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Preface

Dear UEP colleagues, the reorganisation process of the Union of the European Phoniatricians is prospering. In 2012 two further European countries joined us: Albania and Romania. I cordially thank the current UEP delegates/National UEP coordinators for their readiness to help:

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As. Professor Mohamed Farahat, Riyadh  
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**Turkey**
As. Professor Haldun Oguz, General Secretary of the Professional Voice Society, Ankara

**United Kingdom**
Professor John Rubin MD, FACS, FRCS, London

According to the new by-laws (see UEP homepage www.phoniatrics-uep.org), physicians who are active in phoniatrics (retired colleagues as well) can become a UEP member. In addition, colleagues on old UEP member lists are contacted. Interested colleagues are kindly asked to fill in their data and to answer some questions in the new UEP internet form.

The link is: UEP homepage www.phoniatrics-uep.org, then click on “Join Now” in the right upper corner.

The present state of the board is:

- **President**: Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen (Germany)
- **Past-President**: Lucyna Schalen (Sweden)
- **General Secretary**: Antonio Schindler (Italy)
- **Treasurer**: Virginie Woisard (France)
- **UEMS Representative**: Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube (Germany).

On the Annual General Assembly 2012 in Helsinki (see page 13) Sarkku Vilpas MD, Tampere, Finland, was elected as Officer of Legal Affairs of UEP, Jakub Drsata MD, PhD, Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic and Ahmed Geneid, MD, Helsinki, Finland, were elected as auditors of UEP.

We hope that UEP will prosper in the future and will bring together the colleagues in Europe, its neighbouring countries and those countries who have put the European model of Phoniatrics into practice. UEP wants to promote team spirit and cooperation.

**UEP offers:**

- to be a platform for exchange of expert knowledge, of clinical experience and scientific work concerning speech, language, voice and swallowing disorders
• to continuously inform by email about relevant congresses, meetings, and sommer schools in Europe
• to harmonize the training programs in Europe in cooperation with the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)
• to function as an umbrella for all European colleagues, giving information and advice in case of professional problems
• to annually mail a bulletin reporting news about relevant developments in Europe and its neighbouring countries.

Keeping up the fine tradition of the former annual UEP bulletins, we like to present the UEP bulletin 2012. With best thanks to the UEP colleagues, who contributed their national reports and helped to realise the UEP bulletin 2012,

Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of UEP.

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News from the Board

Report of the President

In 2012 30 new UEP members could be recruited.

Now, we have **167 UEP members**, therefrom:
- 7 honorary members
- 137 regular members
- 3 members in education
- 20 retired members.

These UEP members come **from 22 countries** being represented by UEP National Coordinators, providing a recruiting network.

Still, we have **UEP flyers** which may be requested by the recruiting coordinators and in addition may be displayed on congresses by each UEP member.

A **new UEP membership certificate** was created by the president with the technical help of our webmaster Peter Matulat. After check of the data files by the members, the certificates were sent by post to them.

Continuously, **data of European and international congresses and symposia** have been collected by the president to timely provide information to the UEP members.

The **General Annual Meeting of UEP 2012** was organized in Helsinki, Finland. For the minutes see page 13, please.

On the occasion of **90 Years Phoniatics in Czech Republic and Slovakia** a commemorative congress took place in Prague on 14th and 15th September 2012. The president was invited to present a lecture about the Cooperation of UEP with the phoniatrians in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. By the high international reputation of Prof. Miloslav Seeman the foundation of UEP in 1971 was consolidated during the UEP Congress in Prague in 1973. Prof. Miloslav Seeman was a Honorary President of UEP and can be characterised as a Nestor of UEP.
Left: Professor Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of UEP.
Right: Assoc. Professor František Sram MD, Prague. Commemorative Congress 90 Years Phoniatrics in Czech Republic and Slovakia

Left: Assoc. Prof. Olga Dlouhá, President of the Phoniatric Section of The Czech Association of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, Prague. Right: Professor Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of UEP. Commemorative Congress 90 Years Phoniatrics in Czech Republic and Slovakia

The families Seeman (left side) and Sedlacek (right side) have been of fundamental importance for UEP and Phoniatrics.

In 2012 some UEP guest sessions were organized to make UEP more popular and to consolidate interdisciplinary contacts. We want to cordially thank the Congress Presidents, the boards and their teams for the opportunity to present activities of UEP members:

9th Scientific Congress of the European Laryngological Society: 13th -16 th June 2012, Helsinki, Finland: Congress President Prof. Heikki Rihkanen, Helsinki

Chairwoman: Mari Qvarnström, Kuopio, Finland
1. Mette Pedersen, Morten Friis, Klaus Quortrup, Copenhagen, Denmark: Tissue scanning in laryngology, aspects for disorders

2. Mette Pedersen and Martin Eeg : A prospective cohort study of patients with dystonia

3. Roland Rydell, Malmö, Sweden: Clinical use of high speed recordings

4. Dirk Mürbe, Dresden, Germany: Predictive factors for voice classification

5. Ahmed Geneid, Helsinki, Finland: Using Inverse filtering in detecting inaudible and subtle voice changes

UEP group foto on the 9th Scientific Congress of the European Laryngological Society in Helsinki, Finland
16th International Symposium in Audiological Medicine of the International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA): 19th-21st October 2012, Beijing, China: Congress President Prof. Qiuju Wang, Beijing

From left to right:
Docent Dorothe Veraguth, Prof. Mohamed Hamid Co-Chair IAPA 2012, Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Dr. Dirk Deuster, Prof. Qiuju Wang, IAPA Congress President 2012

From left to right:
Standing: Prof. Qiuju Wang, IAPA Congress President 2012, Dr. Ewa Raglan, IAPA General Secretary, Prof. Alessandro Martini, IAPA President, Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen
Sitting: Docent Dorothe Veraguth, Prof. Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica, Dr. Dirk Deuster, Prof. Hans-Werner am Zehnhoff, Prof. Kirk Beisel

According to the letter of intent (see Appendix page 46) between the International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA) and UEP, a UEP guest session could be organised for the XVIth Congress of IAPA in Beijing, China, 19th-21st October, 2012:

1. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Muenster, Germany: Genetic variants predicting individual sensitivity to the ototoxic effect of cisplatin
2. Antonio Schindler, Milan, Italy: Validity and reliability of speech perception tests

3. Dorothe Veraguth, Zurich, Switzerland: Long term results of speech and language development in young children with cochlear implants

4. Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica, Poznan, Poland: Electrophysiological and psychophysical hearing examination in children with central auditory processing disorders


UEP Session on the XVIth Congress of the International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA) in Beijing, China:

From left to right: Prof. Jiaqi Jiang, Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Prof. Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica, Dirk Deuster MD PhD, Docent Dorothe Veraguth, Prof. Ping Yu, Prof. Antonio Schindler, General Secretary of UEP

5th International Congress of World Voice Consortium (WVC): 27th -31st October 2012, Luxor, Egypt: Congress President Prof. Nasser Kotby, Cairo

Chairwoman: Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Münster, Germany


2. Tadeus Nawka, Berlin, Germany: Phoniatric aspects of therapy in bilateral vocal fold paralysis

3. Berit Schneider-Stickler, Vienna, Austria: Long term experiences with the Titanium vocal fold medialization implant in medialization thyropasty

4. Ahmed Geneid, Helsinki, Finland: Cheap and portable videoendoscopy, how to do it?

5. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Katja Sandmann, Claus-Michael Schmidt, Ken Roßlau, Ruth Lang-Roth, Arne Knief, Peter Matulat, Melanie Vauth, Dirk Deuster, Muenster, Cologne, Germany: Differences between self-assessment and external rating of voice with regard to sex characteristics, age, and attractivity
Group foto of UEP members on the 5th International Congress of World Voice Consortium in Luxor:

From left to right: Ahmed Abu Hasseba, Egypt; Tadeus Nawka, Germany; Ahmed Geneid, Finland; Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Germany; Dirk Mürbe, Germany; Berit Schneider-Stickler, Austria; Matthias Weikert, Germany; Joseph Schlömicher-Thier, Austria; Jitka Vydrova, Czech Republic; John Rubin, United Kingdom; Markus Hess, Germany

Further UEP guest sessions and UEP courses are planned for 2013, see page 41, please. The next UEP AGM is planned on the congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP), 25th-28th August 2013 in Turin, Italy.
The next UEP congress will be organised by the UEP Congress President Docent Ekaterina Osipenko in Moscow on 2nd-5th October 2014, see page 44, please.

Professor Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of UEP, Past-President of the German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology, Münster, Germany

Report of the General Secretary

Further contacts with the Editor of Audiological Medicine (Prof. A. Martini), official Journal of the IAPA, have been established. As the issue dedicated to Phoniatrics, published in 2011, was appreciated, the possibility to further involved UEP members in the Board of the Journal and possible changes in the title of the Journal, including the term “Communication” or “Speech”, have been explored.

Contacts with the Japanese Society of Logopedics and Phoniatrics took place in Osaka, during the local national congress. Possible collaborations between the two societies have been explored.

A larger involvement of the UEP in the IALP activities and in particular in the committee of Education in Phoniatrics have been discussed during several meetings with the IALP board.
The aim for the next two years is to develop Rules and Regulations of the UEP, supporting the existing By-Laws.

As. Prof. Antonio Schindler, University of Milan, General Secretary of the UEP, Vice-President of the SIFEL, Board Member of the SIAF

Report of the Treasurer

The bank account of UEP is located in Toulouse, France.

