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This 'IALP News' comprises: (1) a list of the IALP Board 2004–2007 members; (2) minutes of the IALP Board Meeting at AC 10 Hotel Torino, Torino, Italy; (3) report of the 74th Congress of the German Society of Speech, Language, and Voice Pathology.

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Minutes of the IALP Board Meeting

AC 10 Hotel Torino, Torino, Italy, October 29–30, 2005

Present Executive Committee: Dolores E. Battle, President; Mara Behlau, President Elect; Harm K. Schutte, Immediate Past President (also Committee Chair); Helen Grech, Secretary; Herman Peters, Treasurer (also Committee Chair); Svend Prytz, Vice President.

Members-at-Large: Maurizio Accordi (also Committee Chair), Tanya Gallagher (also Committee Chair), Frances Gibson (also Committee Chair), Anu Klippi, Nasser Kotby (also Committee Chair), Per-Åke Lindestad, Tadeus Nawka, Roswitha Romonath, Irma Verdonck-de Leeuw.

Committee Chairs: Li-Rong Lilly Cheng, Margaret Leahy, Marion Fredman, Jeri Logemann.

Guests: André Muller (IALP Representative to the UN), Ilias Papathanasiou (Chair for the Athens Congress 2010).

Office Manager: Natascha Looyé.

The Board convened at 8.45. The President, Dolores Battle, welcomed the new board members and requested introductions from each attendee. Dolores Battle set a motion to make changes in the agenda. The motion was carried following secondment. Dolores Battle acknowledged appreciation for the prompt electronic responses by Board members.

1. Minutes from the Brisbane Meeting

The Minutes of 29/8/04 and 1–2/9/04 were approved and signed by the President and Secretary.

2. Secretary's Report

Membership in IALP/Dues. The Secretary reported the update of membership status. A reminder will be sent by the President to Individual Members (IM) and Affiliated Societies (AS) who have not paid their dues. Online reminders would be activated once e-mail addresses of IM and AS are collated. The names of new members will be placed on the website. Karger will be approached to study the feasibility of 'standing order for 3 years' as a new method of payment.

Survey Senior Members. Retirement age could be diverse. Recommended change in by-laws: 65+ and 20 years' membership. Senior Membership database is available at Karger from 1996 onwards.

3. Treasurer's Report

Budget/Accounts. Balance of accounts at the moment is positive. Better financial status is expected for the period 2004–2007. Reserve funds will be included in next year's report. The Treasurer reported that as from 2005 all invoices and payments are effected in Euros. One account will be kept in Swiss francs since Karger pays in this currency.

IALP Office. The impact of the office is positive.

Committee Funds. Chair persons are urged to estimate cost and to request money; they would be required to submit breakdown of real costs at a later stage. Costs for running internet account are not refunded since IALP is a voluntary service; direct expenses of Committees are reimbursed.

Affiliation Fees. A motion was set by to reduce fees for the two lowest AS: first level to 50 EUR and second level to 80 EUR. The motion was seconded and was carried forward. The reduction of fees would be effected from 2006 onwards.

Stipends. The funds have been underused. This would be related to IALP sponsorship of attendance fees for conferences.

Website and PR. Increasing costs with long-term positive outcome.

Vote of thanks to the Treasurer was proposed. Harm Schutte was also thanked as he is still involved in the transition and with Karger financial handling.

4. Past President's Report

Registration. Harm Schutte reported that the IALP registration is now fully accomplished. IALP is an official nonprofit organization; respective papers have been settled with the Chamber

of Commerce in The Netherlands. The Board is the responsible body. A letter received from the Tax Office indicates that the IALP is not tax-obliged; the official papers still need to be received and sorted out. This procedure will be followed up for the next Board and papers should be in order for the Copenhagen Congress meeting. All candidates will be advised to bring two copies of their passport to the Board meeting in Copenhagen to proceed with the registration at the Chamber of Commerce and to sort out the process at the bank.

Scientific Journal. IALP signs contract every year with Karger. Harm Schutte reported:

- Change in internal layout of *Folia* since issue 2 of 2005, resulting in better legibility.
- Senior members do not pay IALP dues but if they wish they may subscribe to the *Folia*.

The Board will consider possibility of paying for membership and not *Folia* subscription, especially for students.

– Dr. Katrin Neumann has accepted to be an associate editor. This item should be discussed during the General Assembly.

– IALP is planning to build up its ‘Members-only’ section on the website. Online access to *Folia* will only be for IM.

– Special issues may be restricted to one per year.

– A request was received as to whether AS could use the free copy that is sent to them to copy and send articles to their members. Karger cannot accept this severe violation of the laws of copyright.

5. IALP Office

Karger offered to print a brochure free of charge. The new brochure will be sent to IM and AS. If it is permissible legally, the Board agreed to sell the Membership list to persons or organizations requesting it.

6. 3-Year Script

The 3-year script was reviewed. Finalized version will be e-mailed to Board members.

7. Strategic Plan

The Board discussed the following as a basis for a strategic plan: Why do we exist? Why is it an important thing to do? Who are the stakeholders? Are we dealing with these people? How?

