



## **Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Suzuki Association Inc.**

Monday, October 7-Wednesday, October 9, 2013  
Hotel Scandic Uplandia, Uppsala, Sweden

### **Summary**

The Board of Directors of the International Suzuki Association met for their annual meeting October 7-9, 2013 in Uppsala, Sweden. The board meetings of the ISA take place in different places in the world each year.

The meeting opened with a welcome from Board Chair Pamela Brasch, and a message from President Koji Toyoda. Following the greeting, the Board paid tribute “In Memoriam” to Linda Barnabas, Noela Hogg, June Sato Itami, Armena Mandrosian, Mineo Nakajima, Yuko Mori, Kyoko Selden, and Anne Turner.

The minutes from the 2013 meeting held October 15-17, 2012 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia were approved.

The PPSA has established a constitution and is making plans for its first official meeting in the near future.

Hwang Kyung-Ik was elected as ASA regional representative to the Board, Yasuki Nakamura was elected as PPSA regional representative to the Board, and Pam Brasch was elected as SAA regional representative to the Board. Mr Hideya Taida, TERI regional representative announced his early retirement from the ISA Board.

### **Finances**

The income for the ISA for the fiscal year 2012-2013 was close to USD 64,500. The majority of this comes from membership contributions.

The expenses of the ISA for same fiscal year were around USD 45,500 thus leaving a surplus for the year of USD 19,000. Major items for costs are administrative costs (CEO and office costs), legal costs pertaining to the protection of the Suzuki Name and meetings costs for the ISA Board and the different ISA instrument committees.

A revised budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 were passed, predicting no major difference from existing income and spending levels.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Suzuki Method World Convention**

Mr Taida presented a report on the World Convention held in Matsumoto in March 2013. The Convention was highly successful, with over 5000 students, parents and teachers attending.

### **Publications**

The Board considered applications for publication of supporting materials to core Suzuki materials. Some portions of the Board’s Policy for the Use and Licensing of Suzuki Materials were updated to clarify Board policy on such supporting materials.

### **Regional Associations**

Each of the 5 regional associations presented reports about the activities of their region. There was discussion about teacher training programmes in China, where there is a great deal of interest in the Suzuki Method.

### **Instrument Committees**

Reports from all ISA instrument committees were received and discussed. Many instrument committees have been active in 2012-2013. The flute committee met for the first time in Uppsala, just prior to the ISA Board Meeting. The violin committee is continuing its work on revising the Suzuki violin books. In response to a request from the voice committee, the ISA Board does not have any category of International Teacher Certificates.

### **New instrument areas**

The Board received a proposal for establishing the discipline of Suzuki clarinet, and will establish an international study group for the development of Suzuki clarinet.

### **Teacher Training**

Regional systems for teacher training and the appointment of trainers were discussed and basic criteria for all regions were developed.

### **CEO Contract**

The contract of CEO Gilda Barston was renewed for 2 years, from July 1 2014 to June 30 2016.

### **ISA Vision**

The ISA vision is central to the work of the ISA Board. The Board reaffirms the vision statement prepared at the ISA Board Meeting in Seoul, Korea, October 2010:

- Dr. Suzuki's name and method is known and respected throughout the world.
- ISA is the umbrella for the Suzuki world.
- Children are well educated.
- Parents and teachers have the tools to educate children.
- The finest possible Suzuki materials are available.
- Suzuki ideas are shared internationally.
- Suzuki teacher training is available throughout the world.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the ISA Board of Directors will be held in the USA on October 14-16, 2014.

Julia Breen, Secretary to the ISA Board of Directors