The bank data of UEP are:
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All UEP members who did not yet pay the membership fee for 2012, are cordially requested to transfer the fee as soon as possible but, please, before the end of the year 2012. This is important for our annual financial statements. At present, UEP is basically financed by the membership fees. Colleagues, who became UEP member in the last weeks of the year 2012, need not to pay membership fee for 2012.

The amount of the membership fee is:
Regular member: 60,-€
Member in education: 40,-€
Retired member: 20,-€
Honorary member: 0,-€.

You will get a receipt which you may use for fiscal reasons.

If there are any questions, please contact us:
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President: Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen / am.zehnhoff@uni-muenster.de

Thank you for supporting UEP.

Virginie Woisard, MD, PhD, Treasurer of UEP, Conseil d’Administration de la Société Française de Phoniatrie et des Pathologies de la Communication (SFPPC), UEP Representative of SFPPC, Toulouse, France

Report of the UEMS Representative

The UEMS ORL section is a gremium consisting of 2 delegates per country of all countries belonging to the European Union or the so-called observer countries, respectively. Being the representative of the European Union of Phoniatricians (UEP), I attended the annual meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania that was organized from October the 4th to the 7th, 2012. Karl Hörmann, President of the UEMS ORL Section and Board, welcomed the new delegate Stefan Skrtic who will represent the Swedish
delegacy instead of Malou Hultcrantz who attended 2011 for the last time. Afterwards he asked for an approval of the minutes from Izmir 2011, that can now be found on the homepage www.orluems.com. In the first part of the meeting the delegates were informed about the CEN meaning European Committee for Standardization. It was discussed whether this institution would be adequate to save specialty related contents like those of logbooks as political relevant documents. It was proposed to collect additional information about CEN. Angelos Nikolaou and Klaus Albegger reported about the oral EBEORL-Exam in Vienna in November 2011 and about the written EBEORL-Exam in Toulouse in July 2012. The numbers of participants of both types of exams are further increasing. In the following part of the meeting, the subspecialty groups were asked to work on logbook and curriculum for the topics Head & Neck, Otology/Neurootology, Rhinology/Allergology, Paediatric ORL, Facial Plastic, Audiology/Vestibulology and last but not least Phoniatrics. The phoniatric group was joined by the new Swedish delegate Stefan Skrtic. In addition to the logbooks, the groups were asked to collect information about recommended textbooks, guidelines and courses. During the presentation of the results of the subgroups it was evident that there are a lot of overlappings of topics between the groups that have to be consented in future. After the financial report of the treasurer Francis Marchal, Sverre Steinsvag, Norway summarized the extensive activities of the EACCME-committee of the last year, followed by a discussion about the very sophisticated rules for accredited elearning programmes. The current statistics of ENT manpower was presented by Hans W. Mollenhauer. In respect of the section board, Karl Hörmann was confirmed to continue his presidency for another cycle.

The next UEMS-ORL meeting will be organized in Geneva, Switzerland by Francis Marchal from the 3rd to the 5th October 2013, the meeting in 2014 will be organized by Tomislav Baudoin from October 2nd to the 4th in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Prof. Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube, UEMS Representative of UEP, Phoniatric Member of the European Accreditation Council for Continuous Medical Education (EACCME), Member of the Network for Tuning Standards and Quality of Education Programmes in Speech and Language Therapy / Logopaedics across Europe (NetQues), Aachen, Germany

Report of the Webmaster

The “new” UEP homepage (www.uep-phoniatrics.org) is online since May 2012. With the construction important information of the “old” homepage was connected with new offers. The homepage should be a place of the exchange of specialist information. On the old UEP homepage we found a general part with phoniatricians singing or playing instruments, historical videos of famous phoniatricians, a diagnostic part and a therapeutic part. If you have interesting videos for these parts, please send your video material via email to am.zehnhoff@uni-muenster.de.

On the “new” UEP homepage, on more than 50 pages you will find information about recent and upcoming activities of the UEP and announcements of worldwide
phoniatic and related congresses. In addition, one page is planned for books written by UEP members. Following the proposal of Ahmed Geneid MD, Helsinki and the decision of the UEP board during a telephone conference on 15th December 2011, we will try step by step to add historical and interesting publications and as well dissertations of UEP members.

Until 14th December 2012 already 846 different people from 77 countries have visited the homepage one or more times. On average the visitors remained 3 minutes on the homepage.

Paid-up links were sold to 5 companies: XION medical, ATMOS Medizintechnik, Karl STORZ Endoskope, COCHLEAR and MERZ Global Voice Business. If you have ideas or connections to other companies which would be interested to buy advertising space on the homepage, please contact the president by am.zehnhoff@uni-muenster.de or the treasurer by woisard.v@chu-toulouse.fr or the webmaster by matulat@uni-muenster.de.

UEP Homepage Webmaster: Peter Matulat, Münster, Germany
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UEP Homepage Founding Editor: Jürgen Wendler, Berlin, Germany

Minutes UEP Annual General Meeting

Location: Scandic Marina Congress Center, Helsinki, Finland
Time: Saturday, June 16th 2012, 11.30-12.45

TOP 1: Opening of the meeting
The President of UEP Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen opens the AGM, thanking all participants. The honorary members Professor Juergen Wendler (Berlin, Germany) and Prof. Harm Schutte (Groningen, The Netherlands) as well as Assoc. Prof. Frantisek Sram (Prague, Czech Republic), Prof. Joseph Sopko (Basel, Switzerland), Prof. Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica (Poznan, Poland) and Dr. Ana Martinez-Arellano (Pamplona, Spain) and Prof. Cori Casanova (Barcelona, Spain) send to the AGM their best regards. They regret to be prevented from joining the AGM. Our General Secretary Antonio Schindler was held back by unforeseeable urgent professional duties. Our UEMS Representative Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube was prevented from coming for lecture duties, our Past President Prof. Lucyna Schalen could not join the AGM for familial reasons.

TOP 2: Establishing the meeting as lawful and quorate:
• The convening of the AGM was carried out within the period prescribed (7 days prior to the AGM).
• The new by-laws do not prescribe any quorum. The AGM could be established as lawful and quorate with participants from 9 countries.
**TOP 3: Adoption of the agenda:**
The election of a 2. UEMS representative was added as TOP 11. The agenda was adopted by the AGM.

**TOP 4: Report of the President: Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen**
The President reports the state of recruiting UEP members: After new foundation of UEP, in 2011 a new internet form has been developed for colleagues who are willing to become a UEP member: http://goo.gl/xVNRJ. Their data automatically flow into an excel table. A UEP flyer has been created which is displayed at all subject specific congresses. The UEP board and the UEP national coordinators are reworking old member lists and recruiting new members. At the very beginning of recruiting the status quo on June 15th 2012 is: 155 UEP members from 22 countries.

A new UEP Homepage www.phoniatrics-uep.org was created with Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen as Editor and Juergen Wendler as Founding Editor. The President thanks our 1. Webmaster of UEP Peter Matulat, managerial psychologist at the Clinic of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology, Muenster, for his brilliant help and Juergen Wendler for valuable advice. The President asks the participants of the AGM for more links to national phoniatric societies and for videos for the video section of the UEP homepage. The AGM agrees to the proposal of Peter Matulat to have 3 parts of the video section:

- General (e. g. phoniaticicians singing or playing instruments, historical videos of famous phoniaticicians)
- Diagnostics
- Therapy.

The AGM agrees to the proposal concerning advertising books of UEP members on the UEP homepage. The President asks for help recruiting sponsors. Up to now we have XION medical, ATMOS Medizintechnik and STORZ KARL STORZ ENDOSKOPE as sponsors. Our interim auditor Jakub Drsata, MD, PhD, reminds to stay interesting for our sponsors and to look for further sponsorship.

The President reports the state of our book: **European Manual of Medicine: Volume Phoniatrics.** According to the prescription of the book series the Volume Editors (maximally 5) have to come from different European Countries: Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen (Muenster, Germany), Olga Dlouha (Prague, Czech Republic), Antonio Schindler (Turin, Italy), Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica (Poznan, Poland) and Patrick Zorowka (Innsbruck, Austria). The European Manual aims to present the state-of-the-art basing on the UEP logbook recommended by the Union Européenne des Médécins Spécialistes (UEMS) in Brussels. The book is intended for residents in further training, for students, practising specialists and other interested colleagues. Prof. Tadeus Nawka (Berlin, Germany) is the Editor of a supplementary DVD. He asks the AGM for audio and video samples for the DVD: tadeus.nawka@charite.de.
The President reports an apply to the National Board of Patents and Registration, Helsinki, because one signing person, the president, has changed. To disburden the UEP board an officer for legal affairs of UEP is needed who should live in Finland. The President refers to TOP 13.

**TOP 5: Report of the General Secretary**
Our General Secretary Antonio Schindler was prevented from coming for unforeseeable urgent professional duties.

**TOP 6: Report 2011 of the Treasurer Dr. Virginie Woisard**

![Budget Table](image)

Our treasurer reports the budget 2011.

**TOP 7: Report of the Interim Auditors**
Our interim auditors Jakub Drsata, MD, PhD, Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic and Dr. Ahmed Geneid, Helsinki, Finland, checked the annual report and the budget of the year 2011. They found the budget and the report of activities conforming with the by-laws of the UEP and other legal regulations (see attachment: Revision of the annual report and budget of the year 2011).

**TOP 8: Decision on adoption of the financial statement and on the discharge from liability of the board and any others with liability for the accounts**
On application of one AGM participant the financial statement and the discharge from liability of the board and any others with liability for the accounts was adopted with 5 abstentions (interim auditors and board members) and 0 no votes.