8. Vice President’s Report/Copenhagen Congress

International Conference Services (ICS) are the handling agents of the Copenhagen Congress. Registration will be online and ICS will take care of it. The schedule is based on the traditional IALP Congress: main reports on the first 3 days and the General Assembly in the afternoon. Preliminary schedule includes 11 parallel sessions. Committee Chairs are requested to submit requirements. Poster sessions will be set up during lunch break for 2 days and other posters will go up for the following couple of days. Social programme is to be drafted. Following the reception on Sunday eve, a meeting for Chairmen of AS will be organized. Budget has not changed significantly since the last report. Anticipated number of participants is 800. Website for Congress is www.ialp2007.ics.dk. Proposed dates: August 5–9, 2007. Registration fees will be confirmed in the near future.

9. Athens Congress Progress

Ilias Papathanasiou (Guest) reported that the Executive Committee for the Athens Congress includes three speech-language pathologists. The venue is booked. The website will be ready by 2006. Mr. Papathanasiou forwarded a request for IALP Committees to review papers.

10. Main Reports for Copenhagen

The Main Reporters will be offered a travel grant of 1,000 EUR, free registration, free social programme and free accommodation for 4 nights. Discussants will be offered IM registration fee. The Main Reporters will be notified that their manuscript would have to be forwarded by December 1, 2006 for *Folia*; length: 22 pages in *Folia* print format.

11. Website

The Board decided on the following changes to the website:

- History Section to move to general IALP section; History Page becomes ‘Honours and Awards’.
- IALP Board: Photos of the EC members including names and titles will be placed on the web.
- Committees: Names of committee members and the charge of committees will be included.
- Affiliated Societies: Link to the website of respective AS. This will link the IALP website to theirs.
- Congresses: Websites linked to Congress page.
- Latest News: To include upcoming international events other than the IALP Congress and AS’s special events. To include many links to other events that would be useful to stakeholders. Documents produced by Committees such as ‘Guidelines’ will also be placed on the website.

12. WHO Representation

André Muller presented a report that will be placed on the website. During the past year Dr. Muller was invited (as IALP representative for WHO) to UNICEF, Human Rights and Tobacco Control events as well as the General Assembly and to participate in a workshop on provision of hearing aids (HAs). Dr. Muller reported that he would be participating in the forthcoming meeting to be held in Geneva in November 2005. The IALP President or General Secretary should attend WHO General Assembly in the future. IALP needs to enhance contact with UNESCO.

International Communication Day. This was discussed by IALP Board a few years ago; the Board agreed to consider the idea; PR Committee could take up this role and consider also linking this with foundation day of IALP.

13. Committees

Education Committee (Logopedics). Li-Rong Lilly Cheng reported a successful Committee presentation in Brisbane. The Committee is publishing a special issue in *Folia* related to undergraduate education and research around the world. Two seminars will be organized during the Congress in Copenhagen, one related to ‘Crossing Borders’ and a second one regarding ‘Students’ Mobility: International Experiences’.

Cleft Palate Committee. Maurizio Accordi reported that the Committee is still in close contact with ACPA, the most important scientific society in cleft lip and palate, especially regarding velopharyngeal insufficiency surgery and phonetic results. A special session is planned for the Copenhagen Congress.

AAC Committee. Frances Gibson requested nominations of people to join the committee. Several potential committee members were suggested by the Board.

PR Committee. Margaret Leahy reported that she received inquiries from 40–50 students about student membership during the Brisbane Congress. She proposed a motion for students in Logopedics, Audiology and Phoniatrics to become eligible for student membership, to have electronic access to *Folia* and to be eligible for full membership on graduation. IALP will explore the possibility as financial aspects need to be considered. Affiliated Societies will be invited to bring their national flags to participate in the Parade of Flags during the opening ceremony of the Copenhagen Congress.

Multilingual Affairs. Marion Fredman referred members to the ‘Recommendations for SLPs Working with Bilingual Children’; special sections on literacy and phonological impairment are included. The ‘Recommendations’ will be presented by Marion Fredman and José Centino at the forthcoming CPLOL Conference in September 2006 and will be placed on the IALP website and will appear in *Folia*.

Dysphagia. Jeri Logemann reported that contract with Pro-Ed has been signed to publish the forthcoming book entitled *Cultural and International Issues with Dysphagia*. IALP will get the loyalty. The Committee is planning to provide a series of workshops on dysphagia in different parts of the world. The income will be forwarded to IALP once running costs are covered.

Aphasia. Philippe Paquier sent a report of the Committee. It includes a plan for a special edition in *Folia* on the role of the cerebellum in speech and language processes.

History. Margaret Leahy has compiled a collection of photos from older members. The Committee was referred to Min. 9 of the EC meeting in Basel 2004 re: inviting Past Presidents to join the History Committee.

Voice. Per-Åke Lindestad reported that the Committee organized a scientific symposium among its members and consultants, which took place in London, UK on August 29, 2005. The main goal of the symposium was to discuss scientific questions to which answers are missing but which are important for the future development of the field. The Committee will organize a 3-hour scientific symposium on outcome measures during the Congress in Denmark.

