

Union of the European Phoniatriicians



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Prof. Gerhard
Kittel
passed away on
November 7,2011

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Preface

Dear UEP colleagues, as you know, we are in the very beginning to reorganize the Union of the European Phoniaticians. I cordially thank the current UEP delegates/National UEP coordinators for their readiness to help:

Country	Delegate/National UEP Coordinator
Austria	Professor Wolfgang Bigenzahn, President of the Section of Phoniaticians of the Austrian Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Vienna Professor Patrick Zorowka, Innsbruck
Belgium	Willy Wellens MD PhD, deserved UEMS representative of UEP, Leuven
Czech Republic	As. Professor Franticek Sram MD, Prague Doc. MUDr. Olga Dlouhá, CSc., President of the Phoniatic Section of The Czech Association of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, Prague
Denmark	Mette Pedersen, FRSM Dr.med.Sci. et h.c., Copenhagen
Egypt	Professor M. Nasser Kotby MD, MCh, FRCS (AH)ED, President of the Egyptian Society of Phoniaticians and Logopedics, Cairo Professor Mahmoud Youssef MD, Cairo Ahmed Geneid, MD, Helsinki
Finland	Mari Qvarnström MD PhD, Chairwoman of the Finnish Society of Phoniaticians, Kuopio Sarkku Vilpas MD, Secretary of the Finnish Society of Phoniaticians, Helsinki
France	Virginie Woisard MD PhD, Conseil d'Administration de la Société Française de Phoniaticie et des Pathologies de la Communication, Treasurer of UEP, Toulouse
Germany	Professor Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Past-President of the German Society of Phoniaticians and Pedaudiology, President of UEP, Muenster *see page 5
Italy	As. Prof. Antonio Schindler, General Secretary of UEP, Vice-President of the Italian Society of Logopedics and Phoniaticians, Board member of the Italian Society of Audiology and Phoniaticians, Milan
Netherlands	Prof. Dr. Felix I.C.R.S. de Jong, Veghel
Poland	As. Professor Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica, President of the Phoniaticians Section of the Polish Society of Oto-Rhino-Laryngologists and Head and Neck Surgeons, Poznan
Portugal	Professor Manuel Pais-Clemente, President of the World Voice Consortium, Porto
Russia	Docent Ekaterina Osipenko, Chairwoman of Phoniaticians Section of the Russian ENT Society, Moscow
Saudi Arabia	As. Professor Khalid Al Malki, Riyadh As. Professor Mohamed Farahat, Riyadh Tamer Mesallam MD PhD, Riyadh
Slovakia	MUDr. Dagmar Volmutova, The Head of the Phoniatic Society of Slovakia, Bratislava
Spain	Dra. Ana Martinez Arellano MD, Pamplona Profesora Dra. Cori Casanova, Barcelona

Sweden	As. Professor Lucyna Schalen, Past President of UEP, Lund Doc. Gunnar Björck, President of the Swedish Phoniatic Society, Stockholm
Switzerland	Doc. Dorothe Veraguth, President of the Swiss Society of Phoniaticians, Zurich
Turkey	As. Professor Haldun Oguz, General Secretary of the Professional Voice Society, Ankara
United Kingdom	Professor John Rubin MD, FACS, FRCS, President of the British Voice Association, London

According to the new by-laws (see page 36), physicians who are active in phoniatics (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:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dGIXM0s2X2pnNjdiNVluVDFILUITQ0E6MQ> or shorter: <http://goo.gl/xVNRJ>.

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).

We hope that UEP will prosper and will bring together the colleagues in Europe and its neighbouring countries and 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 2011. With best thanks to the UEP colleagues, who contributed their national reports and helped to realise the UEP bulletin 2011,

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

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News from the Board

Report of the President

Since the general assembly in Lund, May 14, 2011, the president has conducted the following activities:

For the reorganisation of UEP a new internet form has been developed by the president and Peter Matulat, managerial psychologist of the Clinic for Phoniatics in Muenster, Germany. The data automatically flow into an excel table which disburdens the treasurer and allows to generate a web-based map of all UEP members. To be able to give advice to the other recruiting coordinators, the president began to ask (by email, postally or by a phone call) all phoniaticians in Germany whether they want to stay or to become a UEP member. This work is nearly completed. Concerning the reworking of an old list of German UEP members, I cordially thank Juergen Wendler and Wolfram Seidner, Berlin, as well as Wolfram Behrendt and Michael Fuchs, Leipzig.

A network of recruiting coordinators has been developed for 20 European countries.

For the first 137 members of the "new" UEP with email address, an email distribution list has been established by the president, 3 members are retired and don't have email at their disposal.

With the aid of Juergen Wendler, Berlin, Dirk Deuster, Muenster and Michael Fuchs, Leipzig, Germany, a UEP flyer has been created with the placet of the board and the UEP delegates. The data file of the flyer has been emailed to all recruiting coordinators, about 1100 flyers have been printed, which may be requested by the recruiting coordinators and in addition may be displayed on congresses by each UEP member.

Data of European and international congresses and symposia have been collected by the president to timely provide information to the UEP members.

The UEP letterhead and the UEP stamp are modernised with the aid of Peter Matulat.

The president presented the European Phoniaticians' standpoint concerning the European Consensus Statement on Hearing, Vision and Speech Screening in Pre-School and School-Children on the Congress of the European Federation of Audiology Societies (EFAS), June 22-24, 2011 in Warsaw and on the Conference of the European Health Ministers, November 7-8, 2011 in Poznan (see page 11).

A UEP session was organized for the XVIth Congress of the International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA) in Beijing, China, October 19-21, 2012 (see page 33).

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

Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary of UEP, As. Professor Antonio Schindler, Milano, represented the UEP at the 1st congress of the European Confederation of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery, which took place in Barcelona (2-6 July 2011).

The European Confederation of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery was created as an umbrella society for two European organizations: the EUFOS (European Federation of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery Society), which is the federation of the national societies of ENT in Europe, and the European Academy of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, which is the federation of European subspecialties of ENT (including Phoniatics).

The UEP voted in the General Assemblies of both the European Academy of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery and the European Confederation of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery; the GAs have been dedicated mainly to the presentation and acceptance of the by-laws of the European Confederation of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery. Besides, the president of the next European Confederation of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery congress, which will take place in Nice, 27-29 April 2013, Jacq Magnan, asked Antonio Schindler, to be the representative of the UEP in support of the congress organization. The two UEP members dedicated to this task have been decided by the UEP board in Lund and are Virginie Woisard and Felix De Jong, and their addresses have been given to Prof. Magnan.