**TOP 9: Treasurer: Virginie Woisard: 2012: Action plan, budget and membership fees**

![Budget Table](image)
Our treasurer reports the action plan and the budget of the year 2012, which is adopted by the AGM with abstention of the treasurer. The fee (60 € normal member, 40 € resident, 20 € retired member) will not be changed.

**TOP10: Report of the UEMS Representative**

Because of the absence of our UEMS Representative Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube, the President gives her report.

**UEMS-ORL Section**

In Izmir 2011, the ORLUEMS Board founded 7 Sub-Specialty Groups, Leads in Brackets:

- Group 1: Head & Neck (Ulrik Pedersen)
- Group 2: Otology/Neurotology (Milan Profant)
- Group 3: Rhinology/Allergology (Wolfgang Luxenberger)
- Group 4: Paediatric ORL (Tomislav Baudoin)
- Group 5: Facial Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (Karl Hörmann)
- Group 6: Audiology/Vestibulology (Kjasa Mia Holgers)
- Group 7: Phoniatrics/Communication Disorders (Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube).

The board decided that each member of the UEMS can only participate in one group. The process of group member selection was not explained. Denominated members of the phoniatric group are: Chris Milford (United Kingdom), Virgilijus Uloza (Lithuania), Ferhan Oz (Turkey), and Constantia Vlotoma-Manoli (Cyprus), Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube (Germany) as lead.

**The AGM asks Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube to clarify if further phoniatric colleagues can be denominated.**

In preparation of Vilnius 2012 all groups shall do the following jobs:

1) produce a logbook/curriculum (we did that before!)
2) develop recommendations regarding suggested relevant textbooks/guidelines
3) develop recommendations regarding existing courses.

**UEP members are asked to send suggestions for the textbooks/guidelines and courses up to 31th of August to cneuschaefer@ukaachen.de.**

**EACCME - European Accreditation Council for Continuous Medical Education**

The new coordinator of the EACCME group of the ORLUEMS is Sverre Steinsvag, Norway, phoniatric member is Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube. Activities since October 2011 are: Accreditation of 12 International Meetings and Accreditation of 1 E-Learning Program.

**For an apply for accreditation of an CME event UEP members are asked to use www.eaccme.eu. The request has to be submitted > 3 months before the congress. The fees are:**

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Places and dates of future UEMS meetings are: Vilnius, Lithuania, 5th - 8th October, 2012; Geneva Switzerland 3rd - 5th October, 2013; Zagreb, Croatia 2nd - 5th October, 2014. The registration link for Vilnius is: www.uems.lt/. The agenda of the meeting is in preparation so far.

**TOP11: Election of 2. UEMS Representative**

A second representative of the UEP is needed for 3 years at least to set up a kind of continuous phoniatric strategy. The proposal of the board is Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica who has agreed to be our candidate. The AGM consentaneously elects Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica.

**TOP12: Proposal amendment of By-Laws**

Instead of „The AGM will be kept annually in the period between January and May on a day selected by the board of directors“ the formulation „The AGM will be kept annually on a day selected by the board of directors“ is proposed by the President. This proposal is consentaneously adopted by the AGM.

**TOP13: Election of an Officer for Legal Affairs as a member of the UEP board:**

The board proposes Dr. Sarkku Vilpas, Helsinki, Finland. This proposal is accepted by the AGM without any no vote or abstention.

**TOP14: Election of 2 auditors for the rest of the term 2011 - 2014**

On the AGM in Lund in 2011 no auditors were elected. The UEP board asked Jakub Drsata, MD, PhD, Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic and Dr. Ahmed Geneid, Helsinki, Finland, to accept this office as interim auditors for the year 2011. The President thanks for their help and proposes to elect them as auditors for the rest of the term 2011 - 2014. This proposal is adopted by the AGM with 2 abstentions.

**TOP15: UEP Guest Sessions, UEP Annual General Assemblies, UEP Congresses**

- The President thanks the President of the European Laryngological Society Prof. Heikki Rihkanen for having hosted UEP by rendering possible a UEP Guest Session and a UEP Annual General Assembly on the ELS Congress in Helsinki, 2012. Some symbolic presents will be handed to him at the closing session. Many thanks as well to the General Secretary of ELS Prof. Frederik Dikkers and the complete ELS board.
- UEP has organised further Guest Sessions/Courses:
  - Presented by the President:
    - International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA): October 19th - 21st 2012, Beijing, China
o World Voice Consortium (WVC): October 27th -31st 2012, Luxor, Egypt
o International Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies (IFOS):
  June 1st -5th 2013, Seoul, Korea
o Paneuropean Voice Conference (PEVOC): August 21st -24th 2013,
  Prague, Czech Republic

Presented by Virginie Woisard:
 o European Academy of ORL and Head & Neck Surgery (EAORL-HNS):
   April 27th-30th 2013, Nice, France

• The next UEP AGM is planned in 2013 on the congress of the International
  Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP), August 25th-28th 2013, in
  Turin, Italy.

TOP16: Moscow - the city-candidate for organising the UEP congress in 2014 (2017)
• Because of organisational problems the next UEP congress cannot take place
  in Austria. The President thanks Docent Ekaterina Osipenko for the willingness to
  arrange it already in 2014 in Moscow (see attached fotos). The AGM
  consentaneously adopts this proposal. The exact date in 2014 is not yet decided.

• TOP16: Sommer Schools
• The President proposes UEP Sommer Schools in cooperation with IAPA, BIAP, 
  PEVOC, ELS and
• regular UEP sessions on ELS congresses. The AGM consentaneously adopts
  these suggestions.

TOP 17: Miscellaneous

Ekaterina Osipenko complains a mistake in the russian text of the UEP logo:
One -O- too much.
This mistake should be corrected.

Antoinette am Zehnhoff-D.
President of UEP

UEP Working Group on WHO/ICD11 process

The Working Group on ICD revision started its activity in the fall of 2012. The aim of
the project is to influence the revision process in such a way that the new
classification system supports optimally the clinical work and its development within
Phoniatrics. What is considered of utmost importance is that the new classification
system should make European comparisons of Phoniatric practise straightforward,
especially as far as work-load and diagnostic statistics are concerned. The members
of the Working Group are distinguished European colleagues and it is chaired by
Professor Erkki Vilkman (Finland).

• Erkki Vilkman, Helsinki, Finland (Lead)
• Prof. Antonio Schindler, Torino, Italy
• Dr. Virginie Woisard, Toulouse, France
• Prof. Gauthier Desuter, Brussels, Belgium
• Prof. Felix De Jong, Veghel, The Netherlands
• Prof. Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica, Poznan, Poland
• Prof. Monika Tiggges, Karlsruhe, Germany
• Prof. Haldun Oguz, Ankara, Turkey

During the fall 2012 background material was collected and studied. The next step will be making concrete diagnosis lists and once agreed within the group forward them to WHO/ICD11 team as proposals. It is estimated that the results of the project can be presented to the UEP General Assembly in June 2013.

Contact: Erkki.Vilkman@hus.fi

Prof. Erkki Vilkman, Lead of UEP Working Group on WHO/ICD11, Helsinki, Finland

European Manual of Medicine: Volume Phoniatriecs

UEP performs the first European Phoniatic textbook in English language in cooperation with U.E.M.S. and Springer Company, the European Manual of Medicine: Volume Phoniatriecs, which will similarly look like:

Background

“As the discussion among the Union Européenne des Médicins Spécialistes (UEMS) has shown, it is difficult to standardize medical training because of the presently existing differences in the various EU countries. However, this doesn't mean we shouldn't even try to reach an international, specialty-specific, European consensus. The “European Manual” should form the basis for such a consensus. In contrast to national textbooks this manual should present what is generally considered to be the state-of-the-art in these areas . In particular, this book series aims to establish uniform European standards for diagnosis and therapy.”
Series editors for "European Manual of Medicine": Wolfgang Arnold (Munich, Germany) and Uwe Ganzer (Düsseldorf, Germany)

**European Manual of Medicine: Volume Phoniatrics: Description of the work:**

Phoniatrics is the medical specialty of voice, speech, language, hearing and swallowing disorders developed from otolaryngology. Drawing from specialized insights and extensive clinical experience of phoniatric experts across Europe, this volume offers a basis for the harmonisation of European training programs and the development of concerted training standards, to gain a high quality of phoniatric care for all European patients.

The interdisciplinary character of phoniatrics is mirrored in the contributions from other medical and non-medical disciplines, as diverse as, for example audiology, genetics, pediatrics, logopedics, linguistics, special pedagogy, psychology.

The contents comprises communication disorders from the newborn child up to the elder patient. The topics covered focus on voice disorders and swallowing disorders including rehabilitation of tumour patients, developmental language disorders, dyslexia, dysgraphia, pedaudiology, speech/articulation disorders including fluency disorders and velopharyngeal insufficiency as well as acquired speech and language disorders as aphasia, dysarthria, dyspraxia.

This book is intended for residents and practitioners in Phoniatrics, as well for ENT physicians, medical students, logopedics and speech and language therapists with a particular interest in the fascinating specialty of Phoniatrics.

Chapter editors are:
- Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica, Poland
- Patrick Zorowka, Austria
- Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Germany
- Joseph Sopko, Switzerland
- Antonio Schindler, Italy.

