This 'IALP News' comprises news from the following IALP Affiliate Societies: (1) Brazilian Association of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, (2) British Voice Association, (3) German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology, and (4) Phoniatric Section of the Polish ENT Society, (5) Flemish Association for Speech-Language Therapists, and (6) announcement of the next World Voice Consortium in Luxor, 2012.

News from IALP Affiliate Societies

Brazilian Association of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Sociedade Brasileira de Fonoaudiologia)

The Brazilian Association of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (SBFa) is a multiprofessional society established in 1988. It presently has 2,000 members among professionals and students in the field of communication sciences and disorders, mainly from the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology. The current board composition is as follows: Mara Behlau, President; Doris Ruthi Lewis, Vice-President; Vera Lúcia Ferreira Mendes and Vera Lúcia Garcia, Secretaries; Maria Juliana Amatuzzi de Oliveira Algodoal and Daniela Regina Molini-Avejonas, Treasurers, Jacy Perissinoto and Leticia Lessa Mansur, Scientific Directors. SBFa has five scientific departments: the Department of Hearing and Balance (Hearing Committee and Balance Committee), Department of Language (Childhood and Adolescence Oral Language and Writing Committee, Adults and Elderly Oral Language and Writing Committee, Augmentative and Alternative Communication Committee, Clinics Language Committee and Fluency Committee), Department of Oral Myology and Related Functions (Orofacial Disorders Committee and Dysphagia Committee), Department of Collective Health (Management Committee, Epidemiology Committee, Education in Health Committee, Health Care Committee and Public Policies in Health and Education Committee), Department of Voice (Clinical Voice Committee, Oncology Voice Committee and Professional Voice Committee).

The SBFa is a scientific and cultural society. The actual work platform is based on three main aspects: professional identity and practice, national and international representativeness, and the reshaping of the association towards a more contemporary model. The action plan includes a decentralization process, allowing a more active participation of an expanded Board of Directors, which includes the 70 members that collaborate with the departments, committees and commissions.

The SBFa will begin to edit a new journal in 2011, the Jornal da Sociedade Brasileira de Fonoaudiologia (Journal of the Brazilian Society of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, JSBFa), both in English and Portuguese, that is going to run on an alternate fashion with the traditional Revista da Sociedade Brasileira de Fonoaudiologia (Magazine of the Brazilian Society of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, RSBFa), published since 1996.

The main event scheduled for 2011 is the 19th Brazilian Congress and 8th International Congress of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology that is going to be held in São Paulo City, from October 30 to November 2 next year. The main theme for this congress is ‘Communication as a Human Right’.

Mara Behlau

British Voice Association

The British Voice Association (BVA) was established in 1991 as a multiprofessional association of all professionals who work under the umbrella of ‘voice’. The BVA has 640 members, including speech and language therapists, singing teachers, ENT surgeons, voice teachers/coaches, singers/performers, psychologists/counsellors, vocal coaches/teachers, osteopaths, and physiotherapists.


The main aims and objectives of this association are: to bring together the different professionals who work with the voice; to provide multidisciplinary education through symposia, conferences, workshops, training courses and interactive study days; to disseminate research and cutting edge practice through the newsletter and website of the journal Logopedics Phoniatrics Vocology; to provide members with downloadable information leaflets on vocal health and conditions for distribution to patients and clients; to support people with vocal problems by providing information and advice through our ‘Ask the BVA’ service, information leaflets and online directory of voice clinics in the UK; to encourage greater awareness among the general public of voice disorders and the importance of good vocal health and communication.

