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Jambo and a Happy New Year from AISA in Nairobi,

As we commence 2019 I am mindful that this is the start of **AISA's 50th Anniversary** year. I thought I might begin the year briefly recalling for you the very early years of AISA and describing how our organization came to be.



The idea of putting together an Association of International Schools in Africa was initiated by the Office of Overseas Schools of the US State Department, under the leadership of Paul Lubke, the Regional Education Officer for Africa from 1969-1979. The thinking at the time was that the best way to enable the development of and provide support to international schools in Africa was through in-service training of personnel. I find it interesting that 50 years on we are still primarily concerned with supporting the professional development of the leadership, educators and co-professionals in our member schools. Back then, the schools targeted for this early support were those that were functioning primarily to serve the families of United States Embassy personnel and were referred to as American-Assisted Schools. While these schools were financially sponsored by the US State Department (and most remain so to this day), AISA's membership has now grown to include many different types of schools supporting families from all over the world.

In 1969, there were only 14 American-Assisted schools in Sub-Saharan Africa. The nascent organization was referred to as the 'Sub-Saharan Regional Association'. Thankfully that name changed over the years (as "SSRA" is not nearly as catchy as "AISA" to pronounce). After discussions with school administrators in the region it was decided to focus the first organizational efforts on an annual conference at a venue in Africa, with the first taking place in Accra, Ghana in 1969.

How we have grown! We now have 76 member schools and 43 Associate Members - all with the goal of supporting quality international education for families living in cities across the continent. From that single conference event in Ghana half a century ago, we now offer over forty learning events and institutes in venues from Khartoum to Cape Town and Accra to Zanzibar year. These attract over 1,000 educators whose aim is to improve student learning in AISA schools. We now support programmes in Governance, School Effectiveness, Service Learning, Child Protection and Wellbeing. For our students we offer awards for excellence and leadership in service.

As we reflect on our achievements to date, I invite you to share your experiences with the global AISA community on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aisa.or.ke/>

Dr Peter Bateman
Executive Director



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WITH AISA

eTime: AISA's Webinar Series

Be sure to add these to your diary:

Dates in 2019	Topic	Description	Facilitators
27th February	Personalised Learning: Expert Advice Register Here	Hear from leading international experts at the Personalised Learning Institute at AISJ. Gain an enhanced understanding and purpose of how teachers can structure learning for all students and help everyone through a personalised learning journey.	Institute facilitators
27th March	Teaching Assistants - Our Number 1 Classroom Resource in Supporting Students and the Classroom Teacher <u>Part 2</u> Register Here	Last semester, we began a discussion amongst teaching assistants about their work, their professional learning needs and their need to be recognised for their contributions to school life. This webinar continues this discussion and introduces a range of PD options for TA's for the next school year.	
24th April	IB Curriculum Changes for 2019 Register Here	Teachers discuss their plans and expectations for teaching the revised IB curricular such as Language A: Language and Literature and others.	
29th May	Looking Ahead: AISA Conference 2019 21-23 Nov 2019, Cape Town Register Here	The AISA Conference 2019 features many of the world's thought leaders and innovators in education; Ewan MacIntosh, Tom Vander Ark, Jen Abrams and others. Hear some of these international experts discuss what they will bring to the AISA Conference 2019.	AISA Conference Facilitators





If you've missed out on an AISA webinar, you can catch-up on all the action on the AISA YouTube channel. See below for the topics:

- ✦ Developing Globally Competent Learners: Spotlight on the AISA Invitational Conference (AIC)
- ✦ Teaching Assistance – Our Number 1 Classroom Resource in Supporting Students and the Classroom Teacher
- ✦ Building Leadership Capacity Towards Inclusion
- ✦ How do we Know AISA Programmes Work?
- ✦ How to Make the Most of AISA Membership
- ✦ How do Schools Get to Work with AISA?
- ✦ Top Tips for New Arrivals to Africa

For more information and links to register, see our website [here](#).