As. Prof. Antonio Schindler, General Secretary of UEP, Vice-President of the Italian Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics, Board member of the Italian Society of Audiology and Phoniatics, Milan, Italy

Minutes of the UEP General Assembly within the XXVIth UEP Congress in Lund 2011

Location: Palaestra, Lund University, Lund (Sweden)

Time: Saturday 14 May 2011 at 8.30 – 9.30

Matters to be discussed:

1. President openings
2. Report of the General Secretary
3. Report of the UEMS Representative
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Election of new members
6. Election of the new board
7. Announcements: presentation of the UEP congress in 2014, presentation of the World Voice Congress, presentation of the IALP congress

1. The President of the Congress (Lucyna Schalen) opens the GA, thanking all the speakers and participants of the UEP Congress.

LS reminds the role of Anna Björk in supporting the organization of the Congress and in the development of Phoniatics in Island. A description of Anna Björk Magnusdottir life was given by LS; the GA observed 1 minutes of silence in honour of Anna Björk, who left us due to a malignant disease.

2. The General Secretary (Antonio Schindler) reports the main activities of the UEP in the last 3 years:

- UEP meeting in Milano (Italy) in January 2009, establishing strategies for the following UEP activities and drafting the UEP new by-laws
- UEP logbook presentation by Christian Neuschaefer-Rube at the ENT section within UEMS and its acceptance
- participation of the UEP at the European Academy of Otorhinolaryngology activities
- meeting in London with the IAPA board in May 2010, establishing collaboration modalities between the two societies
- publication of a whole issue entirely dedicated to Phoniatics in the journal Audiological Medicine
- membership of the UEP in the IALP and poster presentation of the UEP in the IALP congress in Athens (August 2010)
- development of the new by-laws, presentation of the new by-laws; the GA assembly was asked vote for their acceptance. The new by-laws have been accepted without any vote against and without abstention

3. The UEMS representative (Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube) gives a full description of the UEP activities within the ENT section of the UEMS:

- presentation of the UEP logbook
- annual meetings of the ENT section of UEMS
- future meetings of ENT section of UEMS
- establishment of Phoniatics/communication disorders
- group within the ENT section of the UEMS

4. The treasurer (Virginie Woisard) can not attend the GA for unexpected personal problems, which made her leave the congress in advance. The GS describes the financial situation, with the new bank account opened in France (Bank Parisbas); the money transfer from the old Swiss bank still has to take place.

5. Two new members were presented by the incoming president Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen and accepted by the GA without any vote against and without abstention: Dirk Deuster MD PhD, senior physician, and Ken Roßlau MD PhD, Muenster, Germany.

6. The GS reports the decision of the board for next 3 years membership fees; membership fees will be 60 € for regular members, 40 € for colleagues in education, 20 € for retired members. The GA accepted without any vote against and without abstention.

7. The GS presents the new board as suggested by the board:

- Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen – President
- Antonio Schindler – General Secretary
- Virginie Woisard – Treasurer
- Lucyna Schalen – Past President
- Ekaterina Osipenko – Incoming President
- Christiane Neuschaefer Rube – UEMS representative
- Michael Fuchs - Webmaster.

The new board has been voted without any vote against and without abstention.

8. The elected president (Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen) presented the UEP congress in 2014, which will take place in Austria in conjunction with the German-Swiss-Austrian Phoniatic congress.

Prof. Nasser Kotby presented the World Voice Congress which will take place in Luxor (Egypt) in October 2012.

Prof. Oskar Schindler presented the IALP (International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics) congress which will take place in Turin in August 2013.

As. Prof. Antonio Schindler, General Secretary of UEP, Vice-President of the Italian Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics, Board member of the Italian Society of Audiology and Phoniatics, Milan, Italy

Report of the Treasurer

As the new treasurer of UEP and on behalf of the board, we moved the bank account of UEP to Toulouse. Until last year, our account was on the responsibility of Peter Oppermann in Switzerland. The main reason of this transfer was that the account was in Swiss franc and that the membership fees had to be paid in this currency. At that time, the payment of the fees had to be performed by a bank transfer with a cost of about 3.5 Euros. We are looking for other facilities, as SEPA protocol or credit card.

The UEP members will get a call for fee in the beginning of 2012, 7 members did already pay for 2012.

Virginie Woisard MD PhD, Conseil d'Administration de la Société Française de Phoniatrie et des Pathologies de la Communication, Treasurer of UEP, 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 Phoniaticians (UEP), I am the third German delegate in the section. The last annual meeting was held in Izmir, Turkey from the 29th September – 2nd October 2011. Karl Hörmann, President of the UEMS ORL Section and Board, welcomed the new delegates Peter Robb (U.K.), Chariton Papadakis (Greece), Michalakis Papamichalopoulos (Cyprus) and Antti Makitie (Finland). Malou Hultcrantz attended for the last time this year as one of the Swedish delegates.

In respect of the UEMS organization, it was reported that the UEMS bought a building located in Brussels in June 2011, called Domus Medica Europea, where apart from office locations different activities will take place in future.

Angelos Nikolaou and Klaus Albegger reported about the third written European ORL-Board Examination Part I in Barcelona in July 2011 with a number of 122 participants coming from all over Europe and from diverse other continents and countries. During the UEMS meeting, it was pointed out, that the diploma does not enable the candidates to work in Europe. The Part II oral exam took place in Vienna and a least of 100 candidates had registered so far. For the participation of European phoniaticians we were asked to prepare 50 MCQ's until September 2012. Therefore, I ask all colleagues to support that by sending me MCQ's in English language used in your own countries about subjects of basic knowledge in phoniatics.

Reidar Grenman presented the results of a questionnaire to the subspecialty training in ORL-HNS within Europe. In respect of the question about the duration of the ORL specialist training in their country, delegates of 8 countries responded 6 yrs. or more, 11 responded 5 yrs., in Turkey it lasts 4 yrs. and in Estonia and Lithuania 3 years. In 5 countries one or more textbooks are obligatory, in 10 countries recommended, in 6 countries national textbooks were used. Exams at the end of the training are obligatory in 20 countries, voluntary in Sweden and not requested in 4 countries. This question, how to organize subspecialty trainings and European courses within ORL and how to accredit them will be topics of the next annual meetings.

Ulf Schoensted-Madsen gave his chair of the EACCME committee to Sverre Steinsvag. The members of the group will continue their activities, me representing phoniatics. It is recommended to accredit all international congresses by UEMS by the link: www.eaccme.eu.

In respect of the activities to quantify exchange and manpower of ORL colleagues within Europe Wolfgang Luxemberger, Austria, will be the contact person since 2012. The next meeting will be organized in Lithuania by Virgilijus Uloza from the 5th to the 8th October 2012.

Prof. Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube, UEMS Representative of UEP, Phoniatic 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 Homepage (www.uep-phoniatrics.org) has been partially updated and restructured by Michael Fuchs, Leipzig, Germany. We sincerely thank him for his dedicated work, which was free of cost. Because of occupational stress, Michael Fuchs will resign from the function as our first webmaster, but he still will be helping us as our second webmaster.

