

The IFA Newsletter 2004 Issue 1

Welcome to the IFA Newsletter

This newsletter is intended to provide a notice board for news from IFA members around the world. The IFA News section at the back of the quarterly JFD, will continue to provide selected items as there is limited space and tight deadlines. An online newsletter has considerable advantages in terms of space and flexibility and has the potential to provide a means of communicating information to members quickly and efficiently.

The publications committee has a list of agents/contacts in various parts of the world who have been contacted to provide the news items that are presented here. These have been slow to arrive thus far, but it is anticipated that once members see the opportunity that this offers for communicating with colleagues from far and wide, the contributions will begin to flow in.

For the time being contributions are being invited under the headings of Notices, News, and Research.

Notices: Advance notice and information about conferences, resources, calls for nominations etc

News: Items of general interest such as reports from conferences.

Research: News of research being conducted, collaborations between centres and across countries.

There is scope for this to expand and

grow as the demand and interest in this project increases.

This is, as you can see a work in progress and ideas and contributions will be gratefully received.

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The Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

The Bill of Rights and Responsibilities of people who stutter is a strong statement regarding the human rights of the millions of people who stutter worldwide. It also sets out responsibilities of people who stutter to be resolute in increasing understanding about stuttering, in the creation of a just and compassionate world.

The Bill is the result of collaboration between two world-wide international organisations, the IFA and the ISA. Luc de Nil and Michael Sugarman spearheaded the work on the Bill; Ava Barbour of Barbour Design New York, provided the superb artwork; and the IFA and ISA supported the efforts both spiritually and financially.

The Bill has direct relevance for **ALL** people who work with stuttering. Its sentiments stretch beyond stuttering to provide a basis for improving understanding of all people with communication disabilities. If **YOU** are concerned

about improving the quality of life of people who stutter, and of people with communication disabilities, the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities will serve you well.

The IFA have produced a poster and pamphlets which are available from Michael Sugarman at msugarman1@aol.com

News from Holland

Dr Mariette Embrechts in Nijmegen writes

Mary Kingston from the United Kingdom will be running a Lidcombe Program workshop on the 9th, 10th and 11th June 2004, and for 1 day in January 2005 in Rotterdam. Participants from abroad are welcome, the language is English.

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News from Canada

New research:

Marilyn Langevin and Deborah Kully of the Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research (ISTAR) in Edmonton, Alberta, have completed data collection for a 5 year outcome investigation on 36 adults who completed the Comprehensive Stuttering Program (Boberg & Kully, 1985, 1994; Kully & Langevin, 1999). Results of a longitudinal evaluation of a subgroup of four cases were presented at the 2003 IFA conference (in press) and a report on the complete study is now in preparation.

In 1992, researchers and clinicians at the ISTAR and the Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nijmegen established a collaboration to facilitate the establishment of a Dutch clinical program based on the Comprehensive Stuttering Program (CSP). To date, ISTAR staff Marilyn Langevin and Holly Lomheim, in collaboration with Dutch SLP Marian Tellers, provided on-site therapy for 25 clients and trained 9 clinicians. As an outgrowth of the initial work of establishing the clinic based on the CSP, the Nijmegen project has expanded to include an investigation of the long-term clinical outcomes of using the CSP in Dutch. Preliminary data on the CSP outcome with Dutch clients were presented by colleagues Wendy Huinck and Herman Peters at the 2003 IFA World Congress. The Dutch CSP outcome evaluation is part of a larger therapy outcome evaluation project involving two other Dutch therapy programs. Joint publications are now underway.

Rosalee Shenker and Patricia Roberts will collaborate in a long-term study to evaluate the development of fluency in simultaneously bilingual children. This collaboration between the Montreal Fluency Centre and the University of Ottawa will be initiated in June 2004.

Publications:

Langevin, M., & Kully, D. (2003). Evidence-based treatment of stuttering: III. Evidence-based practice in a clinical setting. *Journal of Fluency Disorders*, 28, 219-246.

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Conferences:

The next conference of the Canadian Association for People who Stutter (CAPS) will take place in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on August 18-21st 2005. Held bi-annually, the conference brings together people who stutter, family, friends and professionals (www.stutter.ca).

Other news:

Telehealth program bridges the distance: For the past 5 years, the Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research (ISTAR) has been trialing the use of videoconferencing technology to provide stuttering assessment and treatment services to remote clients who do not have access to such services (Kully, 2000, 2002). To date, more than 200 sessions have been conducted with over 35 clients. A formal evaluation of the telehealth program is underway.

