Proposal for New By-Laws

New By-Laws have been proposed by IALP’s organisation Committee. They were discussed and finally agreed upon by the Board in August 1994 and will be presented to the General Assembly for ratification in Cairo in August 1995.

Any proposed amendments or other issues individual members or affiliated societies wish to raise at the General Assembly must reach the Board (General Secretary) in writing before June 1995.

Members who are unable to attend the General Assembly may apply to the General Secretary for voting by mail prior to the Congress. See also voting procedures at General Assembly in Cairo in the Board minutes in the last issue of IALP News’.

Section 3

The organisation has two major subfields: logopedics and phoniatrics.

Section 4

The official languages of the organisation are English, French and German.

Article Two: Organisation

Section 1

The name of this organisation shall be International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics, abbreviated IALP in all languages.

Section 2

The organisation shall have a seal which shall be in the following form:

By-Laws of IALP

International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics
Internationale Gesellschaft für Logopädie und Phoniatrics Internationale Association Internationale de Logopédie et Phoniatrie

Approved by the Board on August 26, 1993 Presented to the General Assembly on August 8, 1995.

Article One: General

Section 1
The International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP) is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental world-wide organisation. IALP adopts the policy of non-discrimination with respect to race, national origin, religion, handicapping conditions and sex.

Section 2
The organisation works for the benefit of persons with speech, language, voice, swallowing and hearing disorders.

Section 3
The organisation may change its name by a vote of its membership.

Section 4
The constitution of the organisation shall be as specified below in respect of its General Assembly (see Article Five), its Board (see Article Six), its Executive Committee (see Article Seven) and its Other Committees (see Article Eight). Further specifications are set out in the General Regulations appended.

Article Three: Purposes
The purposes of this organisation are:

Section 1
In all countries to promote development and standards of diagnostic, therapeutical, (re-)habilitative and preventive work, research, education and training in logopedics and phoniatrics, i.e. human communication disorders at all age levels.

Section 2
To provide information on logopedics and phoniatrics internationally.

Section 3
To organise periodic international congresses for the exchange of the most recent theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of logopedics and phoniatrics.

Section 4
To maintain and propagate an international journal dedicated to all aspects of logopedics and phoniatrics.

Section 5
To establish contact with scientific and professional organisations concerned with human communication disorders and to assist in the establishment of such organisations in countries where such organisation do not exist.

Section 6
To maintain international recognition for logopedics and phoniatrics as a special and distinct field.

Section 7
To co-operate with international organisations such as UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, ECOSOC, and CIOMS.

Article Four: Membership

Section 1
Types of membership:
Persons professionally educated and trained within the field of human communication disorders and sciences may become Individual Members.
Those who have been individual members for more than 20 years and have reached retirement may on request be designated as Senior Members by the Board with membership fee exempted.
Honorary Members: These shall be proposed by the Board (3/4 majority) and elected by the General Assembly with membership fee exempted.

National organisations of logopedics and phoniatrics may become Affiliated Members, category A. Multinational, regional or local organisations pursuing wholly or partly parallel purposes may become Affiliated Members, category B, without any rights to vote.

Section 2
The admission of a new individual member must be recommended by two individual members or by an affiliated society of his/her own country and approved by the Membership Committee, appointed by the Board. The admission of multinational, national, regional or local organisations as Affiliated Members requires the approval of the majority of the Board. Any member may at any time withdraw from the organisation or may be suspended or expelled by the Board for any cause prejudicial to the best interests of the organisation. Members whose expulsion is being considered by the Board shall be notified of this in writing, and shall have the right to appeal through a duly specified Appeals Procedure.

Section 3
Annual fees of the Individual Members shall be determined by the General Assembly on proposal of the Board. In case such fees, owing to difficulties of currency regulations or for other reasons, cannot be determined on a general scale, the Board is empowered to settle the question of fees for each country separately.

The fees of the Affiliated Organisations will be determined by the Board in each case individually.

Article Five: General Assembly

Section 1
The General Assembly shall be held during each congress. The General Assembly shall elect Members of the Board, receive and discuss reports and decide upon other relevant business.

Written notice thereof shall be mailed to each member not less than 30 days before the meeting. Such notice shall state the purpose for which the meeting is called, and the time and the place where it is to be held.

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Section 2
Special meetings may be called by the Board at any time and shall be called by the Board upon the written request of at least 50 voting members. Notice of special meetings shall be in the same manner as prescribed for the General Assembly.

Section 3
The Individual Members of the Association and Delegates who have been duly appointed by Affiliated Members, Category A, form the voting body at the General Assembly. Every individual member and delegate is entitled to one vote. An individual member who is also a delegate is entitled to two votes (see Regulations, Section V).

All action shall be decided upon by a majority vote except if otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

Section 4
The order of business to be followed at the meetings shall be determined by the Board.

