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Report on the Session on the Status of Phoniatrics and Logopedics in Developing Countries
21st IALP Congress, Prague, August 6–10, 1989

On the recommendation of the Board of the IALP, and with the support of the organizers of the 21st Triennial Congress of the IALP, held in Prague on August 6–10, 1989, a session on the status of phoniatrics and logopedics in developing countries took place.

Prof. M. Nasser Kotby (Egypt) was given the responsibility of planning the session and contacting prospective participants. This was done by contacting known professionals in some of the developing countries and also via the WHO Regional Office for Africa. Unfortunately, some of those contacted were unable to attend for various reasons.

The session took place on Wednesday the 9th of August, 1989, and was chaired by Dr. Andre Muller, president of the IALP, and moderated by Prof. M. Nasser Kotby. Dr. El Shoubary (Egypt) and Dr. Pol-pathapee from Bangkok (Thailand) presented comprehensive papers, which will be published in the IALP Congress Proceedings, on the history of development of phoniatrics and logopedics in their respective countries. They highlighted the problems and the needs for long-term development. They also summarized the available training programs in their countries.

Following the presentation of the papers, a discussion took place by an interested and large audience. Contributions were given by speakers from the UK, South Africa, Jordan, Iran and Japan. Sally Hartley, a speech therapist from the UK, spoke of her experiences while working in some of the African countries.

The discussion and comments highlighted the following:
(1) Comprehensive training programs for specialists in the field constitute the most urgent need to be fulfilled in order to initiate and guarantee long-term future development. These training programs may be planned on regional (language) bases so that one program will serve several ‘homogeneous’ neighbouring countries.

The co-operation of both phoniatricians and logopedists is needed and is essential for future development in the countries discussed. It was clear that the education and responsibilities of phoniatricians and logopedists do not stand end-to-end but overlap to a great extent. This fact should justify and intensify the co-operation between phoniatricians and logopedists.

Certain acute needs for hardware equipment were stated. The need for strict priority identification with regard to equipment was discussed, and it was agreed that well-trained (preferably local) specialists should be ‘supplied’ before the equipment! The latter may be sought, gradually as need dictates.

The search for international funds was focussed on in that Dr. Betty Jane Phillips had proposed an international fund, through the co-operative assistance of Rotary International and the IALP to
supply some urgent demands of deprived regions, provided careful identification of these needs is presented and recommended by the IALP Board and Committees.

It is proposed to have a further session on ‘Phoniatrics and Logopedics in Developing Countries’ at the next congress in Hannover in 1992. We would be interested to hear from colleagues who work in or have experience of work in such countries.

Report on the International Symposium on Phonosurgery and Phoniatrics
Karlovy Vary, August 11–13, 1989*

The Symposium on Instruments of Voice and Speech in Kyoto in 1986 inspired the organizers to arrange the Satellite Symposium on Phonosurgery and Phoniatrics in Karlovy Vary in 1989. Phonosurgery as a discipline helping to improve the voice by operation where conservative methods were not successful has been developing recently in the whole world. This is why the meeting of world-famous 1 Satellite Meeting of the XXIst Congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics, held in Prague, August 6–10, 1989.

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experts in phonosurgery was to provide a wide platform for exchanging information and experiences in this branch. Both otolaryngologists and some phonia-tricians and plastic surgeons are concerned with phonosurgery nowadays.

The organizers succeeded in implementing their idea to a great extent. Altogether 94 active participants from many countries met in Karlovy Vary (and 14 accompanying persons). On the whole 36 papers were presented, 7 films or videotapes shown. The fact that the whole morning session was in one section and all experts from all over the world could share and exchange their achievements, experiences and views during the discussion was considered perfection. In the afternoon there were papers held on phoniatrics and logopedics and at the same time there was a video section on phonosurgery in another room. The video section was repeated for the participants of the afternoon papers’ section. Thus all participants appreciated the possibility of attending everything.

The farewell party on August 12, in the Grandho-tel Moskva, was opened by a toast delivered by the secretary general of the symposium. After dinner there was a performance by a folk song and dance group from West Bohemia (region Chodsko). On the whole the symposium added to the better understanding of phonosurgeons and phoniatrians and speech therapists from all over the world, to new cooperation and friendship, intensifying the old ones.

Z. Kresa
Speech Therapists/Logopedists and EEC

In December 1988 the European Commission agreed a Directive (89/48/EEC, OJ reference T1 9/16), which must be implemented by 4 January 1991, which states that the qualifications necessary to pursue a profession in one member state of the European Community (EC) must be recognised by all other members. This applies to qualifications which require at least three years’ university level training or equivalent, and therefore affects members of the professions with which the IALP is concerned. It will allow right of practice for these professions across all EC countries. Each EC country is specifying a ‘competent authority’ to establish whether there are significant differences in the education or boundaries of a profession in different countries, which could be compensated for by additional experience or by an ‘aptitude test’. The IALP, with assistance from British College of Speech Therapists, is currently
collecting relevant information about the professional education of speech
therapists/logopedists/orthophonists/neuro-linguists etc. in the 12 EC countries (Belgium,
Denmark, France, West Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Portugal,
Spain, UK). A Liaison Committee of EEC Speech Therapists and Logopedists (LCSTL/CPLOL)
has also been established with its base in Paris; one of its aims is to draw up a 'professional
profile' of a logopedist's work. Ruth Lesser, Newcastle upon Tyne

