This ‘IALP News’ comprises: (1) report of the 29th IALP World Congress in Torino, Italy, August 25–29, 2013.

**Report of the 29th IALP World Congress**

The 29th World Congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP) was held in Torino, Italy, August 25–29, 2013. One of the largest congresses IALP has held in Europe, it was attended by 981 registrants from 59 different countries including 319 students. Presentations included 252 papers, 271 posters, 56 short seminars, 13 committee symposia, a sponsored symposium, reports, special events, and seminars. Affiliated Society representatives participated in a special session and a reception in their honor. Contributions to the Congress were excellent thanks to the tireless efforts of IALP Vice President and Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, Oskar Schindler (fig. 1). Participants left with lasting memories of their time in Torino.

**Congress Highlights**

**IALP Officers and Board Member Elections Held during General Assembly.** The IALP General Assembly convened during the Congress and officers and board members were elected. Officers and board members that will serve from September 2013 through August 2016 will be: Executive Committee – Helen Grech, President; Lilly Cheng, President-Elect; Tanya Gallagher, Past-President; Ken Watkin, Secretary; Michael Robb, Treasurer; Aiofe McGuire, Vice President, and Gary Weismer, Editor (ex officio). Board at Large Members will be: Tamer Samir Abou-Elsaad, Fernanda Dreux, Pamela Enderby, Astrid Frylmark, Ellen Gerrits, Yvette Hyter, Sharynne McLeod, Antonio Schindler, Martine Smith, and Brian Shulman (fig. 2).

**Congress Site for 2019 Elected.** Three bids for hosting the 31st IALP World Congress in 2019 were presented to the General Assembly. Brisbane, Australia, Lisbon, Portugal, and Tai Pei, Taiwan presented bids. Taiwan was the site that was elected (fig. 3).

**Two IALP Members Elected as Honored Members.** Two very deserving IALP Members were elected as Honored Members. This is the highest honor that IALP bestows on one of its members. Added to this esteemed list were: Dolores Battle and Ewa Söderspalm. They were recognized at the Closing Ceremony of the Congress. (Full story appears later in this issue.)

**IALP Became Signatory of the International Communication Project 2014 (ICP 2014).** The General Assembly voted to join 6 other organizations as signatories of ICP 2014. ICP 2014 includes a commitment to the Universal Declaration of Communication Rights. The full text appears on the IALP website.

**IALP Thanked Mara Behlau.** At the Closing Ceremony, Tanya Gallagher, President of IALP, presented Mara Behlau with a plaque in appreciation of her 9 years of service as IALP President-Elect, President, and Past-President (fig. 4). Participants left with lasting memories of their time in Torino.

**Social Program.** Participants in the Congress visited several beautiful scenic sites in Torino including La Venaria Reale, one of the finest examples of the majesty of 17th and 18th century architecture. The Congress dinner was held in the renowned National Automobile Museum where attendees enjoyed the exhibition that told the story of the evolution of the motor car with spectacular displays of the valuable pieces in the collection (fig. 5).

**IALP Thanked Tanya Gallagher.** At the Closing Ceremony, Tanya Gallagher, IALP President from 2010 to 2013, was thanked for her service by Oskar Schindler, Vice President and Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, and Antonio Schindler, chair of the Congress Organizing Committee (fig. 6).

**Looking Forward to the 30th World Congress.** At the Closing Ceremony, the Presidency was passed from Tanya Gallagher to Helen Grech, who will serve as the IALP President from 2013 to 2016. The Italian flag, representing the site of the 29th World Congress, was removed by Oskar Schindler and replaced by Aiofe McGuire with the Irish flag, representing the site of the 30th World Congress to be held in Dublin, Ireland in 2016 (fig. 7, 8).
Fig. 2. Left to right back row: Pamela Enderby, Lilly Cheng, Sharynne McLeod, Fernanda Dreux, Brian Shulman, Ellen Gerrits, Astrid Frymark, and Antonio Schindler. Front row: Ken Watkin, Aiofe McGuire, Helen Grech, Tanya Gallagher, and Michael Robb (not pictured: Yvette Hyter, Tamer Samir Abou-ElSaad, and Martine Smith).

Fig. 3. Representatives from the Taiwan delegation.

Fig. 4. Mara Behlau (left) and Tanya Gallagher (right).
Fig. 5. National Automobile Museum in Torino.

Fig. 6. Left to right: Oskar Schindler, Tanya Gallagher, and Antonio Schindler.

Fig. 7. Aiofe McGuire (left) and Oskar Schindler (right).

Fig. 8. Helen Grech (left) and Tanya Gallagher (right).