

ABOUT SUE BASTIAN

Sue Bastian's service to the International Baccalaureate spans three decades. She began teaching Theory of Knowledge, Psychology, and Philosophy at the newly formed International School in Manila, Philippines in 1974 before moving to the United Nations International School in New York City in 1980. A protégé of Alec Peterson, the founder of the IB, Sue was first Deputy Chief Examiner, then Chief Examiner for Theory of Knowledge and was the first classroom teacher allowed to hold these positions, (rather than a university person). Sue has been called the Mother and even Grandmother of TOK for her contributions to the structure and development of the course. She is widely known as one of the architects of the current program. She has spoken to all IB regions on the value of the kind of critical thinking and international perspective that TOK espouses.

After leaving the classroom, Sue co-founded Teaching Matters, Inc., a non-profit professional development organization, and spent eight years as its Executive Director. Currently Sue is the President and founder of Wisdom Words LLC specializing in memoirs and family histories using oral history interview techniques. She continues to serve the TOK adventure as an Assistant Assessor and consultant, a workshop leader, and most recently, the assignment to write a TOK textbook for Heineman Publishing in the UK.

Sue received the Inspiration Award at the IBNA 30th anniversary conference in Montreal in June of 2007, *Promises Made, Promises Kept*, which honored those who were critical to the IB in its early formative years.