

To: ISA Board and Advisory Members and Member Associations
From: Michael Sugarman, Chair
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The ISA is short of funds:

Imagine a place where people who stutter are supported and accepted – meet other people who stutter and learn about themselves and about speech therapy – the association in Argentina will be hosting a World Congress for PWS in 2011.

The ISA is a non-profit organization. This means that our very existence depends on financial support from our member associations, from people who stutter, and from other sources.

One of the goals of the ISA is to educate PWS and SLPs regarding what is available in terms of mutual support and speech therapy. Annual dues from member associations provide the ISA only with a very small amount of money. We have both individual PWS and member associations asking for help. Giving help requires that we have money. I am asking those who can to help by donating money for those who are unable to participate because of lack of funds. Any amount will be welcome.

I want to tell you about two specific areas where help is needed:

The first is the *2011 World Congress in Argentina*. As stated above, the ISA needs money to provide scholarships (sponsorships) to help some PWS who apply to go to the Congress, especially from less developed countries.

The second is *ISP-S teams*. The ISA has developed the idea of small teams of qualified people going to countries where help has been requested and is needed to assist in providing ideas and therapies to assist those who stutter. The teams consist of one or two SLPs/SLTs, to talk about diagnosis and therapies, and one or perhaps two ISA Directors or Advisory Board members to talk about self help groups and chapters and to give personal accounts of what can be done. These teams talk to PWS/ CWS (Children Who Stutter)/ SLTs /STPs /teachers in schools / employers / and the local health service about Early Intervention, local and national media, and Self Help Groups or Chapters. The main thrust of the talks is to help the educators and CWS improve the communication skills of children (and adults) so that they become potential providers. In the long term, this benefits both the CWS and the country. These teams have worked very well in Africa. They are needed in many places around the world. The ISA needs to pay travel and some accommodation costs of the members of the teams. Sadly, right now the ISA has no teams working in the field because of lack of money. One ISA Director went, with no ISA financial support, to India a few months ago and participated in this kind of a program to great effect. There are details about this trip on the Indians' blog site. This is an outstanding potential kind of aid. It helps the local people to help themselves. This becomes a very great benefit to the country concerned, as it increases the number of net providers.

One ISA Board member has suggested that those who tithed 10% of their income to their church or synagogue consider diverting say 2% of their income to the ISA (reducing their church or synagogue donation accordingly). An Advisory Board member has suggested that if instead one has a total donations budget of say 10% of gross income, maybe half of that 10% should go to charities other than the church, including cancer, diabetes, the Red Cross, the university from which they graduated, *and the ISA*.

Donations can be made by direct transfer as follows:

Nordea Bank DK, 9800 Hjørring - International Stuttering Assn c/o Christmann,
Bregnevej 10, 988 Hjørring, Denmark. Reg. # 2620 Acc # 5005 992 674. IBAN DK 60
2000 5005 9926 74 SWIFT/BIC:NDEA DK KK

Or, payments can be made by mailing a cheque payable to the International Stuttering Association (or just ISA), addressed to Hermann Christmann, Bregnevej 10, 9088 Hjørring, Denmark.

Or, if more convenient, a donation can be made via PayPal to keithmaxkb@yahoo.com.

For any donation, please send an email about your donation to me (msugarman1@sbcglobal.net). The ISA will acknowledge your gift to you (with a receipt) if you provide your name and address or just your name and screen name if you prefer. Please let me know if prefer that there be no public acknowledgement of your gift.

Request for Proposal to Host World Congress in 2013:

During the Membership Meeting in Argentina in May 2011, delegates will be voting on a proposal or proposals from Member Association that seek to host the World Congress in 2013. The association in The Netherlands, Demosthenes, has already told us that they will make a proposal. If interested, please email msugarman1@sbcglobal.net

Website Update:

The ISA is looking to improve our website (<http://www.stutterisa.org>). It is our window to the world. It's good but it could be better. We are looking at various possibilities relating to the style of the website as well as the content. As regards the content:

1. You will remember that Mark Irwin (Past ISA Chair) has carried out a lot of research and work into the definitions used to describe stuttering. He has defined a new term that he thinks will bring more clarity to both defining the condition of a client and moving towards the optimal treatment of the same client. Also, the website will offer links to other organizations and www.stutteringhomepage.com for PWS and interested professionals to explore other definitions.
2. We are discussing whether we can find web team resources to offer Members space on our Website to spread awareness about what they are doing in their

- Country. This would need more time spent by members of the web team. We may ask for help from participating Members. Watch the website
3. We are wondering if it will be useful to you to have a discussion area for your use. Watch the website.
 4. The 10 Recommendations Executive Summary will be posted to the website. Discussion on how to integrate the body of the 10 Recommendations will be discussed by ISA board members.

9th World Congress for People Who Stutter in Argentina:

It is time to start planning for your trip to Argentina in May 2011! The dates of the 9th World Congress for People Who Stutter are May 18-21, 2011, with the ISA Membership Meeting likely to be scheduled on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The Argentina Stuttering Association is in the process of setting up its web site (in Spanish with English translations) – see <http://www.citargentina2011.com.ar>. Stay tuned for updates. Here's the flyer that will be distributed at the NSA conference in Cleveland, Ohio, July 7-11:

9th World Congress for People Who Stutter 18th – 21st May, 2011 Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Argentina Stuttering Association, in cooperation with the International Stuttering Association, will be hosting this not to be missed event.



If you have been looking for an excuse to visit South America then this is the opportunity of a lifetime.

At this 4 day event you will:

- Learn about what is happening with stuttering treatment and research all around the world
- Meet and make close friendships with people from many other countries and cultures who share the issue of stuttering or have a common interest in it
- Hear other people who stutter, share their experiences of how they have overcome their stuttering or successfully live with it
- Have an opportunity to share your own story with others in a friendly and accepting atmosphere
- Help people who stutter from developing countries where little is known about all aspects of stuttering and support groups
 - Experience other cultures
- Learn the Tango and party with your new international friends

For more information visit the Congress website at:

<http://www.citargentina2011.com.ar>

International Stuttering Awareness Day:

On October 22nd, International Stuttering Awareness Day will be recognized by People Who Stutter, including children and their parents, and the general public around the world. This year three themes have been proposed. The results of your votes are as follows:

1. People Who Stutter, Inspire 8 votes
2. International Stuttering Awareness Day---Do something Different Today: Be Yourself! 7 votes
3. Prevention is better than Treatment: Early Intervention Helps! 7 votes.

Thank you for your input.

Warmly,

Michael Sugarman, Chair