BVA has scheduled the following scientific events for 2011: (1) My Tongue Goes Where? Exploring the impact of articulation on voice, resonance and projection, with Ron Morris and Declan Costello, Sunday 23rd January 2011, 10 a.m.–4.30 p.m., Park Crescent Conference Centre, 229 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5PN, and (2) Accent Method-Based Voice Therapy, 6/7th May 2011, Nutford House, Brown Street, London W1H 5UL. For more information, please consult: www.british-voice-association.com.
German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Phoniatrie und Pädaudiologie)

The German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology (DGPP) was founded in 1983 as a multiprofessional association that accepts as members medical specialists for phoniatrics and pediaudiology and physicians who are specializing in phoniatrics and pediaudiology. Moreover, the society is also open to any person who is scientifically or practically interested in phoniatrics and pediaudiology. The society currently has 273 members and the board composition is as follows: Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen – President, Christiane Neuscheafer-Rube and Katrin Neumann – Vice- Presidents, Annerose Keilmann – Secretary, Patrick Zorowka – Treasurer, Ulrich Eysholdt and Michel Fuchs – Assessors, Jasmin Kula – Office. The DGPP has workgroups dealing with Universal Newborn Hearing Screening, Speech and Language Development in Children, Hearing Aid Provision and Auditory Processing Disorders. The society is also developing screening methods for disturbances in speech and language development, stuttering, and swallowing problems in the elderly. The main goals of the society are to enhance science and teaching regarding phoniatrics and pediaudiology, to explore further education and advanced training concerning phoniatrics and pediaudiology and also to improve medical services to patients with voice, speech, swallowing disorders, and children with hearing impairment. The next scientific event is scheduled for September 9–11, 2011, when the 28th Annual Conference of the German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology (DGPP) will be held at the University Hospital Zürich, Switzerland, with the following main topic: The Elderly Patient – Limited Communication and Its Treatment. For more information, please write to kurse.orl@usz.ch or visit the webpage: www.dgpp.de.

Phoniatric Section of the Polish ENT Society

The Phoniatric Section of the Polish ENT Society was established in 1965 as a single-profession association of phoniatricians. Currently, the membership is composed of 200 individuals. The board composition is as follows: President: Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica; Secretary: Grazyna Mielnik Niedzielska, and Board Members: Agata Szielkowska, Anna Sinkiewicz and Anna Domaradzka-Kolodziej. The main goals of this society are: participation in the realization of an education program in phoniatrics and audiology, organization of a scientific annual conference and workshops, close cooperation with the logopedics society, participation in the organization of the annual conference ‘Acoustics in Phoniatrics and Audiology’ and several activities with the Union of European Phoniatricians. The main scientific event of 2011 is the annual conference ‘Acoustics in Phoniatrics and Audiology’, June 3–4, 2011 in Poznan, Poland. For more information, please write to bwoznica@ump.edu.pl.

Flemish Association for Speech-Language Therapists (Vlaamse Vereniging voor Logopedisten)

The Flemish Association for Speech-Language Therapists (VVL) was established in 1979 and has currently a total of 1,658 members, including students. This is a single profession association but honored members can be appointed from any discipline related to the field of communication disorders. The current board composition is as follows: President: Pol De Meyere, Secretary: Chris De Bal, Treasurer: Louis Heylen, Board members: Stefaan Lefevere, Marleen D’hondt, Ronny Boey and Youri Maryn. The VVL has the following departments: Center of Continued Education, Editorial board of the journal ‘Logopedie’, Governmental representation via specific internal and external committees and various content-related and profession-related commissions. The goals of this association are defined as: providing services and benefits for all speech-language therapists; providing representation on the different levels in society; providing information regarding practice and organization of the profession, and providing continuous education and lifelong learning. For more information please consult the following webpage: www.vvl.be.

Next World Voice Consortium in Luxor, 2012

The World Voice Consortium (WVC) has chosen to hold its 5th World Congress on Voice in Luxor, Egypt, in 2012. The program of the congress will cover all aspects of voice, starting from structure and function to pathology. It covers clinical aspects as well as all types of therapeutic remedial intervention (behavioral, pharmacotherapeutic, technical, and surgical). The program includes also singing science, techniques, singing coaching, as well as singers’ points of view. The Congress will take place October 27–31, 2012 in the very ancient city of Luxor, the Thebes of the Pharaohs! Contact address: M. Nasser Kotby, the Congress President, at e-mail: nkotby@cng.com.eg.