The Craniofacial Society of Great Britain
A society for the Study of Cleft Lip and Palate and other Craniofacial Anomalies
The Craniofacial Society of Great Britain will be holding its Annual Scientific Meeting in East
Grin-sead on May 24th and 25th, 1990. The programme will comprise multidisciplinary
sessions on the treatment of cleft lip and palate and craniofacial disorders, with free paper
sessions, a symposium on facial asymmetry and guest lecture by Professor Mark Ferguson.
Please contact:
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Queen Victoria Hospital
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West Sussex (UK)

It is with great regret that we learn of the death of Dr. Milos Sovak on the 29th of September,
1989. Dr. Sovak was responsible for pioneering work in logopedics in Czechoslovakia. He set up
the Department of Special Pedagogy at the Faculty of Pedagogy at Charles University in Prague.
He also founded the Czechoslovak Logopedic Association which recently has become an
Affiliated Society of IALP. He was involved in many aspects of special education and was
revered by his students and his patients. He will be long remembered for his great contribution to
the discipline of communication disorders.

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Bordeaux
La Fondation Georges Portmann et la Clinique Universitaire d’ORL organisent les cours suivants
en 1990:
15–16 juin XXIVe Symposium d’oto-neurologie
de langue française
2–7 juillet 31st English course in micro-surgery in otology and otoneurology
Les 7es journées
«Voix Chantée et Pathologie Vocale»
Les 7es journées auront lieu à Nice les vendredi 8 et samedi 9 juin 1990 sur les themes suivants:
voie pathologiques; voix des chanteurs; voix et culture.
Toute demande de renseignements et de pré-inscription doit être adressée au Département
d’Ortho-phonie-Phoniatrie, Dr D. Demard, Hôpital Pasteur, BP 69, 06002 Nice Cedex (France).
Tel. 93 81 71 71, poste 3789 ou 3598.
6th Vocal Fold Physiology Conference
Stockholm, July 30-August 3, 1989
In 1980, the first Vocal Fold Physiology Conference was arranged in Kurume, Japan, initiated by
the Voice Foundation in New York. The following meetings were held in Madison (Wise), Iowa
City (Iowa), New Haven (Conn.), and Tokyo (Japan) with 2-year intervals.
A selected group of the foremost researchers in the field of voice and vocal fold physiology from physics, technology, speech science, speech pathology, and medicine have been invited to these conferences. The 6th Vocal Fold Physiology Conference was arranged in Stockholm, July 30 – August 3, 1989, and for the first time a conference of this kind was held outside the USA and Japan. Besides financial support from the Voice Foundation, four Swedish research councils contributed economically to the meeting.

Thirty-eight papers were presented under the headings of ‘Phonatory Mechanisms’, ‘Voice Source Acoustics and Parameterization’, ‘Physiology’, and ‘Assessment of Laryngeal Function’. Speakers like Osamu Fujimura, Minoru Hirano, Ingo Titze and Martin Rothenberg had participated in all these meetings from the very first one, others were less experienced and some were invited for the first time. There were 15 papers from the USA, 9 from Japan, 7 from Sweden, and 7 from the rest of Europe.

Among the papers most enthusiastically received was Hirose’s, Kiritani’s and Imagawa’s ‘Clinical Application of Highspeed Digital Imaging of Vocal Fold Vibration’ from the Research Institute of Logopedics and Phoniatrics in Tokyo. The proceedings will be published by the Raven Press.

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Proceedings of the 21st IALP Congress
They are available on request at the following address:
Dr. Andre Muller, IALP President
6, Avenue de la Gare
CH-1003 Lausanne (Switzerland)

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In order to avoid delays in publication, please note that all manuscripts should be sent directly to the publisher:
S. Karger AG
Editorial Department ‘Folia Phoniatrica’
POBox
CH-4009 Basel (Switzerland)

First Congress of the International Association of Phonosurgeons
Belgrade, Yugoslavia, July 12–14, 1990
Organized by the ‘Clinic of Otolaryngology’ and the Clinical Center ‘Zvezdara’ with the collaboration of the ‘Yugoslav Society of Audiology and Phoniatrics’.
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Stuttering Therapy: Workshop for Specialists
Cosponsored by Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. and the Speech Foundation of America, July 9–20, 1990.
For application and information about trainee-ships write to:
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Jane Fraser, President
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Second International Congress of Melody Programmed Therapy of Speech with the
Collaboration of the National College of Psychiatry
Paris, September 10–13, 1990 (Ancienne Faculté de Médecine, rue de l’Ecole de Médecine, 5e)
Official languages: French and English
Title: Speech, Therapies and Music Psychotic Speech, Mother Tongue, Neuropsychology,
Autism, Musicotherapy, Opera in the Rehabilitation of Aphasic Patients
Secretariat:
Centre de Santé 17, rue d’Armailles F-75017 Paris (France)

Prof. Ichiro Kirikae †
It is with great pain that we communicate the death of Professor Kirikae. A member of the IALP
Board for several years, he was a kind, good-natured man, who attracted the sympathy of
everybody. His scientific work and value was of first rank.
He was professor at Jichi Medical School and professor emeritus of Tokio University. He wrote a fundamental book on the structure and function of the middle ear and was interested also in laryngeal physiology.
In 1970 he was elected President of the Japanese Society of Logopedics and Phoniatrics and also member of the executive committee of the International Society of Audiology and Honorary member of IALP since our XXth IALP Congress which he organized so well in Tokyo in 1986.
H. He was also interested in fine arts and a remarkable painter. The collection of his paintings was published a nice book in 1984.
We express to his family and to our Japanese friends our deepest condolences for the loss of the great man who represented them so well.