Education (Phoniatrics). Nasser Kotby reported that the Committee has been reactivated and held two face-to-face meetings since the Brisbane Congress. Undergraduate and postgraduate specialization is now distinguished clearly. The Committee is now focusing on evaluating the standards of phoniatrics education recommended by the European Union of Phoniatricians (EUP).

Child Language. Tanya Gallagher reported that the Committee will meet in Germany in June 2006. Two sessions are planned for the Copenhagen Congress, on evidence-based practice in child language intervention.

Fluency. Herman Peters reported that the Committee was involved in a questionnaire survey to explore what is going on in Eastern European countries re: service and education and training. The survey is being extended to South American countries. Results are to be presented in Copenhagen.

Scientific Journal Affairs. Harm Schutte referred members of the Board to his previously circulated letter (see Minute 4 above for details).

Motor Speech Disorders. Report received from Ray Kent stating that the Committee plans to develop a symposium for the IALP Conference in 2007.

14. President Elect's Report

Mara Behlau invited the Board to hold its 2006 Meeting in Brazil. She proposed scheduling a Composium in conjunction with the Meeting in Brazil. Dates are to be determined at a later stage.

Mara Behlau reported that a 1-day meeting for Committee Chairs was planned to be held before the Congress in Copenhagen. An electronic group list of Committee Chairs will be compiled to enhance and harmonize communication.

The EC will study the operating Regulations and By-Laws related to the vote for Main Reports.

Mara Behlau reported on the Terminology Meeting in Brisbane, coordinated by Regina Walsh. This was followed by the publication of a special issue in *Advances in Speech-Language Pathology*.

The Board meeting was adjourned. Board members would be notified about the dates and venue for the next meeting in 2006.

Dolores Battle, President

Helen Grech, Secretary

Report of the 74th Congress of the German Society of Speech, Language, and Voice Pathology

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprach- und Stimmheilkunde e.V., (DGSS), www.dgss-ev.org

From April 22 to 24, 2005, the 74th DGSS biennial congress was held at the Charité, Humboldt University in Berlin. It was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the 'Foundation of Phoniatrics' that was initiated in 1905. This year was chosen in recognition of the work of Hermann Gutzmann sen. that was made public in his habilitation thesis. It is now well accepted among speech, language, and voice specialists around the world that with this work he

laid the basis of phoniatrics. Also, the 80th anniversary of the DGSS as a scientific society was celebrated.

This year's congress was dedicated to the sensory system serving for speech, language, and voice ('Die Sinne im Dienste von Sprache und Stimme'). Serving as a framework for many interesting oral presentations, state-of-the-art lectures on neurophysiology, child development, education, and training intervention were given by invited scientists. A majority of the invited presentations were already published as an 'educational seminar' in *LOGOS interdisziplinär*, a journal published in German. As for the Congress held in Basel, Switzerland, in 2003 I would like to express my gratitude that *Folia Phoniatrica et Logopaedica* has again agreed to publish some outstanding presentations from the congress in Berlin probably coming 2006. As a main result of the Congress it can be stated that not only hearing but also visual and tactile perception as well as psychic and emotional factors play a dominant role for speech, language, and voice.

During the convention of members, Priv.-Doz. Dr. Eberhard Seifert (Bern, Switzerland) was elected as secretary of the treasure. Mrs. Susanne Keppner (Düsseldorf, Germany, delegate of the German Society of Teachers of the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired) was elected as second general secretary. Mrs. Prof. Dr. Annerose Keilmann (Mainz, Germany) leaves the board after 8 years of fruitful work. It was very much appreciated by the convention that she agreed to further cooperate as the delegate of the German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology (DGPP). The convention also recognized with pleasure that more and more scientific societies acknowledge the recent work of the DGSS and have sent their new delegates, such as the German Society of the Teachers of the Blind, the Swiss Society of Phoniatrics, and the German Society of Electrostimulation and Electrotherapy. Currently, other societies have their membership under discussion. The German Society of Psychosomatic Medicine finished their membership. Prof. Dr. Odo von Arentsschild, the former head of the Department of Audiology and Phoniatrics, Free University of Berlin (now Charité), was awarded with a membership of honour because of his great merits to the better interdisciplinary understanding of medical, educational, and psychological disciplines collaborating in speech, language, and voice pathology.

The upcoming 75th congress in April 2007 will be held in Salzburg. This will be for the first time ever in Austria. Together with the first congress that was held in 2003 in Basel, Switzerland, this demonstrates the change for the DGSS from a 'German' society' to an international German-speaking society. As the main topic in Salzburg, 'Age in Speech, Language, and Voice' ('Stimme – Sprache – Lebensalter') was chosen. This will include both developmental issues in children and aging in elderly people for which we notice a growing relevance in our world. Let me invite you to Salzburg even now – and don't forget to visit our homepage www.dgss-ev.org for the actual information on registration!

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