



International Stuttering Association

A World that Understands Stuttering

To: Stuttering Community
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Last Message from the Chair

I noticed that Netherlands will be adjusting to William Alexander who will be the first King this country will have since 1890.

I reflect upon the current ISA Board of Directors candidates and only males have applied. I sincerely hope a woman or more will be candidates for the ISA Board of Directors.

I look forward to a spin through a world where bicycles rule streets. Look forward to meeting you at the World Congress 2013.

I want to address the issue of Recovery/Management versus Cure. Often we may confuse recovery/management with cure. People can recover. And illnesses can be cured (from infections or broken bones). You can recover from stroke or heart attack, serious divorce, a parent's death, or being sexually assaulted.

My present thoughts is that recovery/management has four components for PWS: 1. Positive vision for the future; 2. empowerment; 3. self-management and 4. quality of life. These components can apply to stuttering. Unfortunately when these ideas are moved back to a medical model; they sound unscientific and difficult to assess. However, when the PWS leaves the clinician room these four issues confront him or her on a daily basis. I know the peer community aligns itself with most of these issues. I sincerely hope professional community can share this road.

Some interesting Links for you to view

<http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/advice-and-tips/item/1463-year-abroad-with-a-stammer.html> .

<http://www.stammering.org/lifeline.html>

Future looks Bright for ISA. A number of initiatives will be launched at the World Congress 2013 membership meeting. Be there to hear them.

Always,

Michael

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