Our additional editor Tadeus Nawka, Germany, will perform a supplement DVD. We need help concerning audio and video samples:
- The selection of the material depends on the content of the manual. Whatever can be illustrated by video or audio may be potentially included.
- Multinational contributions are welcome, but complement national recordings with English explanations.
- Basic information should be provided by the description of cases (will be edited).
- Please provide with high audio and video quality, details must be visible. Digital video recordings whenever possible in HD quality.
- Audio wave files with a resolution of at least 22 kHz, mp3-recordings with at least 192 kBps, well controlled recording level.
Possible topics are:

- **Voice**
  - Organic disorders
    - Benign lesions
    - Malignant lesions
  - Functional disorders
  - Central disorders
    - Spasmodic dysphonia
    - Dysarthrophonia

- **Speech**
  - Fluency disorders
  - Dysarthria

- **Language**
  - Specific language impairment
  - Dysphasia, aphasia

- **Hearing**
  - Auditory comprehension tests

- **Swallowing**
  - Videoendoscopic evaluation
  - Videofluoroscopy.

Send the material via CD, DVD, or email to Tadeus Nawka, Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Klinik für Audiologie und Phoniatrie, Luisenstr. 13, 10117 Berlin, Germany: tadeus.nawka@charite.de. Thank you for your help.

**Section of Phoniatriks - Albania**

Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

The Albanian Society of ENT was founded in 1994 but the ENT Service first in Tirana then in other important cities of Albania was founded in 1932.

University Hospital Mother Theresa of Tirana (University Hospital of Faculty of Medicine of University of Tirana) is the only one center in Albania that offers specializations in ENT.

In Albania are about 80 otorhinolaryngologists for a population of 3 000 000 but the most of them are concentrated in main cities.

The ENT residency program lasts 4 years and there are no fellowships in phoniatriks. Alternating, the annual Pan Albanian Conference of Otorhinolaryngology is organised in Albania and in the following year in Kosovo. This year the meeting took place in Kosovo. The next meeting is on May 2013 (not yet defined the day) in Tirana, Albania.
Each year in spring the Conference of ENT is based on research of residents. Also during each year small meetings of ENT are organized, mostly sponsored by different pharmaceutical companies.

Emirjona Vajushi MD, otolaryngologist, active in phoniatrics, Tirana, Albania

Section of Phoniatrics - Austrian Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

The medical specialty of phoniatrics and pedaudiology, a subspecialty of otorhinolaryngology, deals with etiology, diagnostics and therapy of disorders of the voice, pediatric hearing, perception, speech, language and swallowing from a clinical, scientific and educational point of view. It is a dynamic, functionally orientated discipline which closely cooperates with other medical and non-medical disciplines, e.g. pediatrics, neurology, maxillofacial surgery / orthodontics, radiology, logopedics / speech therapy, psychology, educational disciplines or vocal pedagogy.

In Austria the discipline of phoniatrics is scientifically represented by the phoniatric departments of the Medical Universities of Vienna, Graz and Innsbruck. Due to the active role of the Austrian Section of Phoniatrics in educational issues the section already has 42 members, working in hospitals or medical offices. 6 ENT specialists are in training for the phoniatric subspecialty.

Now, for more than 30 years, on the initiative of the Austrian Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, the Austrian Section of Phoniatrics has organized courses in phoniatrics in Salzburg (St. Virgil). Thereby all Austrian ENT residents become familiar with phoniatric topics. The numerous participants confirm the necessity of such educational activities. Furthermore, courses and symposia offer further training and active discussions.

Courses / Symposia 2012 with phoniatric topics (Selection):
- Wiener Airwaymanagement Kurs / 4th Viennese Course On Airway Management
  February 16. – 18, 2012, Wien, Gesellschaft der Ärzte, Billrothhaus;
  www.airwaymanagement.at
- Phoniatriekurs / Course on Phoniatrics (Block III)
  April 25-27, 2012, Salzburg, Bildungshaus St. Virgil;
  www.hno.at/hauptnav/phoniatrie.html
- 9. Wiener Fortbildungskurs “Stimmdiagnostik” – 9th Viennese Training Course on Voice Diagnostics
  March 30-31, 2012; Wien, Vienna General Hospital; oeglpp@gmail.com
- Vortrags- und Gesprächsrunde zu Stimmerkrankungen bei Schauspielern und Sängern / Lecture Round on Voice Disorders in Actors and Singers
  November 9-10, 2012; Wien, Gesellschaft der Ärzte; oeglpp@gmail.com

Courses / Symposia 2013 with phoniatric topics (Selection):
• 10. Wiener Fortbildungskurs "Praxis der Stimmdiagnostik" (Block III)
  Wien, 22. und 23. Februar 2013, Vienna General Hospital
  www.meduniwien/phon-log/veranstaltungen/
• Wiener Airway Management Kurs "Der schwierige Atemweg aus interdisziplinärer Sicht"
• Wien, 25. und 26. Februar 2013, Gesellschaft der Ärzte, Billrothhaus;
  www.airwaymanagement.at
• Grazer Stimmtage 15.11. - 16.11.2013.

Univ.Prof. DDr. Wolfgang Bigenzahn, President of the Section of Phoniatrics, Austrian Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Vienna, Austria

ao.Univ.Prof. Dr. Doris-Maria Denk-Linnert, Secretary of the Section of Phoniatrics, Austrian Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Vienna, Austria

Phoniatrics in Belgium
Report 2012

In Belgium there is a training in hearing, voice, speech, language and swallowing, during 2 years after the general ENT training.
The title is: ENT-Revalidation.
In Belgium there are about 125 ENT-Revalidation doctors.
No phoniatric events in 2012.

Willy Wellens MD PhD, Leuven, Belgium

Phoniatrics in Czech Republic
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

Phoniatrics in Czech Republic
In the Czech Republic, the phoniatrics is a subspecialization of ORL (ENT). Current number of phoniatricians: 120 (2013); number of University departments of Phoniatrics: 1 independent clinic (Phoniatric Clinic in Prague), 8 phoniatric departments as part of ORL University workplaces.

Report of 2012: In the Czech Republic, the care of the clients with communication disorders is carried out by both state and private health institutes (in Praha, Brno, Hradec Králové, Olomouc, Ostrava, Pardubice, Plzen, Rychnov nad Kněžnou, etc.). The institutes take advantage of interdisciplinary collaboration of medical and non-medical specialists from the Czech Republic and abroad.

Professional events organized by phoniatric workplaces in 2012:
Congresses
  1. XIII. celostátní foniatrické dny
2. XXIII. Celostátní foniatické dny Evy Sedláčkové (Czech national congress of phoniatrics), September 13 – 15, 2012, Prague; held in occasion of 90. Anniversary of Birth of Phoniatrics in Czechoslovakia.

Seminars and symposia
3. “The Seeman’s day”, Symposium in occasion of 120. Anniversary of Birth of Prof. Miloslav Seeman, February 17, 2012, Prague (organizer: Phoniatic Department of the 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague, and General Teaching Hospital).
4. Phoniatic seminar „ADHD and Developmental Dysphasia“, May 12, 2012, Prague (organizer: Dept. of Phoniatics 1st Faculty of Medicine Charles University in Prague)
5. Phoniatic seminar „Late talkers (SLI, SES – interdisciplinary tratment), November, 10, 2012, Brno (organizer: AudioFon Centr Brno)

Education
8. Courses for singing teachers (organizer: Voice and Hearing Centre Prague).
9. Courses of voice rehabilitation for phoniaticians and speech therapists (organizer: Dr. Kucera, ORL and phoniatic ambulance, Rychnov nad Kneznou).

Other actions
10. Word Voice Day on April 16 (organizer: Voice and Hearing Centre Prague).

Actions planned in the Czech Republic for 2013 concerning phoniatrics (in time order):

3. Pan European Voice Conference, 21. – 24. 8. 2013, Prague. Conference Motto: Celebration of Interdisciplinary Collaboration. International Association of Phonosurgeons (IAP), Union of European Phoniaticians (UEP), Collegium Medicorum Theatri (CoMeT) and European Voice Teacher’s Association (EVTA) will have their symposia a sessions embedded into PEVOC. Main Conference Topics: Voice Medicine, Voice Therapy, Vocal Pedagogy and Voice Science. Abstract submission deadline: 28th February 2013 Early bird registration deadline: 31st March. For information and registration, see the website www.pevoc.cz
Education
Regular phoniatric seminars in Prague (Dept. of Phoniatrics 1st Faculty of Medicine Charles University in Prague, see http://fonia.lf1.cuni.cz/) and Brno (AUDIO-Fon centr, Brno, see www.audiofon.cz).


Jakub Drsata MD, PhD, Head of the Phoniatrics Section of the Czech Society of ORL-HNS, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic
Assoc. Prof. Olga Dlouhá MD, PhD., Prague, Czech Republic
Assoc. Prof. Frantisek Sram MD, PhD, Prague, Czech Republic

**Phoniatrics in Denmark**

**Report 2012**

We certainly think that Denmark has a big potential for voice research. Since Denmark is a small country, the ear-nose-throat organization has not defined specific phoniatrics.

But as you know I have been the Danish representative from the beginning.

We have a society of laryngology here in Denmark, with 65 members (data from 2011). Like the last years we have been making congresses of advanced voice assessment with great luck:

1. **Course on emotions and the human voice, advanced assessments**
   Third COST 2103 related symposium, December 4th, 2012, Copenhagen

2. **Course on emotions and the human voice, advanced assessments**
   Third COST 2103 related symposium, December 5th, 2012, Copenhagen

Mette Pedersen, FRSM Dr.med.Sci. et h.c., Copenhagen, Denmark

**The Egyptian Society for Phoniatrics and Logopedics**

**Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013**

The specialty of Phoniatrics was established in 1974, the Unit of Phoniatrics in Ain Shams University, the first in Egypt, was established in 1975.