For the further development of the UEP homepage Peter Matulat, managerial psychologist of the Clinic for Phoniatics in Muenster, Germany, will help us as our first webmaster. He is very experienced in creating homepages, amongst others for the German Society of Phoniatics and Pedaudiology (DGPP) and inter alia therefore he is the recipient of the DGPP Medal for Faithful Merits in 2011.

As new elements you will find information about recent activities of the UEP, an interactive form for membership application and announcements of worldwide phoniatric congresses. The UEP bulletins like this will be collected on a further side. Last but not least, it was successful to sell advertising space on the homepage to XION medical from Berlin, Germany. If you have ideas or connections to other companies which would be interested to buy advertising space on the homepage, please contact the president: am.zehnhoff@uni-muenster.de.

Professor Michael Fuchs, Webmaster UEP-Homepage, Leipzig, Germany

Professor Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of UEP, Muenster, Germany

European Consensus Statement on Hearing, Vision and Speech Screening in Pre-School and School-Children:

On the initiative of Prof. Henryk Skarzynski, Head of the International Center of Hearing and Speech, Kajetany, Poland, a European Consensus Statement on Hearing, Vision and Speech Screening in Pre-School and School-Children has been developed, which could be signed on the occasion of the 10th Congress of the European Federation of Audiology Societies (EFAS), in Warsaw, June 22-25, 2011 in presence of the Polish Health Minister Ewa Kopacz.



From left to right:

- Prof. Jerzy Szaflik, State Consultant in Ophthalmology, Poland; Representative of the European Ophthalmological Working Group
- Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of the Union of the European Phoniaticians
- Michèle Kaufmann-Meyer, Vice-President of the Standing Liaison Committee of Speech and Language Therapists/Logopedists in the European Union
- Prof. Linda Luxon, President of the European Federation of Audiology Societies
- Polish Health Minister Ewa Kopacz
- Prof. Henryk Skarzynski, State Consultant for Audiology and Phoniatics, Poland

The European phoniaticians' standpoint has been presented by the UEP president Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen.



Ministry
of Health

EUROPEAN CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON HEARING, VISION AND SPEECH SCREENING IN PRE-SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

*Finalized in Warsaw, Poland, on 22 June 2011,
at the invitation of Professor Henryk Skarżyński,
Director of the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing*

The development of sensory organs including hearing, allowing acquisition of speech and language skills, and vision are the foundation for communication in modern society. At the same time, dysfunction within these structures is reported to be one of the most common health problems in children.

Hearing, vision and speech/language disorders in children constitute significant reasons for delay in child development and difficulties in acquisition of language skills, as well as effective communication at school and in everyday situations. Communication disorders in childhood, when untreated, may result in further negative consequences, such as limited educational achievements, reduced employment opportunities and problems with social adaptation. Therefore, identification of the problem is important, so that effective treatments can be undertaken before significant limitations result. Effective directed early detection, diagnosis and treatment as well as promotion, prevention and education create equal educational opportunities for all children.

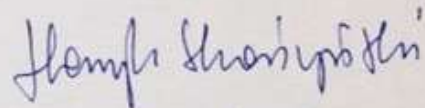
In the context of the above statements, the representatives of the European societies of audiologists and phoniaticians, ENT physicians, ophthalmologists, psychologists and speech therapists endorse the European Consensus Statement on Hearing, Vision and Speech Screening in Pre-School and School-Age Children, and present the following opinions:

1. Screening programs have the greatest potential to implement effective identification and treatment of hearing, vision and speech/language disorders in at-risk children and to remediate detrimental effects for both the individual and society.
2. The primary target population for pre-school and school-age hearing, vision and speech screening is all children at the age of 4-7 years. Additionally students can be screened in higher grades.
3. There is a need to increase the awareness among policy makers, health care professionals and the general public about the consequences of communication disorders, as well as about the crucial role of early detection and intervention for hearing, vision and speech impairment in children.
4. A system of quality control is an essential part of all components of a pre-school and school screening programs. It is required that all personnel providing screening have adequate training and instruction in order to acquire and maintain appropriate skills.
5. There should be cooperation between the European countries in order to provide a high level of public health services, by means of the exchange of knowledge and good practice, continuously improved methods and procedures, introducing e-health tools and creating national and European databases.

The Document of the European Consensus Statement has been signed by:

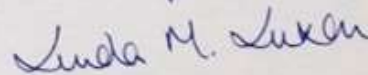
Prof. Henryk Skarżyński

Director of the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing
State Consultant in Audiology and Phoniatics, Poland



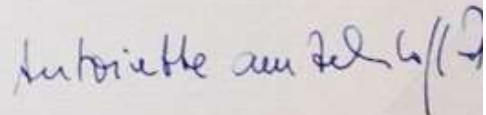
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President of European Federation of Audiology Societies



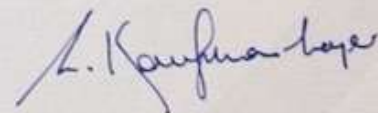
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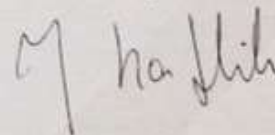
Michèle Kaufmann-Meyer

Vice President of the Standing Liaison Committee
of Speech and Language Therapists/Logopedists in the European Union



Prof. Jerzy Szafik

State Consultant in Ophthalmology, Poland
Representative of the European Ophthalmological Working Group



This group has been invited by the Chief Sanitary Inspector of Poland, Przemyslaw Bilinski MD PhD, to participate in the Conference of the European Health Ministers which – in occasion of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of 2011 - took place in Poznan, November 7-8, 2011, titled “Solidarity in health – Closing the health gap between European Union States”. The representatives of the European Consensus presented the statements of their societies on the Session “Equal Opportunities for Children with Communication Disorders in the European Countries”.



Ministerial Conference
 “Solidarity in Health – Closing the Health Gap Between European Union States”

Programme of the Session
 “Equal Opportunities for Children with Communication Disorders
 in the European Countries”

7th November 2011, Poznań, Poland

Chairs

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*Director of the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing
 National Consultant in Otorhinolaryngology*

Anna Piotrowska M.D., Ph.D.
Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing

1. Opening by Prof. Henryk Skarżyński
 Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing
2. European Consensus Statement on Hearing, Vision and Speech Screening in Pre-school and School-age Children
 Dr. Anna Piotrowska, Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing
3. Equal educational opportunities for children with communication disorders – European ophthalmologists’ standpoint
 Assistant Prof. Jacek P. Szaffik, representative of the Working Group of European Ophthalmologists
4. Equal educational opportunities for children with communication disorders – European speech therapists’ standpoint
 Ms. Michèle Kaufmann-Meyer, Vice President of the Standing Liaison Committee of Speech and Language Therapists / Logopedists in the European Union
5. Equal educational opportunities for children with communication disorders – European phoniatricians’ standpoint
 Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of the Union of the European Phoniatricians
6. Noise induced hearing loss in children
 Prof. Wiesław Sułkowski, EFAS National Representative, Poland
7. Closure of the session
 Prof. Henryk Skarżyński and Dr. Anna Piotrowska, Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing



Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of UEP, Conference of European Health Ministers, Poznan, 2011

The project “Early Detection and Treatment of Communication Disorders in Children, including the Use of e-Health Tools and innovative Solutions” will be presented for adoption as a conclusion of the EU Council at a meeting of the Council on Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs (EPSCO) in Brussels.

