Svensk Förening för Foniatri och Logopedi (SFFL) was founded in November 1959. Some 40 phoniatricians and speech therapists met in Stockholm on the initiative of Gunnar Bjuggren, Jan Bratt, and Björn Fritzell. In the beginning, yearly meetings were held in Stockholm and Göteborg, alternatively. The number of members increased slowly, but after the official training in speech therapy for teachers began in 1961 and the academic training program in logopedics was started in 1964, the membership has grown rapidly. In 1969 a newsletter for members was started, appearing five times a year. In 1959, a Scandinavian Council of Logopedics and Phoniatrics was founded, with representatives of the national associations in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. Since 1976 this council has published The Scandinavian Journal of Logopedics and Phoniatrics appearing twice a year. The council also organizes seminars once a year. The association has nothing to do with wages, salaries or other working conditions of its members, nor does it try to exert any control over its members. It is just a professional society for postgraduate information and collaboration.

Membership. The association has about 1,100 members with varying backgrounds: Speech therapists (about 700) are experienced teachers with 1 additonal year of training at one of the universities in Stockholm, Göteborg, Lund-Malmö, and Umea. Most speech therapists are employed in the schools where they work with students with communication problems. Singing and speech therapists (about 200) are often trained abroad since Sweden has no official training for ‘logonom’. Logopeds (about 150) receive their degrees after a 3-year training at the universities in Stockholm and Lund. Most logopeds work at hospitals. Phoniatricians (about 10) are medical doctors with a 5-year postgraduate training. Meetings. SFFL has annual meetings for 3 days. Publication. The Medlemsbladet of the association appears four times a year. It is written in Swedish. Every issue contains 24 pages. Members receive the publication. Institutions can subscribe to Medlemsbladet and to The Scandinavian Journal by contacting the secretary. Present Board. President: Britt Hedin; Vice-president: Ruth Oslöf; Secretary: Runie Nyman; Treasurer: Unn Gorman.
acute deterioration of the professional voice closed this very well-organized congress held at the Free University of Amsterdam.

Collegium Medicorum Theatri
The 8th International Symposium was held in Amsterdam, October 8-12, 1981. One of the main subjects was dealing with all kinds of investigations of vocal registers. Vibrato of the singing voice, efficiency of the professional singing voice, selection of singers, and the phoniatric organization of theaters in different countries were also discussed by specialists from three continents.

Siqueira, Maria Fausta Campos and Maria Cecilia Perroni Simoes (all from Brazil), (7) Alfredo Tabith, Jr., Maristela Gnce de Proenca and Suely Cecilìa Olivia Limongi (all from Brazil), and (8) Donald Moores (USA) and Marta Liberoff (Argentina). The congress consisted of twelve symposia and five sessions for full papers.

South America: New Board of Directors of FLASFLA
During the period 1981-1985 the following members will serve the board of the Latin-American Federation of Societies of Phoniatrics, Logopedics and Audiology FLASFLA:
President: Dr. Rafael Ramires Barria (Panama) Vice-president: Dr. Oscar Ferrer Roo (Venezuela) General secretary: Dr. Orlando L. Schrager (Argentina)
Pro-secretary: Dr. Alfredo Tabith, Jr. (Brazil) Treasurer: Dr. Artidoro Caceres Velazquez (Peru)
Pro-treasurer: Dr. Luis Herrera (Mexico) The immediate past president, Dr. Mauro Spinelli (Brazil) has become a member of the Advisory Committee.

Brazil: Fourth Panamerican Congress of Hearing and Language
São Paulo, Brazil, August 17-22, 1981
The Latin-American Federation of Societies of Phoniatrics, Logopedics and Audiology brilliantly organized this congress at the Anhembi Convention Hall. This was due to the great effort of Mauro Spinelli, MD, Chairman of the Executive Committee and his co-workers, especially Alfredo Tabith, Jr., Chairman of the Scientific Committee. Pedro Bloch, MD, was designated as Chairman of Honor. This congress was held together with the 2nd Brazilian Congress of Phoniatrics, organized under the supervision of the Asso-ciação Brasileira de Fono-Audiologia and was attended by 900 participants from almost all Latin-American countries and from the USA.