The Master Degree of Phoniatrics was established in 1976. Thus, Phoniatrics was identified by the State as an Independent Specialty!

The education of Logopedics started in Ain Shams University in 1975.
The Egyptian Society for Phoniiatrics and Logopedics [ESPL] was established in 1976. It joined IALP as an affiliated society in 1977. The number of registered members of the society is 236. The number of Phoniatrians (having Master Degree in Medicine, Phoniatics) in Egypt is 148. The number of Doctoral degrees among Phoniatrians is 73.

The meetings of the annual National Congress of the Egyptian Society of Phoniiatrics and Logopedics [ESPL] is as follows:
- The 1st National Congress of the Egyptian Society of Phoniatics and Logopedics (ESPL), May 4 - 5, 2011, Ain Shams Hospitals, Cairo, Egypt
- The 2nd National Congress of the Egyptian Society of Phoniatics and Logopedics (ESPL), March 7 - 9, 2012, Ain Shams Hospitals, Cairo, Egypt

Coming event:
- The 3rd National Congress of the Egyptian Society of Phoniatics and Logopedics (ESPL), March 7 - 9, 2013, Alexandria, Egypt
- Seminar of Basic Research Methodology, Feb. 2013

Activities in the field of Phoniatics:
- The ESPL organized the first Middle Eastern course for human communicative disorders for MDs in 1977.
- The ESLP hosted several, annual and biannual, seminars in human communicative disorders with eminent guest speakers since 1979.

The ESPL hosted the following international and world congresses:
- International Symposium of "Histopathology of the vocal fold: developmental and benign aspects", March, 1984
- The First International Congress of Phonosurgery in 1987
- World Congress of the Collegium Medicorum Teatri [CoMeT] in 1991
- World Congress of the Collegium ORL Amicitiae Sacrum [CORLAS] in 1992
- Pan AFRICAN Federation of ORL Societies [PAFOS] in 1992
- Biennial Congress of International Collegium of Rehabilitative Audiology [ICRA] in 1993
- World Congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics [IALP] in 1995
- World Congress of the International Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies [IFOS] in 2002
- IALP Composium on Central Auditory Processing Disorders [CAPD] in 2009
- International Congress of the International Society for the History of Medicines [ISHM] in 2010
- International Congress of Voice, "Voice in the Valley of the Kings", in 2012.

Professor M. Nasser Kotby MD, MCh, FRCS(AH)ED
President of the Egyptian Society of Phoniatics and Logopedics, Cairo, Egypt
Synopsis of phoniatrics and phoniatricians in Finland
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

In Finland Phoniatrics is one of the main independent specialities and specializing takes five years. There are about 5.3 million people in Finland. The number of working specialists is 23 at the moment. Most of us work in University Hospitals, in Helsinki, Turku, Tampere, Kuopio and Oulu. Some of us work as private doctors, one works in a central hospital and one in Helsinki health care center. We have national phoniatric meetings twice a year and many of us take part in the national otolaryngologic and audiologic meetings as well. Many of us joined (and enjoyed) the 9th Congress of European Laryngological Society in June in Helsinki and the UEP-session there (see page 6). Every some years we meet with our Swedish or Estonian colleagues and hold these meetings in English language.

The photo was taken a month ago in Kuopio as we celebrated 40 years of the Finnish Association of Phoniaticrians.

From the top left to right: Terhi Ansamaa, Ülle Kirss, Eija-Riitta Lauri, Eva Arkkila, Maaria Ansaranta, Plia Kemppinen and Juha Väinturi
In the middle: Hanna Pükke, Mikael Grönroos, Erkki Vilkman, Mari Qvarström, Päivi Lindholm, Hanna Mutka and Anna-Maria Raatikainen.
In the fornt: Miia Ruuskanen, Anni Haapaniemi, Eija Pajunen, Mirja Luotonen, Sarkku Vilpas and Sanna Häkli.

Mari Qvarnström MD PhD, Chairwoman of the Finnish Society of Phoniaticrians, Kuopio, Finland
Sarkku Vilpas MD, Secretary of the Finnish Society of Phoniaticrians, Tampere, Finland
Phoniatrics in France
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

In France, phoniatrics is since 2008 a subspecialty of ENT. The training is organized by the ENT university collegium. ENT students have the obligation to perform 6 months in a unit specialized in audio phonology or phoniatrics and a national training is organized in association with the Société Française de Phoniatrie et de Pathologie de la Communication.

For these reasons, it's now difficult to know the exact number of phoniatricians in France. The phoniatric medical practice is more mixed with ENT practice. Regarding our last survey, we can estimate the number of phoniatricians practicing Phoniatrics and ENT to be approximately 90. Although Phoniatrics is an element of ENT training, the about 120 ENT residents probably will focus on ENT. It will presumably take more or less 5 years before we start observing a change.

Concerning the next year, our main event is the meeting of the French Society of Phoniatrics on 14th October 2013. Further events are listed on the website of our society: www.phoniatrie.fr.

Dr. Lise Crevier-Buchman, MD, PhD, General Secretary of the French Society of Phoniatrics and Communication Disorders (SFPPC), Paris, France
Virginie Wojisard, MD, PhD, Treasurer of UEP, Conseil d'Administration de la Société Française de Phoniatrie et des Pathologies de la Communication (SFPPC), UEP Representative of SFPPC, Toulouse, France

Phoniatrics in Germany
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

In Germany, Phoniatrics is combined with pedaudiology and in this combination an independent medical specialty. To become a specialist for phoniatrics and pedaudiology, an advanced training in otorhinolaryngology for 2 years and in phoniatrics and pediaudiology for 3 years is regulated. Other colleagues have a full specialisation in otorhinolaryngology. In these cases, the advanced training in phoniatrics and pediaudiology is reduced to 2½ years.

The German Society of Phoniatrics and Pediaudiology (DGPP) has 292 members.

Board members are:
- President: Prof. Rainer Schönweiler, Lübeck
- Incoming President: Prof. Goetz Schade, Bonn
- Past-President: Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Münster
- Secretary: Prof. Michael Fuchs, Leipzig
- Treasurer: Prof. Patrick Zorowka, Innsbruck, Austria
Assessors: Prof. Annerose Keilmann, Mainz and Prof. Katrin Neumann, Bochum

You can find more details about the DGPP on the website: www.dgpp.de.

Events in 2012

Congress in English Language
- 7th Leipzig International Course in Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology - Larynx and Hypopharynx, Leipzig, February 29 - March 03, 2012
- 8th International Conference on Voice Physiology and Biomechanics, Erlangen, July 5-7, 2012 & Sommer School July 3-4, 2012

Congress in German Language

Events in 2013

Congress in English Language
- International Workshop on Phonosurgery and functional Laryngology, Würzburg, 30th January to 1st February 2013. Prof. Rudolf Hagen, Prof. Norbert Kleinsasser, Würzburg
- Injection Laryngoplasty 4th Hands-on Workshop, Hamburg, 24th May 2013. Prof. Markus Hess, Hamburg, Germany and Milan Amin, New York, USA
- WAGNER VOICE SYMPOSIUM 20th to 22nd June 2013, Leipzig, Germany Healthiness of the Wagner singer’s voice - Scientific symposium on top-class performance versus risk in music www.wagner-voice-leipzig2013.com “The oldest, truest, most beautiful organ, to which alone our music owes its existence, is the human voice.” (Richard Wagner)
  Professor Michael Fuchs, Leipzig and Prof. Wolfram Seidner, Berlin
- Injection Laryngoplasty 5th Hands-on Workshop, Hamburg, September 2013. Prof. Markus Hess, Hamburg
- Phonosurgery Course, Berlin, 10th to 12th October 2013. Prof. Manfred Gross, Dr. Alexios Martin, Berlin
Congress in German Language

30th Annual Conference of the German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology, Bochum (Germany), 20th-22nd September 2013. Congress President: Prof. Katrin Neumann. Main Topic: Evidence-based therapy in Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology

Professor Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Past-President of the German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology, President of the Union of the European Phoniatricians, Münster, Germany

Phoniatrics in Italy
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

The situation of Phoniatrics in Italy did not change in the last year; the two phoniatric associations (SIFEL, Società Italiana di Foniatria e Logopaedia, SIAF, Società Italiana di Audiologia e Foniatria) are working with the aim to support clinicians in their everyday practice. At the moment there are five official Residency programs in Italy and three new residents may enter in each program; so the estimated number of new residents/year is 15. As the residency programs are dedicated to both Audiology and Phoniatrics, only a portion of them is mainly dedicated to Phoniatrics.

Events in 2012
- XLVIth congress of the SIFEL in Milan, addressing topics of voice, speech, language and hearing. There were three guests speakers:
  1. L. Fadiga, neurophysiologist, addressing the subject of mirror neuron in speech perception and human language
  2. H. Grech (Malta), speech therapist, addressing the management of multilingualism
  3. S. Hamdy (UK), gastroenterologist, addressing the subject of neural circuits involved in swallowing mechanism.