Professor Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of UEP, Muenster, Germany

Section of Phoniatics Austrian Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

The medical specialty of phoniatics 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 phoniatics is scientifically represented by the phoniatic departments of the Medical Universities of Vienna, Graz and Innsbruck. Due to the active role of the Austrian Section of Phoniatics in educational issues the section already has 42 members, working in hospitals or medical offices. 6 ENT specialists are in training for the phoniatic subspecialty.

Now, for more than 30 years, on the initiative of the Austrian Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, the Austrian Section of Phoniatics has organized courses in phoniatics in Salzburg (St. Virgil). Thereby all Austrian ENT residents become familiar with phoniatic 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 phoniatic topics (Selection):

- Wiener Airwaymanagement Kurs / 4th Viennese Course On Airway Management
February 16. – 18, 2012, Wien, Gesellschaft der Ärzte, Billrothhaus;
www.airwaymanagement.at
- **Phoniatrikurs / Course on Phoniatics (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; oeqlpp@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; oeqlpp@gmail.com

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

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

Phoniatics in Czech Republic

Professional state of phoniatics at present: subspecialization of ORL (ENT)

Number of phoniaticians: 109 (fulltime 30)

Number of University departments: independent 1 (Phoniatic Clinic in Prague),

As part of ORL University dept. 8

2011

“Symposium on Artistic Voice”

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October 13 – 14, 2011, Plzeň, Czech Republic

Topics: Voice disorders and varia

Organized by Dept. of Otorinolaryngology of the Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen; Phoniatic Dept., Monika Vohlidkova, MD

2012

“The Seemanš day”

February 17, 2012

Phoniatic Symposium in occasion of 120. Anniversary of Birth of Prof.

MUDr.Miloslav Seeman, DrSc.

Organized by Phoniatic Dept. of the 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague, and General Teaching Hospital

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September 13 – 15, 2012; Prague, Czech Republic

Phoniatic Congress in occasion of 90. Anniversary of Birth of Phoniatics in Czechoslovakia

Topics: Speech, Voice and Hearing disorders

Organized by Dept. of Phoniatics of the 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague, and General Teaching Hospital

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2013

10th Pan European Voice Conference (PEVOC), Prague, Czech Republic

August 21-24, 2013.

(see the website: www.pevoc.cz)

A major European event bringing together specialists and scientists of all fields working with human voice.

Chairs of the Conference: Jitka Vydrova, M.D. and Jan G.Svec, Ph.D.

Main Organizer: Voice and Hearing Centre Prague,
Collaboration: Palacky University Olomouc, Academy of Performing Arts Prague.
Attendance of UEP.

Doc. MUDr. Olga Dlouhá, CSc., President of the Phoniatic Section of The Czech Association of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, Prague, Czech Republic

Phoniatrics in Denmark

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. For the last years we have been making congresses of advanced voice assessment with great luck:

Logopedics in the USA and EU

COST 2103 – Advanced Voice Assessment in Europe, December 2, 2010, Copenhagen

Spasmodic dysphonia in the USA and EU

COST 2103 – Advanced Voice Assessment in Europe, December 3, 2010, Copenhagen

High speed films and advanced scanning procedures for diagnostics of laryngeal disorders, basic science

COST 2013 - Advanced Voice Assessment in Europe, December 8, 2011, Copenhagen

Clinical aspects of high speed films – the future understanding of voice and voice treatment

COST 2013 - Advanced Voice Assessment in Europe, December 9, 2011, Copenhagen

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

The Egyptian Society for Phoniatrics and Logopedics

Foundation year: 1976

Affiliation with IALP: 1977

Board composition (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and others):

- President: Professor M. Nasser Kotby
- Vice president: Professor Mohamed Baraka
- Secretary: Professor Mahmoud Youssef Aboul Ella

- Treasurer: Professor Mona Hegazi
- Members at large: Professor Tamer Aboul Saad

Departments and/or Committees (if applicable):

Ad hoc committees are created to carry out certain tasks, as:

- organizing the national convention,
- creating a website, and
- follow up of the legal code of practicing the specialty with the duties of the various disciplines in the profession of human communicative disorders.

Profile of members (2011):

- **total number of members:** 96
- **student membership (if applicable):** none
- **professions accepted**
 - Phoniatrians, Logopedists, Psychometrists, Clinical Psychologists

Field:

Disorders and diseases of voice, speech, language, and swallowing, namely human communicative sciences and disorders.

Main goal(s) of the society:

- Increasing public awareness of the scope of human communicative disorders and the needs of the communicatively disabled patient.
- Promotes and develops the educational programs in the field of human communicative sciences and disorders.
- Promotes the research activities in the field of communicative sciences and disorders, including the domains of field surveys, clinical, and experimental research.
- Enhances international contact and relations in the field human communicative sciences and disorders professionally, educationally and clinically.
- Promotes the cause of the communicatively disabled persons regarding work placement.
- Promotes the spread and development of remedial, curative and preventive clinical services in Egypt and in neighboring countries.

International Scientific Activities:

The Society has hosted the following scientific world events:

- Collegium Medicorum Teatri [CoMeT]; 1991
- International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics [IALP]; 1995
- Shared in hosting the International Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies, [IFOS]; 2002
- Composium on Central Auditory Processing Disorders; 2009

Scientific events in 2011:

The First Annual National Meeting of Phoniatics on the 4th and 5th of May, 2011, in Cairo, Egypt.

Scientific activities in 2012:

- Hosting the World Voice Congress in Luxor, Egypt in October 27 – 31
- Holding the 2nd annual congress of the ESPL in March, 2012

Any specific project in development: development of a periodical as the official scientific body of the society.

