

## NEWSLETTER FALL 2013



## Commission on Music in Special Education, Music Therapy, and Music Medicine

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### FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR

October 21, 2013

Dear Colleagues:

The commission is pleased to provide you with this special ISME 2014 issue of our newsletter. You will find some reminders about the paper submission process, updates in the developing plans for our commission meeting, as well as some pictures of Curitiba and Porto Alegre. Both cities are beautiful and music-filled!

In addition to preparations for our commission meeting in Curitiba and the World Conference in Porto Alegre, we have also revised our commission vision and mission statements, revitalized our commission blog, and have launched a new facebook page! You can visit us at the following sites for additional updates and information about the accomplishments of our commission and ISME 2014!!

<https://www.facebook.com/ismespecial>

or

<http://www.isme.org/isme-news/41-main/115-music-in-special-education-music-therapy-and-music-medicine-news-blog>

I look forward to seeing you in Brazil next summer!!

Most Sincerely,

**Lyn Schraer-Joiner**



Kim McCord, ISME board member and commission liaison with Lyn Schraer-Joiner, commission chair at the International Symposium on Research and Higher Education in Music: International Perspectives, in Porto Alegre, Brazil

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### ISME COMMISSION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION, MUSIC THERAPY AND MUSIC MEDICINE 17TH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR 17-18 JULY 2014

#### SEMINAR AIM

The focus of the ISME Commission for Special Education: Music Therapy and Music Medicine is the advancement of the discipline through research and scholarship; learning and teaching; and engagement. The Commission seminar aims to:

- present research and clinical practices related to the three professions;
- exchange information about the training required for the three professions;
- promote international dialogue and discussion regarding the three professions;
- disseminate the research presented at these meetings in commission proceedings.

#### VENUE FOR THE COMMISSION SEMINAR

The ISME Commission for Special Education: Music Therapy and Music Medicine will be held in Curitiba, Paraná at the Faculdade de Artes do Paraná – FAP a public institution that excels in the production and dissemination of knowledge in the arts. The FAP provides students with opportunities in the Performing Arts, Dance, Film and Video, Popular Music and Music Therapy.

#### HOST CITY FOR THE COMMISSION SEMINAR

Curitiba is the capital and largest city of the Brazilian state of Paraná with close to two millions inhabitants. Curitiba is a cultural, political, and economic center in the country and in Latin America. In 2010 Curitiba was awarded the Globe Sustainable City Award, given to cities and municipalities which excel in sustainable urban development around the world.



Faculdade de Artes do Paraná (FAP), site for the 2014 Commission for Music in Special Education, Music Therapy, and Music Medicine symposium in Porto Alegre, Brazil

**International Society for Music Education (ISME)** believes that lived experiences of music, in all their many aspects, are a vital part of the life of all people.

**ISME's mission is to enhance those experiences by:**

- building and maintaining a worldwide community of music educators characterized by mutual respect and support
- fostering global intercultural understanding and cooperation among the world's music educators
- promoting music education for people of all ages in all relevant situations throughout the world.

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### 31ST ISME WORLD CONFERENCE 20TH – 25TH JULY 2014 PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the 31st ISME World Conference 2014 is to foster global understanding and cooperation among the world's music educators, by strengthening ties and sharing ideas about different aspects and issues within music education, in ways that promote music education for people of all ages throughout the world. The Conference will have relevance for school and studio music teachers, university academics, music researchers, students of music, and other interested parties across all areas of music and music education.

#### VENUE FOR THE ISME WORLD CONFERENCE

The ISME World conference will be at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), one of the largest federal universities in Brazil. A majority of the university is housed in Porto Alegre with four campuses (*Campus Centro, Campus Saúde, Campus Olímpico, and Campus do Vale*). UFRGS has over 27,000 undergraduate students and more than 2,500 professors. As a public federal institution, the students do not have to pay tuition fees to enroll in the courses offered by the university.

#### HOST CITY FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE

Porto Alegre, the host city of ISME 2014 is the capital of Rio Grande do Sul, a State located in the extreme south of the country. As an important commercial and economic centre, Porto Alegre is proud to be one of the best Brazilian cities in terms of quality of life, characterized by its intense cultural life and by its respectful relation with nature. It is considered a city with a high standard of living and one of the most prepared to receive investments. Porto Alegre is home to many government-funded and private universities and to two higher education music courses. In addition, music education is present in the curricula of many private and government-funded schools.



Porto Alegre, City View, site of the 2014 ISME World Conference



#### Commission on Music in Special Education, Music Therapy, and Music Medicine

##### Our VISION

- To share international perspectives on the current research in special music education, music therapy, and music medicine;
- To promote and advocate for students with disabilities
- To ensure they are afforded a quality music education commiserate with that of typical developing students;
- To enhance the quality of life for all children and adults with disabilities or medical conditions by sharing international practices in special music education, music therapy, and music medicine.

##### Our MISSION

- To order to promote music in the lives of all children and adults with disabilities or medical conditions, our mission is:
- to provide an international forum for the exchange of ideas regarding the educational and therapeutic professions, and their place within each country's musical culture
  - to increase the visibility of international research in the fields of special music education, music therapy, and music medicine
  - to stimulate international research connections and the initiation of research projects between commission members
  - to share contemporary technologies and products that enhance the musical lives of children and adults with disabilities or medical conditions.

##### For Questions and Feedback, please contact:

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### ISME 2014 AND COMMISSION MEETING AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND DEADLINES

**The deadline for submission to the 2014 ISME World Conference has been extended to November 1st.** This applies to all submissions for the main conference as well as the commission seminars (including posters, symposia, SIG submissions, etc.).

Submission guidelines can be found at the following link: <http://www.isme.org/paper-submission-guidelines>

As in years past our commission will host two tracks: a clinical track and a research track. The clinical track will be for presenters and participants who wish to further their knowledge of international therapeutic and educational practices. The research track will be for presenters and participants who wish to share and discuss original research in special music education and music therapy. Research reports and practice papers submitted for the seminar research and clinical tracks will need to conform to IJME (*International Journal of Music Education*) guidelines for research and practice submissions.

These guidelines can be found at

<http://www.sagepub.com/journalsProdDesc.nav?prodId=Journal201697#tabview=manuscriptSubmission>.

All commissioners are encouraged to invite established researchers and clinicians from their respective countries to submit papers for this conference. Individuals who plan to submit papers are encouraged to work with translators so that our commission will have the greatest likelihood of broad international representation.

Direct all inquiries about the commission meeting to: [isme.specialed@gmail.com](mailto:isme.specialed@gmail.com).

Please note that you need to log onto the membership site at least once and follow the submissions link before you submit your proposal. This will ensure that your name appears in the system at the time of submission and that your name is available to your co-authors who may be submitting a paper on your behalf.

**We welcome your valuable comments and suggestions! Please send to [lschraer@kean.edu](mailto:lschraer@kean.edu) or [markku.kaikkonen@resonaari.fi](mailto:markku.kaikkonen@resonaari.fi).**



City Center, Curitiba, Brazil

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