A special session was devoted to the role of trans-cranial magnetic stimulation in the rehabilitation of swallowing, speech, language disorders.
- Seminar on the New Perspective in Dysarthria Rehabilitation in Turin, including several foreign speakers as B. Murdoch (Australia), G. Weismer (USA), P. Enderby (UK), P. Paquier (Belgium)
- VIIth congress of the GISD (Gruppo Italiano Studio Disfagia) in Rome, addressing different topics in swallowing assessment and rehabilitation
Events in 2013

- XXIXth world Congress of the IALP (International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics), including the GISP and SIFEL congresses. Two UEP courses and the UEP General Assembly will take place within the IALP Congress (see page 43). The main reports will be:
  1. Brain Behavior relationships: assessment and treatment of child language disorders, Main Presenter: Dr. Faraneh Vargha-Khadem (England), Discussant: Dr. Paavo H.T. Lappanen (Finland), Prof. Anna Maria Chilosi (Italy)
  2. Cognitive reserve: management of communication disorders in the elderly, Main Presenter: Dr. Yaakov Stern (United States), Discussants: Dr. Claire Penn (South Africa), Dr. Sue Franklin (Ireland)
  3. Neuromotor processing: clinical implications in speech disorder, Main Presenter: Dr. Wolfram Ziegler (Germany), Discussants: Dr. Elina Tripoliti (England), Dr. Sabine Skodda (Germany).

Special events will take place:
  1. Management of swallowing disorders in the elderly (chairs: P. Clave (Spain), A. Schindler (Italy)
  2. Achieving best outcome in children with cochlear implants (chairs: A. Martini, Italy), H. Grech (Malta)
  3. Communication disorders in the multilingual population (chairs: C. Caselli, Italy), L. Cheng (USA)
  4. Challenges in occupational voice disorders: legal aspects (chairs: A. Ricci-Maccarini (Italy), T. Nawka (Germany)
  5. WHO world report in disability – Strategies for implementation (chairs: M. Behlau (Brazil), A. Officer (Switzerland).

- XXXIVth congress of the SIAF, October, Venice

As. Prof. Antonio Schindler, University of Milan, General Secretary of the UEP, Vice-President of the SIFEL, Board Member of the SIAF

Phoniatrics in the Netherlands
Report of 2012/Future Prospects 2013

The situation for phoniatrics in the Netherlands in 2012 is the same as in 2011.

There is no training in phoniatrics.

About 10 phoniatricians (not a recognized title in NL).

The following events were organised:

- 19e Groninger Endoscopiecursus KNO. Groningen 18-1-2012
These are the events in 2013:

- De musicalstem. Veghel Aril 16 (World voice day).
- Tracheal Stenosis Diagnosis and Treatment. Amsterdam 15-2-2013.

Prof. Dr. Felix F.I.C.R.S. de Jong, Veghel, The Netherlands

Phoniatriecs in Poland
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

The Phoniatriecs Section of The Polish ENT Society has 203 members, about 25 new persons doing traning in phoniatriecs, 3 residents.

The meetings in 2012 of The Phoniatriecs Section of The Polish ENT Society:

1. VIII Conference of The Phoniatriecs Section and The Audiology Section of Polish ENT Society -1 -2 .06.2012,Wroclaw, with General Assembly of Phoniatriecs Section - The new board: Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica, Grazyna Mielnik-Niedzielska, Agata Szkielkowska, Anna Domeracka-Kolodziej, Anna Sinkiewicz
2. XLV Symposium of Polish ENT Society 5.-8.09.2012 Gdansk- with active participation of phoniatriecs

Prof. Pruszewicz 80th Birthday – the team of The Chair & Dept. of Phoniatriecs & Audiology in Pozinan

The important meetings of Polish phoniatriecs for the next 2013 year:

- X Conference of Otorhinoloryngology & V Conference Audiology & Phoniatriecs Society – 7.-8.03.2013 Lodz
- 40th International Congress of Neurootological and Equilibriometric Society (NES), 19.-20.04.2013, Bydgoszcz
- XII Conference of Acoustics in Phoniatriecs & Audiology – 17.-18. 05.2013 Poznan
Phoniatriks in Romania
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

Interests in the field of Phoniatriks have been registered in Romania since the beginning of the 20th Century, when in 1936 in Cluj was published a paper named “Voice and Vocal Hygiene” written by G. Buzoian. In the following years after the Second World War there was a decrease in activity, but after 1950 ENT doctors became more and more interested in voice and speech pathology. The peak point in the history of Romanian Phoniatriks was in 1974, when the first Department of Phoniatrikts was established, where, the first acknowledged Romanian Phoniatriktsian, Dr. C. Bogdan, began its activity.

Nowadays, Phoniatriks in Romania is an over specialization of Otolaryngology and there are probably around 20 certified phoniatriktsians all around the country, mainly based in University Centers, which are trying to lead forward this fascinating field.

For 2012 in Romania the greatest ENT event was the 8th Balcan Congress of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, 8-13th of June in Targu Mures, followed by the 4th ORL.RO Forum in Sibiu, 12-15th of September.

In 2013 the Romanian ENT community will be once more reunited during The National Otolaryngology Conference on a date that will be announced. Also the large University Hospitals all over the country, are organizing each year a number of training courses for residents and specialists, including all ENT & HNS fields.

Cipriana Perederco, MD, Calliope Voice Disorder Center, Bucharest, Romania

Phoniatriks in Russia
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

As of December 2012 in Russia the phoniatic aid is offered by 55 phoniatriktsians, of whom 20 physicians work with children. The population of Russia makes 141 million (25% are children). Taking into account recommendations of the Union of the European Phoniatriktsians (UEP), 265 phoniatriktsians are required for adults and 175 for children. In 2012, in the Federal Centre of otolaryngology 18 otolaryngologists were specially trained.

In the city of Krasnoyarsk (Siberia) in 2013 the second phoniatriks consulting room will be opened within the Siberian center of otolaryngology. The general situation of phoniatriks is unsatisfactory in the region. Local authorities and healthcare
organizations do not invest in development of phoniatrics (most likely, due to their unavailability). By order of the Healthcare Ministry of Russian Federation the voice load is excluded from development factors of professional diseases. That is why it is rather difficult to get free phoniatric aid for Russian people who do not live in Moscow or St. Petersburg.

In Moscow a positive tendency in organization of phoniatric departments is observed, increase in the number of personnel, re-equipment, and procurement of modern endoscopic devices. Generally in Russia the situation remains difficult.

Docent Ekaterina Osipenko, Chairwoman of Phoniatricians’ Section of the Russian ENT Society, UEP Congress President 2014, Moscow, Russia

Phoniatrics in Saudi Arabia
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

The situation of Phoniatrics in Saudi Arabia country
In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Phoniatrics is a medical subspecialty dealing with communication and swallowing disorders, and included under ORL H&N surgery department. This was approved by the Saudi Commission for Health specialists.

Communication and Swallowing Disorders Unit (CSDU) has the honor of working under the umbrella of the Department of ORL, College of Medicine, Kings Saud University, Riyadh city, since 1978G, and finds from the department and its distinguished board all the support and backing, and it still aspires for more. By the grace of God, then the cooperation of all employees, CSDU continues its constant quest for excellence, which started many years ago, in order to achieve its goals and objectives of the department and university.

Number of Phoniatricians in Saudi Arabia:
In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, there is only one Saudi Phoniatrician with a doctoral degree (Associate Professor in King Saud University), two Saudi female Phoniatricians with a master degree, one Saudi Phoniatrician with Masters in SLP, and 9 Egyptian Phoniatricians with doctoral degree in different hospitals in the Kingdom.

Main events/developments in 2012
1. Fourth conference of voice and swallowing disorders 2012 (http://vasconf.ksu.edu.sa/)
2. The third practical research methodology symposium
3. Having the recent technologies in the voice and swallowing fields
4. The research chair of voice, swallowing, and communication disorders continues to achieve its goals promoting health issues related to voice, swallowing, and communication disorders. Its official site is: http://c.ksu.edu.sa/vas/en

Coming congresses/symposia/meetings in 2012/2013 in Saudi Arabia
1. Celebrating the Second World Swallowing Disorders Day on 12/12/2012. We had the honor to be the first, worldwide, to announce for celebrating this day. World Swallowing Day 2012 Report: http://c.ksu.edu.sa/node/27858
2. Celebrating the World voice day on 16/4/2013
3. Fourth practical research methodology symposium on December 2013
4. The first 4-year residency training board in Phoniatrics is under official discussion with local health authorities.

From left to right: Dr. Ahmed Al Arfaj, former head of ENT department; Prof. Thomas Murry (USA), professor of our research chair; Dr. Mohamed Farahat; Dr. Khalid Al Malki; Dr. Tamer Mesallam.

Associate Professor Mohamed Farahat Ibrahim, Riyadh, Saudi-Arabia

Phoniatriks in Slovakia
Report of 2011

In Slovakia, the phoniatrik society has 40 members

2012

“Symposium on Artistic Voice”
May 11-12, 2012
Bratislava, Slovak Republic
This is a Czech and Slovak symposium devoted to voice care of artists. Since 2009, the symposium has been annually organized by the Voice and Hearing Centre Prague, Medical Healthcom Ltd.. In 2012 the symposium will be organized by Slovak phoniatricians.

MUDr. Dagmar Volmutova, The Head of the Phoniatic Society of Slovakia, Bratislava, Slovakia

Phoniatrics in Spain
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

In 1950 J. Perelló introduced Phoniatrics in Spain, creating a Department of Phoniatrics at the Department of ORL School of Medicine of Barcelona. At this time many professionals come from medicine to engage the attention of the patients with communication diseases, thus consolidating in Spain under Phoniatrics skills as a medical specialty. These include J. Lopez Tappero, J. J. Gisbert Alós or M. Torres de Gaso among others.