Professor M. Nasser Kotby MD, MCh, FRCS(AH)ED

President of the Egyptian Society of Phoniatics and Logopedics, Cairo, Egypt

Synopsis of phoniatics and phoniaticians in Finland

There are about 5,3 million people in Finland and 28 phoniaticians (5 males), 5 of us retired specialists. Three doctors are specializing in phoniatics at the moment. The phoniaticians work mainly in University hospitals (12 posts, some are shared, doctors work part time), one post is in Central hospital and the rest of the Central hospitals get their consultations by visiting phoniaticians and still two posts are in Helsinki Health Care Centre (an out patient clinic for children). Some of us have double specialities and may hold an office in the other speciality and work as a phoniatician only in the private sector for some hours a month. Specializing in phoniatics takes five years. Phoniatics is an independent speciality in Finland and has been over 60 years. We work in close co-operation with the ent specialists and clinics. One of us works as a phono surgeon in ent (he has both ent and phoniatic speciality like three other of us who have phoniatic posts). Otherwise phoniatics is a non operative, i.e. conservative, field in Finland. About half of the work is done with children with problems with voice, language and speech and the other half with adults with voice and swallowing problems, mainly. The everyday work varies with the hospital in question. The Finnish Society of Phoniaticians holds two annual meetings with scientific or educational program in Finnish. Every some years we meet with our Swedish or Estonian colleagues and hold these meetings in English instead. In the coming year we are having our meetings in Finnish. Most of us take annually part also in the meetings of the societies of Finnish Otorhinolaryngologists or Audiologists, the Society of Speech and Language and so on according to one's interests and work. Many of us are also active in the scientific field; ten of us have a doctoral degree and one is about to get the degree next June. The future of phoniatics in Finland is looking a bit grim as three of us are retiring within the next three years and four more within eight coming years. We are hoping to get some more posts for doctors to specialize in phoniatics to fill in the need and shed new light for the field.

Mari Qvarnström MD PhD, Chairwoman of the Finnish Society of Phoniaticians, Kuopio, Finland

Sarkku Vilpas MD, Secretary of the Finnish Society of Phoniaticians, Helsinki, Finland

Phoniatrics in France

The situation for Phoniatrics in France has changed two years ago, when the ENT colleagues (who are in charge of our training) decided to restrict the training to ENT students. Before this decision, any kind of medical doctors could follow the phoniatric training. Therefore, phoniatrists in France are now ENT colleagues with the obligation of 6 months in audiology or phoniatrics and two days of specific training in phoniatrics. That is poor but it was the solely way we found to promote an activity in phoniatrics in France.

Virginie Woisard, MD, PhD, Treasurer of UEP, Conseil d'Administration la Société Française de Phoniatry et des Pathologies de la Communication, Toulouse, France

Phoniatrics in Germany

The German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology (DGPP) has 283 members. In addition there are about 25 colleagues who are not yet organised in the DGPP. 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 pedaudiology for 3 years is regulated. Other colleagues have a full specialisation in otorhinolaryngology. In these cases, the advanced training in phoniatrics and pedaudiology is reduced to 2 ½ years.

Events in 2011

The DGPP organises annual conferences, triannually in cooperation with the Swiss Society of Phoniatrics and the Section Phoniatrics of the Austrian Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. The 28th conference took place as a 3 Countries Conference D-A-CH in Zurich, Switzerland, September 9-11, 2011. The main topic "The senior – restricted communication and its treatment" targeted the increasing group of elderly with communication disorders.

Events in 2012

Congresses in English Language

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

Congress in German Language

- 29th Annual Conference of the German Society of Phoniatrics and Pedaudiology, Bonn (Germany), September 20-23, 2012



Golden Roof in Innsbruck, Austria

In 2014 the XXVIIth Congress of UEP will be combined with the third 3 Countries Conference D-A-CH. D means Germany, A Austria and CH Switzerland. D-A-CH refers to the Golden Roof in Innsbruck, Austria. Prof. Patrick Zorowka, Innsbruck, will be the congress president.

Professor Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, President of the Union of the European Phoniaticians, Muenster, Germany

Phoniatics in Italy

The situation of Phoniatics in Italy is complex at the moment, reflecting a rich and long history. While many important personalities contributed to the development of Phoniatics since the first half of the XXth century, Phoniatics exists as an independent specialty since 1977. In 1999 after a University reform the Medical Specialties of Audiology and Phoniatics became a single specialty; it is called Audiology and Phoniatics, it lasts 5 years, but it is still independent from Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery.

Currently there are two Scientific Phoniatics Societies, the Italian Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics (Società Italiana di Foniatria e Logopedia, SIFEL, www.sifel.net) and the Italian Society of Audiology and Phoniatics (Società Italiana di Audiologia e Foniatria, SIAF, www.sia-f.it) and one labor union, the Unified Labor Union of the Italian Audiologists and Phoniaticians (Sindacato Unico degli Audiologi e Foniatri Italiani). The SIFEL organizes a national congress each year, while the SIAF congresses take place every two years.



It is difficult to estimate the number of Italian Phoniaticians as well as the number of Phoniaticians in each scientific society, since no official record exists of the each member daily activities; nonetheless, it is estimated that there are 300 Phoniaticians practicing Phoniatics in Italy.

Events in 2011

- XLVth congress of the SIFEL in Abano Terme, entirely dedicated to the rehabilitation of Deaf Children
- XXXIIIth congress of the SIAF in Bari, covering several areas of both Phoniatics and Audiology
- VIIIth congress on artistic voice "La voce Artistica" in Ravenna, covering areas of voice pedagogy and management of singing and speaking artistic voice

Events in 2012

- XLVIth congress of the SIFEL in Milano, covering different areas of Phoniatics. The main report will be dedicated to developmental dyslexia, while foreign guest speakers will address the topics of outcome of deaf children with cochlear implants, management of multilingual children, neuroimaging of swallowing
- VIIth congress of the Italian Group for the Study of Dysphagia

Events in 2013

- In August 2014 the SIFEL will host the XXIXth World Congress of the IALP (International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics), covering all areas of Phoniatics, with experts from over 50 countries

The General Assembly 2013 of UEP will take place within the IALP Congress.



As. Professor Dr. Antonio Schindler, General Secretary of the UEP, Vice-President of the SIFEL, Board Member of the SIAF, Milan, Italy

Phoniatics in the Netherlands

- The situation of phoniatics in the Netherlands: Unfortunately, the interest in phoniatics is decreasing. Nearly all university departments of phoniatics are closed by now.
- The number of phoniaticians in the Netherlands is about 10.
- Main events/developments in 2011: Establishment of the Dutch Centre of Excellence for Voice (Chair: Prof. Dr. F.I.C.R.S. de Jong)
- No coming congresses/symposia/meetings in 2012 in the Netherlands (in English language).

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

Phoniatrics in Poland

The situation of phoniatrics in Poland :

- separate, independent specialization of *Phoniatrics and Audiology*

Number of phoniatricians in Poland :

- 202 phoniatricians

Main events/developments in 2011:

- X th Conference “Acoustics in Audiology and Phoniatrics” – co-organisation of the conference; 3-4.06.2011 Poznan
- 10th EFAS Congress and 6th Polish Audiology and Phoniatrics Conference; 22-25.06.2011 Warsaw
- Participation in XXVI th Congress of UEP Lund, Sweden, May 12-14, 2011

Coming congress/symposia/meetings in 2012 in Poland

- May 25-26 2012 - XI th Conference “Acoustics in Audiology and Phoniatrics”;Poznan
- June 1-2, 2012 - 7th Polish Audiology and Phoniatrics Conference; Wroclaw
- September 5-8, 2012 - XLV th Congress of Polish ENT Society with Phoniatrics Section participants Gdansk

Ass. Prof. Bożena Wiskirska-Woznica, President of the Phoniatric Section of the Polish ENT Society, Poznan, Poland

Phoniatrics in Russia

The organization - the Association Phoniatrics and Phonopedov which was headed by Prof. J.S. Vasilenko has stopped the existence in 2005 in connection with his death.

