

To: Member Associations, ISA Board of Directors and ISA Advisory Board
From: Michael Sugarman, Chair

Re: May '10 e - newsflash - May 6, 2010

International Stuttering Awareness Day:

On October 22nd International Stuttering Awareness Day will be recognized by People who Stutter and their parents and the general public around the world. This year three themes have been proposed---

- o International Stuttering Awareness Day---Do Something different today: be yourself!
- o Prevention is better than Treatment: Early Intervention Helps!
- o People who Stutter inspire other People who Stutter

Please email me by May 30th at msugarman1@sbcglobal.net and tell me your preference.

10 Recommendations:

The ISA board has been very busy in trying to compromise and proceed with 10 recommendations from the 10 Recommendations Committee.

Motion # 42---Passed

1. There will be a subcommittee of the 10 Recommendations Committee.
2. The subcommittee will be named later.
3. The subcommittee will prepare an executive summary as outlined by Mel Hoffman.
4. The subcommittee will prepare draft 6 which will consist of the executive summary and document one (the **unedited** list of 10 recommendations) and document two (the **unedited** support document).
5. The aim is to complete this work by June 27th.
6. The July e-newsflash to Boards and MAs will include the executive summary and my covering comments. Draft 6 will be attached.
7. The July e-newsflash will also have the questionnaire attached with a request to return it to the ISA Secretary (Joseph) by September 27th, 2010.

ISA newsletter – One Voice 28:

Keith Boss is coordinating ISA's One Voice newsletter---many of you have already received his email request. However, this is a second request – please will you send your stories to him (**keithmaxkb@yahoo.com**) in Microsoft Word or in Text format (pictures are always very welcome) **by Friday 28th May 2010**. If you could remember to put OV28 and your Country in the Subject Box, it would help.

Article by Bert Bast of The Netherlands:

I try to stimulate discussion by offering articles written by People who Stutter---the ISA does not endorse any theory or treatment, but only to stimulate discussion. This article is by Bert Bast bbast@worldonline.nl current Chair of the Dutch Federation of Stuttering
<http://www.stotteren.nl/upload/file/Efficacy%20of%20treatment.pdf>

Report by Anita Blom of Sweden
2nd European Symposium on Fluency Disorders:

Anita Blom presented a workshop at the 2nd European Symposium on Fluency Disorders 2010 in Antwerp, Belgium, April 23 and 24, 2010. I asked her to write a report. Here it is:

The “European Clinical Specialization in Fluency Disorders” is a groundbreaking initiative in the field of fluency disorders. The program was developed by eight different universities and colleges in five European countries. The **ECSF** is a one-year program - compatible with the workload of an SLT - for speech-language therapists wanting to become European Fluency Specialists.

When ELSA (the European League of Stuttering Associations), two years ago, heard about the first upcoming symposium at the Lessius University College in Antwerp, Belgium, we (ELSA) asked to become involved as being a European client organization and we are now involved in the program as well as proposing speakers to the Symposium.

In 2008 Anita Blom was the keynote speaker. This year, 23-24 April 2010, Anita presented the workshop “Stuttering and disability: the right to speak”, including ELSA’s highly appreciated leaflet on legislation, terms like disability and discrimination and the Bill of Rights, information about ELSA and its members, all mixed with personal stories. A perfect match according to the audience, who stayed not for the planned 45 minutes, but for twice that time, asking lots of questions. Richard Bourgondiën from the Netherlands represented ELSA at the information table, handing out material and answering questions.

ELSA’s second speaker was Eric Lamens, showing his prize rewarded movie *To Speak*, about a young boy’s struggle with his stutter. He too was asked many questions, which shows the importance of people who stutter telling their own story, amongst clinicians presenting therapies and research results.

This year’s keynote speakers at the Symposium were: Walt Manning, Ken St. Louis, Henny-Annie Bijleveld, Dennis Drayna, Peter Howell and Patricia Zebrowski, but some had to present through video conferencing because of the Icelandic ash, which almost prevented myself from getting there as well, but after a 27 hour trip, of which 24 hours were spent at the airport, I made it!

The program consisted of over 50 lectures and poster sessions, covering a wide array of topics in the field of fluency disorders, including developmental stuttering, neurogenic stuttering, and cluttering, ranging from causal and maintaining variables to therapeutic intervention strategies and the role of self-help movements.

I would like to thank the organizers for organizing a full two days’ focus on stuttering, as well as a European education, uniting clinicians with clients, to add pieces of the puzzle, hoping many more will follow.

More information about the ECSF and the Symposium is available at:
<http://www.ecsf.eu/>

9th World Congress in Buenos, Aires , Argentina , in May 2011:

A reminder: Just a year from now will be the 9th World Congress for People Who Stutter, to be held in Buenos Aires , Argentina – the dates are Wednesday, May 18, 2011 through Saturday, May 21, 2011. The date of the ISA Membership meeting has not been determined - it might be Tuesday May 17 or it might be Sunday May 22. Stay tuned.

Warmly,
Michael Sugarman, Chair