



International Stuttering Association

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Africa

Will 2014 be the African Year?

I have some very sad news. Yemi Akintunde tried very hard to arrange the 3rd African Congress in Nigeria. But for reasons beyond Yemi's control many Countries advise their countrymen not to travel there. So with great regret we have cancelled the plans to hold it in Nigeria.

However, Dieudonne Nsabimana from Kigali in RWANDA has great plans.

1. He and the Executive Committee from RWANDA STUTTERING rwandastuttering@yahoo.com have set up an International Symposium on stuttering, called "1st International Symposium on young children who stutter in Africa" from 15th to 17th March 2014. The objective of this symposium is to discuss the recommendations and strategies for overcoming stuttering in young African children. Specialists and people interested in Children's stuttering are invited to join them in this symposium in Kigali Rwanda.

2. He and all the Executive Committee of RWANDA STUTTERING ORGANISATION agreed to host 3rd African Congress on stuttering. They can modify the International Symposium and combine it with the African Congress. **This might mean the conference and congress could be in May.** More information about this as soon as possible.

3. With permission from The Stuttering Foundation he has translated the book "Sometimes I stutter" into Swahili. Swahili is spoken in 11 Africa countries and more than 120 million speakers. Children who stutter are very happy to read book in their language. He has printed and distributed, free of charge, 270 copies. He needs to have 4000 more printed, as there are 4126 Primary schools in Rwanda. More copies will be needed for more Countries.

He is actively seeking funding for this. If you can help, please contact him.

4. He prepared a very interesting report on Africa for the year 2010. This can be read at <https://www.mnsu.edu/comdis/isad15/papers/rwanda15/nsabimana15.html>. It contains some very shocking statistics about the number of SLPs per PWS. In 11 Countries with 2,500,000 PWS there are only 67 SLPs, 40 of them being in South Africa.

Please read it and ask yourself, 'How can I help?'

5. Please read <http://www.rwandastuttering.4t.com/new%20in%20rwanda%20stuttering.html>

This is a very sad tale about PWS who were involved in their conflict in 1994 and that the Rwanda Stuttering Association is trying to protect the rights of PWS, on both sides of the conflict, being tried in Courts. (In many Countries PWS when answering questions from Police / Lawyers etc. can appear guilty because of their poor body language and lack of communication skills.)

6. Please read <http://thestutteringbrain.blogspot.com/2013/10/a-letter-from-africa.html?m=1>

The idea of Telepractice is suggested as a way ahead. Jerry Maguire (Vice Chair ISA) and I are very interested to see if the ISA can help Dieudonne in this project.

7. He is trying to establish a center, called "AFRICA STUTTERING RESEARCH CENTRE" which has simple objectives to:

- promote research on stuttering,
- promote stuttering treatments and therapy, and
- educate the world on stuttering in Africa.

ISA Business

The ISA Board of Directors had a second meeting in November. This meeting was recorded by David Resnick (davidresnick79@gmail.com) who will make this available to anyone interested.

We have already started some of the committees. We are learning the practical use of Google Drive. If you have any skills or interest in raising funds, please contact me.

All of the projects (see <http://www.isastutter.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Committees-and-Projects.pdf>) will benefit from more people with diverse experience, some projects need more people. Some projects need a Chair. Please let me know where you would like to help the ISA during the next 3 years. The ISA needs you, so please do as much as you realistically can do. I would like to hear from everyone of you. Thank you.

A reminder to the Chairs. Please convene a meeting of your committee / project as soon as possible, with a view to

- agreeing your responsibilities;
- obtaining as much diverse experience to help you from people you know who support the work we do;
- begin itemising action plans with projected dates;
- begin working on the action plans;
- sending me an update on the 31st January.

When this is done the Board needs to ratify any changes.

Let me know if you need help with contacts.

We still need 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. There is a solution which will be used at the next Board Meeting in February 2014 if no one has been appointed to this position in the next 2 months.

Language translations

Would any more Member Association volunteer to translate this and other e-newsflashes into Chinese; French; German; Hindi; Japanese; Russian; Spanish; Urdu; and any other useful languages? We have had some offers of help and we are working on how to hold this e-newsflash and possibly One Voice in several Languages.

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

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.

I wish all of you a very good 2014.

Keith

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