Building public awareness about stuttering: The Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research (ISTAR) continues to achieve public education about stuttering through various initiatives, including projects related to teasing and bullying. In addition to the distribution of *Teasing and Bullying: Unacceptable Behavior* (Langevin, 2000), a poster contest for teasing and bullying was run in local schools in partnership

with the Edmonton Police Foundation. The contest was tremendously successful: hundreds of elementary students were involved and 152 posters were submitted. Teachers, students and principals were highly enthusiastic. A media event was held that attracted attention from print, television and radio media, as well as members from government, community service organizations and the Edmonton Police Service. A composite poster drawing from the winning entrants was developed and distributed to over 220 schools in the Edmonton area. Every direct and indirect contact afforded by these teasing and bullying projects gave ISTAR staff the opportunity to educate students, teachers, parents, government and community organizations about stuttering. Currently a poster is being developed for older students, development of a bullying behaviors brochure is underway, and Marilyn Langevin has recently contributed two articles on teasing and bullying to a CD on *Stuttering: A Resource for Children, Teachers, and Parents* that is currently being developed by the International Stuttering Association.

Electronic device: The SpeechEasy device is now being distributed in Canada by Island Hearing Services in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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News from the United Kingdom

Notices:

The Oxford Conference 2005 June 29th-July 3rd

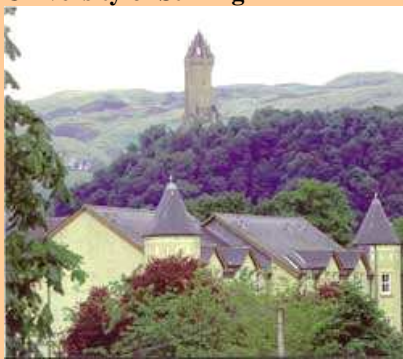
St Catherine's College, Oxford

This tri-annual conference is an important date to keep in your calendar. It is a rare opportunity for those professionals and consumers interested in stammering research and therapy to come together in the beautiful surroundings of Oxford and the University. It has earned a reputation for high quality presentations of both research and therapy in a warm and friendly environment. The conference attracts international participants from many countries both near and far such as Scandinavia, France, Israel, Iceland, Poland, USSR, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

The call for papers will be announced soon, in the meantime enquiries can be addressed to The Michael Palin Centre e-mail address: arsc@dial.pipex.com.

10th BSA National Conference 2004

September 3rd-5th, 2004 University of Stirling



The Stirling University campus is overlooked by the Wallace National Monument, a towering tribute to William Wallace, advocate of freedom, renowned as 'Braveheart'.

This year's National Conference is being held in the heart of Scotland at the University of Stirling, "the most picturesque university campus in Europe".

2004 heralds the launch of the Scottish Branch of BSA, BSA (Scotland). Hence, it is entirely apt that our tenth National Conference should take place north of the border.

The conference organising committee hails from across Scotland - and the team warmly welcomes all who have attended previous conferences as well as new faces from all corners of the UK (and beyond).

The BSA conference is *the* national event for adults and children who stammer, parents, spouses and partners, speech and language therapists and other interested parties. It is open to everyone - you do not need to be a BSA member to attend.

For further information e-mail conference2004@stammering.org.

News:

We were delighted to welcome Professor Walt Manning from The University of Memphis to the UK. He gave a wonderful presentation to a full house of 60 UK specialists who travelled from all over the country to benefit from his wisdom and wit. He then spent a week visiting the intensive course that is run twice a year at the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children. He travelled on to Bristol to meet with Rosemarie Hayhow and then on to Ireland to visit Margaret Leahy and give a presentation at Trinity College Dublin. We hope he gained as much from us as we undoubtedly did from him.

Research:

The Michael Palin Centre is currently involved in several research projects. They are nearing completion of a multiple single case study investigating the long-term outcome of Parent Child Interaction Therapy with pre-school children.

Further research investigating the outcome of Parent Child Interaction Therapy in a Randomised Control Trial is in progress as part of their PhD programme. They have established links with Professor Ehud Yairi university of Illinois and along with Dr Steve Davis UCL are in the process of setting up a joint study investigating the temperament of children who stammer.

They are also developing an outcome study investigating the outcome of intensive group therapy programme for school age children.

News from the USA

Many fluency specialists have been deluged with calls regarding the use of electronic auditory feedback alteration devices to control or eliminate stuttering. The Stuttering Foundation of America (www.stutterhelp.org) conducted an international survey authored by Barry and Carroll Guitar, sent to individuals who had requested information on the devices. A total of 149 responses were obtained, and over 85% of those surveyed had decided against purchase of the auditory feedback device, citing reasons including prohibitive cost, lack of research on efficacy, and failure of auditory feedback in reduction of stuttering. Of those who did purchase an aid, a few were very pleased, but most were not satisfied with results. The full report may be found on the SFA website.

The 21st Annual Conference of the U. S. National Stuttering Association (www.nsastutter.org) will be held June 24-27 in Baltimore, Maryland. The conference is for adults and children who stutter, their families, and professionals. These conferences are designed for group activities and sharing of experiences and information, and are not workshops to learn or practice techniques. As such, attendees typically find the meetings to be of immense importance to them.

National Stuttering Awareness Week is May 8-14.

The Fluency and Fluency Disorders Special Interest Division 4 of ASHA will have its annual leadership conference July 22-24 in Portland, Oregon. The theme this year is "Current Issues in Stuttering: A Clinical Leadership Conference." The Division offers a grant program as a supplement to ASHA Foundation New Investigator Research Grants. More information can be obtained at www.ashfoundation.org.

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