In 1982 the Medical Society of Phoniatrics Spanish (SOMEF) is founded. The SOMEF counts with 116 members (data from 2011). Currently exercise approximately 110 (data from 2011) phoniatricians who perform their work in public (30 centers, data from 2011) and private healthcare network.

- Hospitals with specific Phoniatric departments depending on ENT or Physical Medicine that works with all communication problems (language, speech, voice, hearing and dysphagia).
- Phoniatric Private clinics and centers concerted with Public Health Service.

Some are places of reference for certain pathologies:

- Cochlear Implants: Phoniatric Unity – ENT Service, University Hospital of Salamanca and Hospital Dr. Peset of Valencia;
- Dysphagia: Phoniatric Unity – Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine Service, Hospital Valle de Hebrón of Barcelona;

Since 2000 there is no specific training in Phoniatrics. ENT and Physical Médecine residents with special interest in this topic look for teams and training in specific areas without managing to have a global study program. Due to the crisis the number of specialists working in public heath has diminished.

2012 Activities:
As in previous years, in Salamanca the 6th. International Meeting on Advances in Audiology took place. This workshop is a part of the Expert training in Audiology of University of Salamanca but open to the public (students, professionals, users, …).

In June 2012, in Santander our national congress took place with papers from Italy, Spain and Germany and participants of different countries.

The Congress of the European Society of Swallowing Disorders was held in Barcelona from 25th to 27th October 2012.

2013 Activities:
For the next year, we are preparing the National Congress in Vilanova at the end of May.

Ana Martinez Arellano MD PhD, Pamplona, Spain

Phoniatics in Sweden
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

Swedish Phoniatic Society

Organization and specialist education
Phoniatics in Sweden ceased to be an independent medical specialty in May 2008 and became, like the Audiology, a branch specialty within the Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery. At present, specialists in phoniatics are working at/ are connected to the 7 university clinics (Umeå, Uppsala, Stockholm, Örebro, Göteborg, Linköping and Lund/Malmö) and on part time basis at Hospital of Kristianstad and Helsingborg. The specialist education will take about 5 years and aims to fulfill the goals according to UEP’s phoniatic logbook.

Besides the traditional clinical responsibilities for diagnostics and treatment of disorders of voice, speech, language and swallowing, most of the Swedish phoniaticians work with phonosurgery. We are also involved in teaching of medical students as well as ENT, H&N-specialists and logopeds. Scientific research is focused mostly on different aspects of voice and swallowing. At present, the 10/17 active phoniaticians have achieved PhD degree. SFF was a co-organizer of The XXV the Congress of Union of European Phoniaticians (UEP) May 2011, Lund.

Actual situation in phoniatic clinics in Sweden
Ongoing process of fusion of University Hospitals in Lund and Malmö, together with a planned retirement, caused undesired reduction of phoniatic specialists in service.
Another retirement and reorganizations 2012 in University Hospitals of Linköping and Umeå, respectively, has caused an increased workload on remaining phoniatricians in those clinics. Since phoniatics has become a „branch specialty“ within ENT there are also everywhere increasing demands on phoniaticrians to participate in basic ENT work, including emergency, along with the phoniatic issues.

Members and educational activities
SFF has at present 20 clinically active-, four resident-, and six retired members. The goal of the Society is to take care of professional and educational issues of phoniatics. Twice every year SFF organizes educational and scientific meetings: annual 2 days- symposium for the SFF members in January/February and a phoniatic seminar during ENT educational days in May/June.

- **Jan 2012** „Speech and language development in children”, Skâne University Hospital, Lund
- **2013 31/1-1/2** “Velopharyngeal insufficiency“, Akademiska University Hospital, Uppsala
- **2013 9-12/4** „Disturbances of voice and speech“, Karolinska University Hospital, Huddinge
- **2013 8/3** Nordic laryngological symposium, Skane University Hospital, Lund.

**Academic dissertations for PhD degree and scientific projects**
- **Jan 2012** MD Bengt Svensson: “Restoration of Scarred Vocal Folds with Stem cell Implantation” Karolinska Institute, (supervisor phoniatician Stellan Hertegård stellan.hertegard@ki.se)
- **May 2012** Logoped Viveka Lyberg Åhlander:”Voice Use in Teaching Environments. Speakers' comfort", Lund University (supervisor phoniatician Roland Rydell roland.rydell@skane.se)
- **Dec 2012** MD resident in phoniatics Elin Marsk: “Bells palsy: study design, prognosis and quality of life", Karolinska Institute, elin.marsk@karolinska.se.

Scientific clinical studies at the University of Umeå: 1. laryngeal papilloma and 2. Swallowing dysfunction in deep brain stimulated Parkinson patients. Further information may be obtained from christos.loizou@vll.se, stina.sundstedt@gmail.com and katarina.olofsson@vll.se.

**Phoniatric Fond in Memory of Anna Björk Magnusdottir**
We are glad to notify that the fond has been established during 2012, with aim to support our participation in congresses and educational courses.

**For more information** about Swedish phoniatics please visit SFF’s home page [http://www.foniater.se/](http://www.foniater.se/). Do not hesitate for Swedish language! You will easily find links to our board, members, current meetings and, not least, the program and abstracts for the XXVI Congress of UEP 2011. You may also contact lucyna.schalen@telia.com.

*As. Professor Lucyna Schalen, Past President of UEP, Lund*
Swiss Society of Phoniatricians
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

Different members of the Swiss Society were engaged during the year in many conferences in Europe, USA and Far East. Also in Switzerland we organized different workshops, courses and conferences concerning voice, speech and swallowing disorders for colleagues of ENT, speech therapists and other professions.

The group of Phoniatricians working in a University hospital revised totally the Swiss program of education in phoniatrics and adapted the final exam in consideration of new methods in diagnosis and therapy of various diseases. The revised program is approved by the board of the Swiss Medical Association and will start 2013 for all young colleagues in our country.

During the annual meeting the Swiss society elected a new president for the next two years, PD Dr. Claudio Storck, University Hospital Basel, and has to welcome 6 new young members. In total, the SGP has 37 members.

*Docent D. Veraguth, past-president of the Swiss Society of Phoniatricians, Zurich, Switzerland*

**Phoniatrics in Türkiye**
Report 2012/Future Prospects 2013

Phoniatrics is not a formal discrete specialization or a sub-specialization in Turkey. The people with communicative disorders are generally diagnosed, treated and followed up by otolaryngologists. As predicted, the specialization training program for otolaryngology covers only some fields of phoniatrics but, several academic centers in cities like Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Bursa, Konya and Kahramanmaras have highly educated otolaryngologists dedicated to communicative disorders. Audiologist-language pathologists (ALP) and speech-language pathologists (SLP) also work hard in the fields of hearing, speech and language pathologies. The numbers and the quality of training are increasing in all of these three interrelated fields every year. This is also increasing the quality of service provided for our patients.

A special phoniatrics course coordinated by Haldun Oguz, M.D. was performed during the biannual 10th International Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery Congress in April 2012. The congress was organized by the Society of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery (president: Gursel Dursun, M.D.) and hosted nearly 1000 international colleagues. This course was supported by kind recommendations of the President of the Union of European Phoniatricians. It took
scene with more than 200 participants, including distinguished national and international speakers as Markus Hess, M.D. and Yakubu Karagama, M.D.

Another specific event on voice disorders took place in Adana in November 2012, namely 9th Baskent Otolaryngology Days. This annual meeting was dedicated to voice disorders. The organization was performed excellently under the auspices of Levent Ozluoglu, M.D., the chairman of Baskent University School of Medicine’s Otolaryngology Department.

A congress on Swallowing Disorders was held in Ankara in December 2012 with 250 participants. The group was very heterogeneous including ALP, SLP, physiotherapist, surgeon, physiologist and many more groups of academicians interested in the field. The congress presidents were Sefik Hosal, M.D. and Ayse Karaduman, M.D. and the organizing secretariat hosted many well-known presenters in the field, one of which was Peter Belafsky, M.D., Ph.D.

The events that took place in 2012 were of course not limited to the above mentioned three conferences. The academic congress traffic in Turkey is very very active with nearly a course or meeting on otolaryngology every week. This seems to continue in 2013 as well. Here’s a fast look to some of the upcoming events: A one day event on Hearing Losses will be held in Ankara in February. This event is organized by Mediterranean Society of Otolaryngology - Audiology and the Foundation of Turkish Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery (TKBBV). Nuri Ozgirgin, M.D. will be the coordinator of this event. World Voice Day will be remembered by the Foundation of Turkish Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery in Ankara in May under the coordination of Gursel Dursun, M.D. This event will also be supported by the Professional Voice Society. Istanbul Otolaryngology Society and Voice Speech Swallowing Disorders Society will be organizing a congress in Girne in September 2013. The congress president is Fatma Kayhan, M.D.

Ass. Professor Haldun OGUZ, General Secretary Professional Voice Society, Ankara, Turkey

Phoniatrics/Laryngology in the United Kingdom
Report of 2012

In the United Kingdom there is no designated specialty entitled Phoniatrics. Rather, there are ENT Surgeons with a special interest in Laryngology. There is a defined route to becoming an ENT Surgeon. Initially after Medical School the trainee will undertake 2 foundation years. Thereafter the trainee will undertake 2 years of Core Surgical Training that will have been ‘themed’ around ENT. Whilst undertaking this Core Surgical training they will take the MRCS examination that is a 2-part exam. Thereafter the trainee will be required to undertake a course of 6 year Higher Surgical Training specifically in ENT. This covers the full spectrum of ENT training.

