estimate was made, especially as I believe considerably less than 1,000,000 PWS are members of National Stuttering Associations / online stuttering groups / in therapy. This has led me to ask, in the past, where are 70+ million PWS hiding? Your thoughts on this would be welcome.

I went into a local prison on October 22nd to raise the awareness of stuttering in the prison and see what might be done. (I had been told by one inmate, who I met whilst he was out on licence working in a YMCA gym, that he knew of at least one prisoner who stuttered).

I spoke with a group of inmates who are known as 'Peer Counsellors'. They advise all inmates and even guards at times on any issues. They were in contact with the majority of inmates. They told me they did not know of any inmates who stuttered!!

So a stuttering awareness discussion was essential. I talked about Covert / Overt; potentially hiding among the higher than usual % of dyslexic inmates; loner's who did not mix and spoke little with short sentences; those who spoke but whose sentences were unclear with words out of place; those who had secondary characteristics and rarely looked others in the eye whilst speaking softly and using a hand near or over the mouth. I also spoke about Toastmasters International with goals of improving both communication and leadership skills.

The Peer Counsellors plan to create a poster about a monthly Communication Workshop and find out if interest exists from enough inmates. Alongside this they will find out if any inmates want a 1:1 session with me. Once we establish there are inmates who would like help, even if it is discrete help, I will try to introduce a Speech Language Therapist into this help process.

Have any of you experience in this area? If so will you share your experience? Is this ISAD initiative in the UK worth spreading around the world? I do plan to discuss this with a BSA trustee who lives in Ireland and is trying to reach into Irish prisons.

ISA Business

The ISA Board of Directors plan to have another meeting in November. The minutes of this meeting will be available in the December or January e-newsflash.

In the August / September e-newsflashes I said I would share with you what the ISA is discussing about what work we can do for, or on behalf of you, our members, over the next three years. We are discussing a number of committees and projects within each committee.

Progress on this stopped during October when our focus was on the online conference and October 22nd. Work will recommence this month. I hope to share more of this with you in the December e-newsflash.

We are planning to have a second meeting this month. We will discuss projects within the committees. (See <http://www.isastutter.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Committees-and-Projects.pdf>) If time allows I will include details of our projects within each committee in the December e-newsflash.

Minutes of the August ISA Meeting

You can read the minutes of the meeting of the ISA Board held on August 17 [at this link](#).

The 3rd African Stuttering Congress, October 26-30, 2014 Nigeria

Here are more details.

Theme: Living Positively with Stuttering: Your role, my role

For more details please see <http://isad.isastutter.org/isad-2013/papers-presented-by/increasing-stuttering-awareness-in-africa/>

Collaboration between the ISA / IFA / ICA

What collaboration would you like? Send me your potentially unresolved issues relating to stuttering and how better collaboration would or would not help.

One of our ISA members has prepared a list of training modules relating to stuttering to be used in the training of SLPs/SLTs who specialise in stuttering in their Country.

Are you interested in work like this for your own Country?

What are your thoughts on this? Feedback will be invaluable.

ISA Board Secretary

We still need to appoint a new ISA Secretary. This person must be an ISA Director. Please ask amongst your members if any of them would like information about this position. If so, ask them to contact me.

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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?

I wish all of you a very good fall.

Keith

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