The Section phoniatrics of the Russian otorhinolaryngology society (SPROS) has been organised in 2007.

The Section has 95 phoniatrics. There is also the Academy of the Voice uniting vocal teachers, logopedists, doctors (200 persons) in Russia.

The situation of phoniatrics in Russia:

Phoniatrics is not an official subspecialty of the otorhinolaryngology. Unfortunately last years the situation of phoniatrics in Russia was not the best: absence of modern equipment in departments, absence of doctors as well as of speech pathologists. But tendencies to improvement were outlined in 2011. In February 2011 the Ministry of Public Health of the Russian Federation has published an injunction regulating the organisation of new phoniatric departments, provided with new modern equipment.

Events in 2011

The SPROS has organized in 2011:

- 12-14 April, 2011 – II. scientific-practical conference «The Voice and health» in Omsk (Siberia). 105 otorhinolaryngologists, phoniatics, and logopedics have become the participants of conference.
- 16 April, 2011 - World Voice Day - 29 activities in 14 regions of Russia have been arranged.

No coming meetings in 2012 in Russia in English language.

Docent Ekaterina Osipenko, Chairwoman of Phoniaticians Section of the Russian ENT Society, Moscow, Russia

Phoniatics in Saudi Arabia

In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Phoniatics is considered a medical specialty under ORL department. This was approved by the Saudi Commission for Health specialties.

Communication and Swallowing Disorders Unit (CSDU) is working under the umbrella of the Department of ORL, College of Medicine, Kings Saud University, Riyadh city, since 1978G. 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. For more information about CSDU, visit: <http://vas.ksu.edu.sa/en/page-126.html>

The Research Chair of Voice, Swallowing, and Communication Disorders (RCVSCD) is supervised by a team of 3 phoniaticians. They are:

- Khalid H Al Malki: <http://faculty.ksu.edu.sa/kmalky/default.aspx>
- Mohammed Farahat: <http://faculty.ksu.edu.sa/mfarahat/default.aspx>
- Tamer Mesallam

For more information about RCVSCD, visit: <http://c.ksu.edu.sa/vas/en>

Number of Phoniaticians in Saudi Arabia:

In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, there is only one Saudi Phoniatician with a doctoral degree (Associate Professor in King Saud University), Two Saudi female Phoniaticians with a master degree.

This is in addition to 9 Egyptian Phoniaticians with doctoral degree in different hospitals in different hospitals in the kingdom.

A 4-year Phoniatics fellowship is under development at King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



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

Main events/developments in 2011

- Third conference of voice and swallowing disorders 2011:
http://vasconf.ksu.edu.sa/album_2011/index.html
- Celebrating the World voice day 2011:
<http://vas.ksu.edu.sa/up/Report%20of%20Voice%20Campaign-20110522-145726.pdf>
- The second practical research methodology symposium:
http://vas.ksu.edu.sa/en/one_news-650.html
- Published and in press articles:
<http://vas.ksu.edu.sa/en/page-1221.html>
- Conduction of a voice course for the undergraduate of the Applied Medical Science College:
<http://vas.ksu.edu.sa/en/page-1290.html>

Having the recent technologies in the voice and swallowing fields:

- High speed imaging: http://vas.ksu.edu.sa/en/one_news-902.html
- Restech: http://vas.ksu.edu.sa/en/one_news-792.html

Coming congresses/symposia/meetings in 2012

- The fourth voice and swallowing disorders conference (Updates in Phonosurgery)
<http://vasconf.ksu.edu.sa/>
- Celebrating the World voice day 2012
- Third practical research methodology symposium

As. Professor Khalid Al Malki, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Phoniatria in Slovakia

In Slovakia, the phoniatriac society has 40 members.

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

Phoniatriacs in Spain



In 1950 J. Perelló introduced Phoniatriacs in Spain, creating a Department of Phoniatriacs 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 Phoniatriacs 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 Phoniatriacs Spanish (SOMEF) is founded. The SOMEF counts with 116 members. Currently exercise approximately 110 phoniatriacians who perform their work in public (30 centers) and private healthcare network.

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

Some are places of reference for certain pathologies:

- Cochlear Implants: Phoniatriac Unity – ENT Service, University Hospital of Salamanca and Hospital Dr. Peset of Valencia;

- Dysphagia: Phoniatic Unity – Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine Service, Hospital Valle de Hebrón of Barcelona;
- Cleft Palate: Service of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Phoniatic Unity – Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine Service, University Hospital La Paz of Madrid

Physicians in Spain are working in Public Health Services but are not legally recognized. There is no legal framework for regulation of exercise and training in the speciality. The Medical Phoniatician Degree from the University of Salamanca or the Training of Hospital Vall d'Hebron in Barcelona has been the main resources for the training of speech therapists in Spain. At present, the authorities of the Ministry of Health are considering regulating the education and practice in Phoniatics as a Specific Training Area or as an Independent Specialty

A national Congress is organized once every year. The last congress was held in Valencia: 2011 XVII National Congress Valencia, 26-28 May (www.geyseco.es/somef).



**Spanish Phoniaticians,
Congress in Valencia
2011**

In 2012 our XVIII National Congress will take place in Santander June.

Ana Martinez Arellano MD PhD, Pamplona, Spain

Phoniatics in Sweden

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, 17 specialists are working at/ are connected to the 7 university clinics (Umeå, Uppsala, Stockholm, Örebro, Göteborg, Linköping and Lund/Malmö) and 5 are under various stages of specialist training. 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 logopedes. Scientific research

is focused mostly on different aspects of voice and swallowing. At present, the 9/17 active phoniaticians have achieved PhD degree.

Svensk Foniatrisk Förening (SFF) i.e. Swedish Phoniatic Society has at present 34 members, clinically active- or retired- or future specialists in phoniatics as well as ENT- or other specialist involved in phoniatic activities in their clinical work. 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.



Swedish Phoniatic Society

This last year was exceptionally important for the SFF since the society was a co-organizer of The XXVI th Congress of Union of European Phoniaticians (UEP) which took place 12-14 May 2011 in Lund, Sweden, under the title “ Examination and treatment in phoniatics, today and tomorrow”, with 120 participants from 14 countries.

SFF organized a seminar “Vocal fold augmentation in the office.” Five main lectures and over 30 scientific papers gave inside in actual research within the scope of the title of the congress.