About two thirds of the way through training the trainee will undertake the Intercollegiate FRCS in ENT. Following completion of the FRCS it is not uncommon for trainees to take ‘Fellowships’ either in the UK or abroad before they obtain their
CCT and become Consultants. This would be one time frame in which budding Laryngologists would gain further expertise in laryngology. Post CCT there is also the possibility of obtaining further Fellowship training in Laryngology, but this is not currently funded by the Deaneries of the College.

Once CCT has been granted, the trainee has their name placed on the Specialist Register of the General Medical Council and they can apply for a Consultant Post. Those who are interested in pursuing Laryngology would be likely to apply for an ENT position in a Trust that has a Voice Clinic. (The British Voice Association website has a November 2012 update of Voice Clinics with information on 116 Voice Clinics in the UK, 94 of the Voice Clinics had provided extended details.) In such a clinic they would likely run a Multidisciplinary Voice Clinic with a Speech Language Therapist as a part of their duties.

2012 was an important year for Laryngology in the United Kingdom as it marked the first National British Laryngological Association meeting, that was held in December 2012 at the Royal Society of Medicine in London.

Professor John Rubin MD FRCS FACS, Past President of the British Voice Association, London

Future UEP Sessions/Courses on International Congresses/UEP Congress 2014

1. Workshop of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP) in Manila, Philippines, 2013: Communication disorders in developing countries. Organiser: Prof. Katrin Neumann, Bochum, Germany

2. For the 2nd Meeting of European Academy of ORL-HNS and CE ORL-HNS in Nice, 27th-30th April 2013, our UEP treasurer Virginie Woisard MD, Toulouse, had the opportunity to organise UEP courses.

www.eaorlhnsnice2013.com
The preprogram shows 8 instructional courses by UEP:

- Schweizer Valerie (Switzerland) - Velopharyngeal insufficiency
- Wiskirksa-Woznica Bozena (Poland) - Auditory processing disorders
- Woisard Virginie (France) - Intelligibility tests in audiology and in speech disorders
- am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen Antoinette (Germany) - Ototoxicity in children
- Casanova Cori (Spain) - Singers in the ENT practice, pitfalls to avoid?
- Dejonckere Philippe (Belgium) - Professional Voice
- Fuchs Michael (Germany) - Voice problems in childhood
- Sala Eeva (Finland) - Voice ergonomics apply to ENT functional disorders.

3. For the 20th World Congress of the International Federation of Otolaryngological Societies (IFOS) in Seoul, Korea, 1st - 5th June 2013 in the subspecialty Phoniatrics and Audiology (Chair: Prof. Manfred Gross, Germany) 2 UEP members had the opportunity to organise symposia:

www.ifosseoul2013.com

SP 94 Contemporary Evaluation of Dysphonia II
Chair: Jin Ho SOHN
Moderator: Ekaterina Osipenko
Speakers: Michael Döllinger, Ekaterina Osipenko, Mónica Saavedra Ortega, Mette Pedersen, Virgilijus Ulozas, Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen

SP 107 Training Programs for Medical Specialists in Audiology and Phoniatrics
Chair: Manfred Gross
Moderator: Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube
Speakers: Doris-Eva Bamiou, Greg Leigh, Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube, Masae Shiroma, Emily A. Tobey, Manfred Gross
4. For the **10th Pan-European Voice Conference (PEVOC) in Prague**, Czech Republic, 21st-24th August 2013, UEP has the opportunity to organize one UEP Guest Session with the title: **Voice and hormonal treatment in transgender people**. This session will be coordinated by Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen with the help of Dirk Deuster MD, Münster, Germany.

   www.pevoc.org/pevoc10.php

5. The **next UEP AGM** will take place on the 29th Congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP), 25th-28th August **2013 in Turin, Italy**.

   UEP has the opportunity to organize two courses which will be coordinated by:
   
   Prof. Felix De Jong, Veghel, The Netherlands, Title: **Gender Vocology**
   
   Prof. Ute Pröschel, Datteln, Germany, Title: **Velopharyngeal Insufficiency**

   www.ialpturin2013.it

6. The **next UEP congress** will be organised by the UEP Congress President Docent Ekaterina Osipenko in **Moscow** on **2nd -5th October 2014**.

   The congress homepage www.uep2014.com will deliver detailed information from February 2013 on. Below, you will find the congress logo and the 1. Announcement.
XXVIth Congress
of the Union of the European Phoniaticrians
PHONIATRICS – AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SPECIALTY

Moscow, Russia, October 2-5, 2014
www.uep2014.com
Welcome Address

On behalf of the organising and scientific committees, we have the honour to invite you to the 17th Congress organised by the Union of the European Phoniatricians (UEP) and the Annual Meeting of the Phoniatricians’ Section from the Russian Otolaryngological Society, which will take place from the 2nd to the 5th of October, 2014 in Moscow (Russian Federation).

We are planning an interesting scientific program that will cover all aspects related to research and clinical practice in phoniatrics. Leading experts in the spheres of phoniatrics, laryngology and logopedics from Europe and the world will come to Moscow to share their knowledge. The multidisciplinarity of phoniatrics will be accentuated by lectures of specialists from related fields of medicine and pedagogics, physics and art.

The congress in 2014 will continue the tradition of previous international meetings and sessions and focus on modern technologies of diagnostics and treatment, which have emerged and developed since the last UEP congress in Lund (Sweden) in 2011.

Russia is the country with a centuries-old cultural heritage. Its capital Moscow is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Russia. This is a magical city and a real picture of Russia. It combines the ancient and modern European traditions and customs with traditions and customs of the East. We invite you to visit Moscow, to see its unique and extraordinary sights: historic monuments and temples, museums and oldest theatres, which will become for you an inexhaustible source of inspiration and spiritual elevation.

We are sure that the scientific program coupled with traditionally warm Russian hospitality will make this congress an unforgettable experience for all participants. We look forward to the meeting which will both reflect the latest scientific and practical developments, but which will also promote an interdisciplinary exchange and open debates between all professionals involved in the study of voice, swallowing, speech, language and hearing disorders. It will also contribute to the development of partner relations between Russian scientists and their colleagues from Europe and other countries.

More information, including an online registration, options for hotel room reservations (are included in the online registration form), and excursions can be found at our website: www.uep2014.com from February 2014 on. The congress flyer can be downloaded as pdf document.

We look forward to welcome you in Moscow in the autumn 2014.

With best regards,

Добро пожаловать!

Ekaterina Osipenko, Congress President
Antoniette am Zehnhoff-Dinnosen, UEP President
Appendix:

Letter of Intent regarding IAPA and UEP

Letter of Intent regarding IAPA and UEP

Herewith the International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA) and the European Union of Phoniatricians (UEP) declare their intention to cooperate closely on scientific, educational and health care levels.

According to its bylaws the International Association of Physicians in Audiology aims

* to maintain and improve the clinical, ethical and scientific standards relevant to medical practice in the field of audiology.
* to strengthen the connection between this area of medical practice and related specialties.
* to promote co-operative endeavours, at both international and national levels, directed at the solution of relevant medico legal, occupational, preventive, public health and social problems.
* to provide an opportunity for its members to discuss items of mutual interest.
* to provide an opinion relevant to this area of medical practice to those bodies who might wish to avail themselves of such.
* to concern itself with training programmes relevant to this specialty.
* to disseminate information relevant to this specialty.
* to organise biennial academic meetings together with a variety of summer schools and courses.
* strives for the recognition of audio-vestibular medicine as a separate medical specialty in Europe.

IAPA has recently established a European section (EAPA) including all its members in Europe.

According to its bylaws the European Union of Phoniatricians

* promotes scientific and professional cooperation and exchange of experiences and knowledge respectively among phoniatricians within Europe.
* acts as the representative of the European phoniatricians in the public domain.
* periodically organizes congresses in European countries, at which most recent practical and theoretical knowledge shall be exchanged.
* establishes contacts with scientific and professional organizations in Europe and in other regions of the world and maintains them; it assists in the establishment of such organizations.
* strives for the recognition of phoniatrics as a separate medical specialty in Europe.

The fields of interest of both associations are very close to each other and, in some parts, overlap. Some colleagues are members of both the UEP and IAPA. Others are employed in organizations dealing with voice, speech, language and hearing which are the essential parts of oral communication.

Both organizations represent medical disciplines which are not yet recognised as independent specialties in all European countries. Both organizations are in contact with and in negotiation with the UEMS in order to be accepted as an independent specialties in the European Union.

Letter of Intent – IAPA and UEP. 1
Both organizations intend to support each other. Therefore they propose to:

- invite all members of both Associations to their conferences
- introduce a link between the homepages of the two organisations
- inform each other about research projects which might be performed together
- accept the journal “Audiological Medicine” as the key Journal for members of both organisations
- propose the subscription to Audiological Medicine be part of the membership arrangements of both Associations
- request their members to support the activities of both organizations in research, education and health care.
- send one delegate to the board meetings of each other. This delegate is invited to take part in the board meetings at her/his own expense and without the right to vote.

She/He will be accepted as a consultative guest and authorized representative of the other organization.

The signatories are convinced that a closer cooperation might help to realize the aims of IAPA and UEP.

Prof. Linda M. Luxon  
IAPA President

Prof. Andrzej Obrebski  
UEP President

Addendum:

This letter of intent was ratified by the UEP Executive Committee in Poznan, Poland in December 2007 and by the IAPA Executive Committee in London, UK in January 2008.
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