Want to Host an AISA PLI in 2019-20?

AISA welcomes applications from all Full Member schools to host a Professional Learning Institute (PLI). If you are planning a Professional Learning event for teachers at your school, you can open this up to participants from other AISA schools. Or, if you want to bring an internationally recognised expert to your school, but are concerned about the costs involved, inviting participants from other AISA member schools can generate revenue to offset some of the costs involved in the event.

The Advantages of Hosting An Aisa Professional Learning Institute

- * An opportunity to bring a variety of educators together, from your school and other AISA member schools, who are interested and committed to the same aspect of professional learning and can establish links and networks.
- * For every participant from another AISA school, the host school receives approximately \$335 in registration fees
- * *Note that the Host School will be in charge of paying for all costs related to the PLI and the facilitator. Opening up the PLI to other AISA schools will help reduce the costs and has the advantage of encouraging networking and collaboration between AISA education professionals.
- * AISA manages the online registration and fee collection
- * AISA assists with marketing and promotions for the event

Applications close 31st March, 2019.

For more information see our website [here](#).



Upcoming AISA Professional Learning Institutes

PLI's coming up – for the Full Programme, see the AISA website [here](#).

With 13 PLI's still on offer, there is plenty of learning opportunities for educators, co-professionals and specialist staff.



2019	EVENT	FACILITATOR	TARGET	LOCATION
15-16 Feb	Literacy Institute	Kathy Collins & Dan Feigelson	Educators, ELL/Learning Support	ISK Kenya
15-17 Feb	Personalised Learning Symposium	Various	Educators, Coaches, Instructional Leaders	AISJ Sth Africa
16-17 Feb	AISA Counsellors Institute	Truman Group	Counsellors	Amani Gardens Kenya
22-23 February	Empowering the 21st Century Learner through an Integrated Approach	Annette Ackermann	Teachers, Senior & Middle Leaders	Ghana International School
15-17 March	Service Learning 101	Deanna Milne	Anyone interested in SL	International School of Tanganyika
15-16 March	AISA HR Managers Institute	Claudia St. John	HR Managers	Rosslyn, Nairobi
12-13 April	Rigorous Project Based Learning By Design	Michael McDowell	Teachers, Coaches, Curriculum Coordinator	American International School of Mozambique



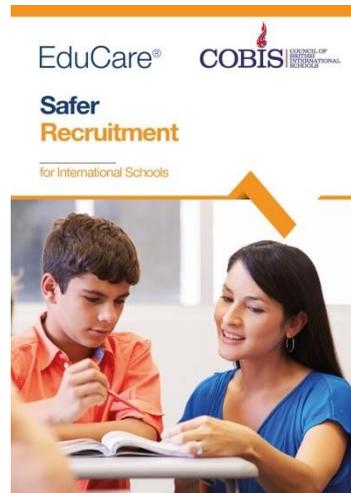
CHILD PROTECTION UPDATE

AISA is committed to ensuring that member schools have access to child protection training that is relevant to the needs and contexts in which our schools operate. To ensure that all member schools can always access high quality training, AISA has developed a partnership with EduCare, a leading provider of online Safeguarding and Duty of Care training.

A small number of ASIA sponsored places are available for member schools to access a range of online child protection courses.

Register before the **end of February** for your chance to upgrade your child protection skills.

See the website for full course details and how to register. Go [here](#).



STUDENT FOCUS

It's Student Award time again, so check out the many opportunities you have to celebrate the achievements of your students.

- **AISA Art Challenge** – Entries due March 31st
- **AISA Award for Excellence** – Entries due March 1st
- **Student Service Leader** – Entries due March 1st
- **Outstanding Service Project** - Entries due March 1st
- **Margaret Sanders AISA Scholarship for Girls** - Entries due March 1st

Visit our website for full details and links to the online application forms. Go [here](#)