Participants UEP Congress in Lund



Doc. Lucyna Schalen, Lund, President of UEP 2008-2011 and Prof. Juergen Wendler, Berlin, new Honorary Member of UEP, UEP Congress Lund 2011



Right: Prof. Oskar Schindler, Turin, Italy, new Honorary Member of UEP, Co-Founder of UEP

Left: Prof. Joseph Sopko, Basel, Switzerland
UEP Congress Lund 2011

Current information about SFF is available on the website <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.

As. Professor Lucyna Schalen, Past-President of UEP, Lund, Sweden

Swiss Society of Phoniaticians



The Swiss society includes 27 regular members and further 9 associated and inactive members. 16 colleagues have a private practice and 11 members work in a department of ENT in a hospital. The most colleagues live in the German

speaking part of Switzerland, five members work in the French speaking part of our country. The society organizes a meeting every year in Bern and the phoniaticians attend also regularly the two congresses of the Swiss ENT-society. The collaboration

of the two societies is close for topics as education, health policy and scientific projects.

In September 2011 the Swiss society of Phoniaticians organized together with the German Society and the colleagues from Austria a congress in Zurich with more than 250 participants. The main topic was the communication disorders in the elderly patients with scientific presentations about voice and swallowing disorders and hearing problems in the elderly persons.

Doc. Dorothe Veraguth, President of the Swiss Society of Phoniaticians, Zurich, Switzerland

Phoniatrics in Türkiyet

Phoniatrics is not a formal discrete specialization or a sub-specialization in Türkiye. The people with communicative disorders are usually diagnosed, treated and followed up by otolaryngologists. There are nearly 3200 otolaryngologists throughout the country that has 70 million inhabitants. As predicted, the specialization training program for otolaryngology covers only some fields of phoniatrics but, several academic centers in big cities like Ankara, İstanbul, İzmir, Bursa, Konya and Kahramanmaraş have highly educated otolaryngologists dedicated to communicative disorders. There are also nearly 190 audiologist-language pathologists and 80 speech-language pathologists that 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.

2011

Nowadays, Voice Disorders is one of the most popular fields of otolaryngology. The Society of Otorhinolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery (SORL-HNS) (www.kbbder.org) and The Society of Voice, Language, Swallowing Disorders (www.skybd.org) organized successful meetings on voice in 2011. The SORL-HNS made a very special scientific and social event in the April 16th (World Voice Day) in Ankara. Another specific scientific meeting named “Current Approach to Voice and Swallowing Pathologies” was also organized in Konya, in 2-3rd December by SORL-HNS, with nearly 250 participants.

2012

The 10th International Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Meeting (www.ent2012.org) will be held in Ankara, in April 26-28, 2012. This biannual congress gathers more than 1000 colleagues from all parts of the World. All aspects of phoniatrics will take part in the scientific program of the congress. The official languages of the congress are English & Turkish.

The Professional Voice Society (www.profesyonelses.org) is also preparing a special Voice event for the World Voice Day.

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

Phoniatrics/Laryngology in the United Kingdom

In the UK, 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 which 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 or 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 to an ENT position in a Trust that has a Voice Clinic, there are approximately 100 Voice Clinics in the UK recorded with the British Voice Association. In such a clinic they would likely run a Multidisciplinary Voice Clinic with a Speech Language Therapist as a part of their duties.

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

Future UEP Sessions/Symposia on International Congresses

1. XVIth Congress of the International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA) in Beijing, China, October 19-21, 2012; UEP Session; Moderator: Prof. Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Muenster, Germany

Final program:

- Antonio Schindler, Milan, Italy: Validity and reliability of speech perception tests
- Virginie Woisard, Toulouse, France: Robustness to distortion of consonants
- Dorothe Veraguth, Zurich, Switzerland: Long term results of speech and language development in young children with cochlear implants
- Antoinette am Zehnhoff-Dinnesen, Muenster, Germany: Genetic variants predicting individual sensitivity to the ototoxic effect of cisplatin
- Bozena Wiskirska-Woznica, Poznan, Poland: Electrophysiological and psychophysical hearing examination in children with central auditory processing disorders
- Dirk Deuster, Muenster, Germany: Pedaudiological examination of children with non-organic hearing loss

2. Workshop of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics (IALP) in Manila, Philippines, 2013: Communication disorders in developing countries. Organiser: Prof. Katrin Neumann, Bochum, Germany
3. 10th Pan-European Voice Conference PEVOC 10, Prague, Czech Republic, August 21- 24, 2013. Attendance of UEP.
<http://www.pevoc.org/pevoc10.php>
4. 29th Congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics (IALP) in Turin, Italy, August 25-28, 2013. General Assembly 2013 of UEP.
<http://www.ialpturin2013.it/>
5. 20th World Congress of the International Federation of Otolaryngological Societies (IFOS) in Seoul, Korea, June 1-5, 2013; Symposium: Training programs for medical specialists in Audiology and Phoniatics; Moderator: Prof. Christiane Neuschaefer-Rube, Aachen, Germany
<http://www.ifosseoul2013.com/>



**In Memoriam
Prof. Dr. med. Gerhard Kittel,
Erlangen 1925 -2011,
Co-Founder of UEP**

Gerhard Kittel was born on March 4, 1925 in Berolzheim, a little place in the area of Baden, Germany, where his father was working as a school director. After military service during the Second World War with all its terrible experiences, he studied medicine at the University of Wurzburg from 1945 to 1951, subsequently took his doctor's degree and received his postgraduate training in ENT in Ludwigshafen. In 1960, he was invited to join the collegium of the ENT-Clinic at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg as the head

of a, still, little Phoniatic Department. He completed his Ph.D. thesis on "The Hypoxydosis of the Cochlea" in 1967. In 1978, he was appointed extraordinary professor and director of an extended, independent department for phoniatics and pedaudiology, a highly estimated center for many patients with communication disorders. 10 years before, he had founded the Logopedic School of Erlangen where he was active as an enthusiastic and admired academic teacher until his retirement.

The outcome of his scientific work is reflected in some 200 publications, among them our joint textbook “Lehrbuch der Phoniatrie und Pädaudiologie” with Gerhard as a stimulating coeditor and author. He focused his research on – to name just a few examples - electrophysiologic studies of the inner ear, acoustic analyses of the voice, cleft palate investigations and several dysplasias. And he was the first one to succeed in recording colored videostroboscopic pictures of the vibrating glottis. Interdisciplinary approaches and clinical relevance have always been essential to his work.