Eight precongress courses were delivered by: (1) Orlando L. Schrager (Argentina), (2) Pedro Berruecos (Mexico), (3) Joseph Sheehan (USA), (4) Oswaldo Dante Milton Di Loreto and Izelinda de Barros (Brazil), (5) Pedro Bloch (Brazil) and Maria Sofia Sarrai (Argentina), (6) Eleonora Motta Maia, Rosa Atie

History of IALP
This booklet of 75 pages, written in English by J. Perelló and describing the history of our Association since its early beginning (1924), will soon be out of print. Individual members may obtain it free of charge from the general secretary: Andre Müller, MD, 6, Avenue de la Gare, CH-1003 Lausanne (Switzerland)

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November 9-12, 1982: Xth Congress of the Union of European Phoniatricians, Prague.
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The Italian Society of Phoniatries

The 17th Congress of the Italian Society of Phoniatries was held in Ferrara, September 24-26, 1981.

A post-graduate course on ‘Phoniatric and lo-gopedic evaluation of verbal communication’, organized by the Italian Association of Logopedics and Phoniatries, the Italian Union of Logopedists and the Italian Union of Phoniatriicians, was held on the first day by Prof. Mioni, Levi and Bruni. This was followed the next day by Prof. Giovanna Bruno’s main report on ‘Physiopathology of voice mutation’. During the closing ceremony the following foreign phoniatriicians were nominated honorary members of the society in recognition of their valid work in this field:

J.C. Lafon, Besançon (France)
E. Loebell, Hannover (FRG)
A. Muller, Lausanne (Switzerland)
J. Perello, Barcelona (Spain)
J. Wendler, Berlin (GDR)

The new executive board elected during the general assembly is as follows:

President: Prof. De Vincentiis (Rome)
Vice President: Prof. Calearo (Ferrara)
Secretary: Prof. Lucio Croatto (Padua)
Board Members:

M. Accordi (Padua)
A. Cimino (Palermo)
L. De Matteis (Aosta)
G. Motta (Naples)
C. Salimbeni (Florence)
T. Zagarese (Padua)

L. Zerneri (Brescia)

Karl Heinz Wisotzki
Aspekte des Spracherwerbs -
Untersuchungen zum Wortschatz

Marhold, Berlin 1980 110 pp., fig.; DM 13.60

This book is a detailed statistical study of the vocabulary of children with speech difficulties and of the acquisition of that vocabulary. The author investigates, studies and answers or explains very interesting aspects such as the factors that influence the language acquisition in deaf children, intelligence, social and family factors, precocity of training, pathogenic factors and sex. Very interesting is the chapter where the author examines the possibility for retarded children to acquire another type of vocabulary, what is its linguistic extent, what kind of words are the first to be known by deaf children, etc. Other sections deal with schooling problems, teaching attitudes, selection criteria, etc. The text is accompanied by numerous statistical graphs and tables.

J. Perelló

M. Edwards; A.C.H. Watson

Advances in the Management of Cleft
This book, which is in fact a follow-up of Muriel Morley’s classic text Cleft Palate and Speech (1945), has been written by a speech therapist and a plastic surgeon with both Scotch and American surgical training. The authors have chosen an outstanding group of collaborators (Dr. B. Fritzell, our IALP president, is one of them) to cover all aspects. This complete and concise book with clear diagrammatic drawings outlines the modern surgical techniques being used in unilateral and bilateral cleft lip, cleft alveolar, and clefts of the hard and soft palate. It includes also embryologic aspects, speech physiology and therapy, as well as psychosocial aspects, management of the neonate, orthodontic treatment and phonetic analysis. This book reflects the vital cooperation needed between different professions to provide the most effective treatment and management to children born with such conditions. It should be in the hands of all members of the cleft palate team. A. Muller

Elizabeth Mückenhoff Mathematik und Sprache
Marhold, Berlin 1980
128 pp., illustrated; DM 17.40

There are many books on the methods of teaching mathematical concepts and processes of calculation. The specialized didactics is founded essentially on logical mathematical relations and on the demonstrative forms. What is not so frequent is the attention that must be paid to the fundamental importance of language in the development of the mental process of calculation. The mathematical operations are an expression of objective relations. Language is an instrument of the intelligence for that purpose. The teaching of mathematical thought needs linguistic conceptualization. This book shows practical methods for facilitating the acquisition of knowledge, for overcoming difficulties in the teaching and learning of mathematics in primary schools and in special schools for the deaf and the mentally retarded.

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