Section 5
All elections shall take place at the General Assembly or at a special meeting. Members unable to attend the General Assembly may apply to the General Secretary for voting by mail. The
postal votes should be opened and counted during the General Assembly and added to the votes given on site.

Article Six: Board
Section 1
The property and business of the IALP organisation and the management of its affairs shall be vested in the Board.

Section 2
At the General Assembly, a new Board shall be elected and serve until the next congress. The number of Board Members shall be fifteen. The term of office shall be from one congress to the next.

Section 3
The Board shall have control of the property and affairs of the organisation as provided in Regulations. The Board shall fix its policies, hold meetings, organise committees, employ the necessary staff, suspend or expel members, authorise proper expenditures, and take all necessary and proper steps to carry out the purposes of the organisation and promote its best interests. The Board shall make such rules and regulations covering the details of IALP organisation and meetings as it determines necessary for the best interests of the association.

Article Seven: Executive Committee
Section 1
The Executive Committee of the association shall consist of the President, the President Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Vice-President. The President Elect and the Vice-President shall be elected by the General Assembly. Up to two additional Members of the Executive Committee may be elected by the Board from among its members. The powers and duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

President: The President represents IALP internationally. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and at the General Assembly; s/he shall be the President of the Congresses; s/he appoints all committees with the consent and approval of the Board; s/he shall sign all contracts in the name of the organisation; enforce the By-Laws. At the General Assembly s/he shall schedule the presentation of the triennial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, and other reports deemed necessary.

President Elect: The President Elect shall perform duties designated by the President and the Board. These shall include the co-ordination of Special Committees (see Regulation VI[b]). In case of necessity, the President Elect shall function as Acting President.

Secretary: The Secretary shall serve all notices required by law or the By-Laws; s/he shall keep minutes of all meetings, conduct the correspondence of the organisation; s/he shall keep the membership informed, keep the corporate seal and perform all the customary duties of a secretary.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in a bank, to be approved by the Board, all the money of the association and keep an accurate account thereof; make special disbursements only upon written authority of the President or the Secretary, sign cheques, make the financial reports of the association and perform all the customary duties of a treasurer. Members of the Board and other Members of the Association are not responsible for any financial liabilities.

Vice President: The Vice President shall be in charge of preparations for, and arrangements at the Congress which takes place at the completion of his/ her term of duty (see Regulation XI). 307

Section 2
No officer of the Executive Committee shall receive any salary or compensation, except compensation for disbursement made upon instruction of the Board.

Article Eight: Other Committees

Section 1
The Organisation Committee, appointed by the President on proposals by the Board, shall supervise the practice of the By-Laws and the Regulations and be responsible for making recommendations to the Board as to appropriate changes.

Section 2
The Membership Committee, appointed by the President on proposals by the Board, shall review all applications for membership and shall decide on admission of new members.

Section 3
The Board may appoint other committees (see Article 6). Their duties are given in Regulations.

Article Nine: Amendments

These By-Laws or any part therefore may be amended, repealed or changed by a 2/3 majority of the votes cast at any General Assembly or special meeting called for the purpose, provided, however, that a copy of the proposed change be mailed to the individual members and Affiliated Societies at least 30 days before the meeting called to consider the same.

Article Ten: Dissolution of I ALP

If at any time, dissolution of the Association appears to be in the best interest of all concerned, a proposed motion for dissolution of the Association must be circulated to all voting members 1 year prior to a meeting and approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast. If approved, the liquidation of all assets of the Association will be carried out by the Executive Committee. Decisions of the liquidators shall be final.

Richard Brett †

Richard Brett, a leader in public school speech-language pathology in the United States, died of a severe stroke on September 11th. In his practice in the public schools of Waukegan, Ill. (40 miles north of Chicago), Mr. Brett served children and their parents very effectively for many years. In his work, he combined competence in observation and testing with a total approach to therapy including behavioural skills and a humanistic attitude of considering the feelings and thoughts of each child. But, his interest was also national and international in scope. He was active in the International Affairs Related Professional Organization of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. In 1992, he received the Honors of the Chicago Speech Pathology and Audiology Society. Dick has been an active member of IALP for a number of years. In 1992 he undertook the responsibility of Chair of the School’s Committee. In July 1994 Dick organised a most successful meeting of the School’s Committee in Newcastle. This meeting dealt with speech and language disorders in the primary school child and he was busy planning a similar meeting on the communication disorders in adolescents, to take place in Cairo at the time of the Congress. Dick will be remembered by us for his efficiency and above all for his good humour which was ever present. In August 1994 Dick attended and contributed at the meeting of the IALP Board held in Göteborg. At Board meetings he was careful and thorough in his study of issues and worked for fairness in his recommendations. He will be sadly missed by us all at future meetings.

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