Gerhard Kittel has been out for new perspectives all his life. 1976-1995 he was one of the editors of the new journal “Sprache Stimme Gehör” (Thieme). In 1983, he founded the continuously prospering “Deutsche Gesellschaft für Phoniatrie und Pädaudiologie” the profile of which was basically determined under his presidency, with considerable impact on the development of the specialty. And, finally, it was his mind that came up with the idea of a European phoniatic association. In close cooperation with Peter Biesalski (Mainz), Dušan Cvejić (Belgrade), and Oskar Schindler (Torino), he was one of the initiators of the Union of the European Phoniaticians founded in Belgrade 1971, a very effective organization to shape professional standards for phoniatics all over Europe. In addition, a fact that cannot be overestimated, UEP managed to keep colleagues in touch from both sides of the Iron Curtain whilst Europe was strictly divided during the times of the cold war. Thus, this Union was not just a scientific-professional association like many others were – it was a most powerful political institution. And Gerhard Kittel used it as a wide platform to cultivate human relations in every respect. He has been always aware of his own experiences with German dictatorship during the war, and now, he was eager to help and support as many colleagues from the East as possible, mainly from Czechoslovakia, GDR (East-Germany), Hungary, Poland, and the Soviet Union. He arranged many guest invitations to his clinic, offered free lodging in his place, and provided – very discreetly so - financial assistance from his own pocket. All these activities have been thoroughly backed by his charming wife Hanne, medical doctor herself in ENT, and by all his family.

Gerhard Kittel received a lot of honoring and awards for his outstanding activities and achievements, among them the Gutzmann-Medal (GDR), Kempelen-Farkas-Medal (Hungary), Karol-Marcinkowski-Medal (Poland), UEP-Medal, Honorary President of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Phoniatrie und Pädaudiologie (to which he also donated a medal of his own), and several Honorary Memberships of foreign associations.

If we accept the idea that the term empathy was used primarily to express the capacity to empathize with works of art, it is very easy to forge links between Gerhard’s warm hearted personality and his passion for collecting paintings, in particular from the 19th century school of Munich, and his love of poetry with many, many poems coming from his own pen. In his late years, this was the middle of his daily life in their grand villa, embedded in a harmonic family, and surrounded by a wonderful garden laid out according to his own creative imagination.

Gerhard Kittel passed away on November 9, 2011.

Thank you, Gerhard, dear friend, for having been with us, and rest in peace.

Professor Juergen Wendler, Honorary Member of UEP, Berlin, Germany

Appendix:

New By-Laws

National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
Register of Associations

Bylaws of the Union of the European Phoniaticians

1. Name and domicile of the Union of the European Phoniaticians

The name of the association is the Union of the European Phoniaticians, and its domicile is Helsinki, Finland. The abbreviation UEP may be used unofficially as an abbreviation for the name of the Association.

2. Purpose and nature of the activities

The purposes of the Union are to:

Promote the scientific and the professional development of phoniatics
Promote cooperation among phoniaticians in Europe

To achieve these goals the Union:

organizes scientific and professional meetings and congresses in European countries
appoints committees for special purposes
maintains a website that puts out information for its members and for the general public
acts as the representative of its members on medical and non-medical scientific and professional corporations and in public
cooperates with other medical and non-medical organizations

To support its activities the Union may accept donations and bequests.

3. Members

Physicians active in phoniatics and accepting the purposes of the Union may be accepted as members of the Union.

Membership of the Union is admitted by the Board of Directors of the Union upon application.

Upon a motion by the Board of Directors any person who has significantly promoted and supported the activities of the Union may be invited at a meeting of the Union to become an honorary chairperson or honorary member.

4. Resignation and expulsion

Any member is entitled to resign from the Union by so declaring in writing to the Board or to the Chairperson or, at a meeting, by declaring his resignation for entry in the minutes.

The Board may expel a member in the event that the said member has failed to pay his due membership fee or has otherwise failed to meet the obligations to which he committed himself by joining the Union or has by conduct in or outside the Union significantly harmed the Union, or who no longer meets the terms of membership stated in law or in the bylaws of the Union.

5. Membership fee

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) decides on the annual membership fee to be collected from the ordinary members. Membership fees are not payable by the honorary chairperson or the honorary members.

6. Board of Directors

The business of the Union shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a chairperson and at least three and at most eight ordinary members elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The term of office of the Board is three of the periods between the annual general meetings.

The Board elects a vice-chairperson from among its members and appoints a secretary, a treasurer and other requisite officers from among its members or from outside.

Meetings of the Board are called by its chairperson or, in the event of hindrance, by the vice-chairperson, when they find cause thereto or when at least half of the members of the Board so demand.

The Board of Directors is quorate when at least half its members including the chairperson or the vice-chairperson are present. Voting results are decided on the basis of simple majority. In the event of a tie the vote of the chairperson is decisive but elections, however, shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

7. Signing for the Union

The name of the Union is signed any two together by the Chairperson, the Vice-chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

8. Fiscal period and audit

The fiscal period of the Union is the calendar year.

The financial statement with the requisite documents and the annual report of the Board shall be rendered to the auditors not later than three weeks prior to the AGM. The auditors shall render their report in writing to the Board not later than two weeks prior to that meeting.

9. Meetings

The AGM will be kept annually in the period between January and May on a day selected by the Board of Directors.

An extraordinary meeting shall be held when the AGM so decides or when the Board of Directors finds reason thereto or when no fewer than one tenth (1/10) of the members entitled to vote so demand of the Board in writing for a specifically stated matter. Such a meeting shall be held within thirty days of the time at which the demand was put to the Board.

At meetings of the Union any ordinary member, the Honorary Chairperson and any Honorary Member has one vote each.

Unless otherwise stated in the bylaws, the decision of the meeting shall be the opinion supported by over one half of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairperson is decisive but in elections, however, shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

10. Convening of meetings of the Union

The Board shall convene meetings of the Union at least seven days prior to the meeting, by letter mailed to the members or by e-mail.

11. Annual General Meeting

The following matters shall be dealt with at the AGM:

- Opening of the meeting
- Election of the chairperson, secretary, two minutes checkers and, if necessary, two vote counters
- Establishing the meeting as lawful and quorate
- Adoption of the agenda
- Presentation of the financial statement, annual report and auditors' report
- Decision on adoption of the financial statement and on the discharge from liability of the Board of Directors and any others with liability for the accounts
- Adoption of the action plan, budget and size of accession and membership fees
- Election of the Chairperson and other members of the Board every third year
- Election of one or two auditors and deputy auditors therefor
- Any other issues stated in the call convening the meeting.

If any member wishes to bring a matter before the Union, he shall give notice thereof to the Board in writing early enough for the matter to be included in the call convening a meeting

12. Amendment of the bylaws and dissolution of the Union

Any decision to amend the bylaws or to dissolve the Union shall be made at a meeting of the Union by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the votes cast there. The call convening the meeting shall give notice of such amendment or dissolution.

At dissolution of the Union its funds shall be employed to promote the purposes of the Union as decided by the meeting deciding on the dissolution. In the event that the Union is abolished, such funds shall be employed for the same purpose.

**List of UEP members at the very beginning of reorganisation
Status quo December 19, 2011**

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