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The Copenhagen Congress
August 15-18, 1977

The 17th International Congress of Logopedics and Phoniatrics was arranged by Nils Buck and his coworkers at the Bella Center, close to beautiful Copenhagen. The congress was attended by some 800 participants from all parts of the world. A very good organization with parallel sessions and excellent simultaneous translation into English, French and German in the main congress hall, as well as social and touristic possibilities left us an excellent souvenir. We express our gratitude to the organizers.


Awards

At the General Assembly of IALP, the proposal of the Board to make Mrs. Suzanne Borel-Maisonny honorary member of IALP was unanimously accepted. The ‘Manuel Garcia Sandoz Prize’ was given to Dr. Barry D. Wyke, London, in recognition of his outstanding research in the field of physiology of the phonation. The ‘New Esmeralda Escuder Prize’ was given by its’ founder to a Spanish-speaking author, Dr. Manaut Gil, Mexico.

New Board of Directors

During the period 1977-1980, the following members will serve the IALP Board: President: Ernst Loebell, Bern; Immediate Past President: Jorge Perello, Barcelona; Vice-Presidents: Kenneth O. Johnson, Washington, O.C.; Nils Buch, Copenhagen; P. Herbert Damsté, Utrecht; General Secretary: Andre Muller, Lausanne; Treasurer: Lucio Croatto, Padova; Members at large: Britt I. Bergendal, Lund; Katharine Butler, California; Walter Elstner, Vienna; Ikuichiro Hiroto, Fukuoka; Jenö Hirschberg, Budapest; Jean Claude Lafon, Besançon; Alf Preus, Skjetten; Julio de Quiros, Buenos Aires; Bernard Vallancien, Paris.

Next Congress

Tokyo, Praha, Israel and Washington were designated to organize the next congress. It was Washington, D. C. That was chosen as IALP has never, so far, held a congress in North America. Kenneth O. Johnson will be in charge of organizing the 18th IALP Congress which will be held in August 1980, in Washington. The main themes of this congress will be: training
programs in logopedics and phoniatries; speech, language and hearing problems of the multiple handicapped (which will include the recommended subject: speech rehabilitation of the cerebral-palsied children), and recent advances in phanosurgery.

The General Secretary’s Report for 1974-1977

Board of Directors
The Board was composed of Jorge Perello, President, Renato Segre, Immediate Past President, Nils Buck, Ernst Loebell and Mack D. Steer, Vice-Presidents, Björn Fritzell, Secretary, Herbert Damsté, Treasurer, and Lucio Croatto, Walter Elstner, Jenő Hirschberg, Ichiro Kirikae, Jean-Claude Lafon, Julio B. de Quirós, Eva Sedlackova († 1976). Aatto Sonninen and Bernard Vallancien, Members at large.


Members
According to the membership list of April 1977, which includes all members who have paid their dues for 1975 and/or 1976, IALP has 226 individual members from 30 countries. There is a constant turnover of individual members, with new members being admitted continuously, and others dropping out by not paying their dues. Altogether, 82 new applications have been reviewed and accepted by the Membership Committee during the period 1974-1977. 38 societies from 27 different nations are affiliated. One of them is multinational: the American Federation of Phoniatic, Logopedic and Audiologic Societies. IALP has individual or affiliated members from 35 different countries, altogether more than 28,000 members.

Since our congress in Interlaken in 1974, the following members have died, namely: Miloslav Seeman, Prague, honorary member of IALP; Eva Sedlackova, Prague, member of the IALP Board since 1968; Maud T. Wohl, Leicester; Aurél Rethi, Budapest; Catherina Croatto-Martinolli, Padova, and Alexandra Mitrinovicz-Modrzefewska, Warsaw.

Committees
The Membership Committee, consisting of the Secretary and the Treasurer, has reviewed the applications for membership.

The School Committee had 18 members; Walter Elstner was the chairman. It arranged a meeting in Norderstedt, FRG, during August 23-29, 1976.

The International Agencies Committee had two members: Bernard Vallancien, the IALP representative at the UNESCO meetings in Paris, and Andre Muller, Lausanne, the IALP representative at the WHO meetings in Geneva.

The Committee on Applied Audiology was headed by Jean-Claude Lafon.

An ad hoc Committee on Revision of By-Laws was appointed in Interlaken, consisting of Jean-Claude Lafon, Ernst Loebell, and Mack D. Steer, chairman. A proposal for changes was submitted to the Executive Committee in June 1977.

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An ad hoc Committee on Main Congress Report Subjects has been appointed; it includes Mrs. Sadek-Khalil (Paris), Ikuichiro Hiroto (Fukuoka), Herbert J. Oyer (East Lansing, Mich.), and Wolfgang H. Pascher (Hamburg), chairman. They are reviewing the suggested subjects for the 1980 congress and will present a proposal at the Copenhagen Congress.

IALP History

In 1974, IALP was 50 years old. To celebrate this, it was decided to write the history of IALP. Jorge Perello accepted the task, and he finished it at the beginning of 1977 by publishing a book
of 74 pages. The printing of the book was paid by the IALP treasury, and a copy was sent to each individual member. The non-member participants of the Copenhagen congress received copies with an invitation to join IALP.

International Year of the Child

On December 21, 1976, the General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution declaring 1979 the International Year of the Child (IYC). This UN resolution designated UNICEF as the leading agency for the UN system, responsible for the coordination of IYC activities. IALP has declared its wish to be a full member of a IYC Coordinating Committee and to participate in the arrangements of the IYC. The emphasis is on action at the national level. It has been proposed that each country should establish as soon as possible, a broadly representative National Commission for IYC for planning and coordination.

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Journals
During the IALP congress in Copenhagen, an improvised meeting initiated by Bo Ege, Copenhagen, was held on August 16, 1977. The persons who took part in the meeting were editors of national and international journals of logopedics and phoniatrics. Nine countries were represented: Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Cooperation between journals of logopedics and phoniatrics -with, if possible, an exchange of articles and/or abstracts – was considered necessary and interesting by all participants. An increased knowledge about what’s happening in different countries will give us all a feeling of unity and strength and help us in our daily work. It was decided that a more elaborate meeting of as many editors as possible would be held at the next congress in Washington in 1980 where Bo Ege, head editor of the Scandinavian Journal of Logopedics and Phoniatrics, intends to present an expose on these matters. For these reasons, an appeal is made to all editors of journals, national or international, connected with logopedics and phoniatrics: please send names of the journals and contact persons to: Bo Ege, Kastelsvej 4, DK-2100 Copenhagen, Denmark.