To: Stuttering Family
From: Michael Sugarman
Date: November 7, 2011
Re: November 2011 E newsflash

“Where there’s Love, there’s Life” Eli Tahari
Message from Chair:
*I want you to email me when your organization began, for example, National Stuttering Association (USA) 1977. I want to develop a timeline on ISA website for the stuttering self help movement ---thank you and send it to msugarman1@sbcglobal.net*


The first time I went to the Oxford Dysfluency Conference was 1999 and I’ve been going ever since. There is a very familiar feel to it, it’s been held in the same place ever since I’ve been going, it’s always two and a half days and it always starts with drinks! It also seems to attract excellent keynote speakers. The keynote speakers at this, the 9th conference were Nan Bernstein Ratner, Joe Donaher, Ann Packman, Martin Sommer and Willy Botterill. More on them later.

One change for the Ninth Conference was that it was the first to be organized by a professional company, Elsevier. Previously all the conferences have been run by Dave Rowley from De Montfort University in Leicester and a representative from the Michael Palin Centre in London. The handover to Elsevier meant that conference was rather more expensive than in the past, but since as before the fee includes attending the conference, accommodation and all meals it is still good value. Certainly, there were more people there than ever before - just over 200 with 30 different countries represented, including for the first time delegates from India, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Estonia, Singapore and Brazil. I was pleased to see that Dave was still fronting the conference alongside Sharon Millard from the Michael Palin centre.

After meeting lots of colleagues at the drinks party on Thursday evening the conference was opened on Friday morning by Sharon and our first speaker was Nan Bernstein Ratner. Nan spoke about the need to evaluate the effectiveness of different treatment approaches, how to find the evidence and how clinicians can integrate this into their practice. A very thought provoking talk. Following on from Nan was Joe Donaher, who talked about the treatment of PWS who also have Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). I learnt a lot here I intend to make use of in my own clinical practice. Then it was time for coffee.

After this were two invited speakers, the first of whom was Ronny Boey. I was particularly interested in Ronny’s talk since it was about communication attitudes in children. I got some interesting ideas for my own research from his talk. For the rest of the day there were a number of parallel sessions, some on research, some on clinical methods and some workshops. As always the problem was what to go to!

In the evening was the Gala dinner. As always at Oxford the food and wine were wonderful. The evening was free from lots of speeches, thank goodness, apart from the one from the guest of honour, of course. This was the Right Honourable Ed Balls MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer and a
PWS. He spoke movingly about the difficulties of being a PWS and a politician and how he tries to deal with the very confrontational interviewing techniques he encounters on the radio and TV.

On Saturday the first speaker was Ann Packman. Ann spoke about the need for theory and therapy to inform each other, the need to treat not just dysfluencies themselves, but also any associated anxiety disorders. The second keynote speaker was Martin Sommer, one of the foremost researchers on neurophysiology and stuttering. This was an hour full of detail on the latest methods of brain research and their findings and implications for understanding the causes of stuttering, presented with great authority and clarity. The next invited speaker was Shelly Jo Kraft. Shelly spoke most clearly and coherently about her work on genetics and stuttering. It seems that the same chromosomes which have been found to be related to stuttering are also related to autism, late onset Alzheimers and alcoholism. A very impressive talk. Talking about Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy, Frances Cook once again stressed the importance of everyone, families, clinicians and clients, working together in stuttering therapy. She also noted that over the years therapy has become a more cooperative process rather than the clinician simply directing the client from a position of authority. From Australian research, presented by R. Lowe, it appears that people who stutter are more likely to make eye contact with those people in the audience who respond negatively rather than those who responded positively to their speech.

On the final day of the conference Willie Botterill spoke about historical approaches to the treatment of stuttering. It seems that many of our current approaches were in use over 100 years ago! Sheena Reilly then told us about a prospective study tracking the development of stuttering in a cohort of preschool children. This is one of the first studies to take this approach and I am looking forward to see what new insights come from this. There was a presentation by Ana Bivoli from Greece which recounted the problems faced by school children in Greece who stutter. Because teachers can refuse to include children who stutter in their classes, Ana and her colleagues became much more involved in the education of teachers, hoping that they would be able to change these attitudes.

There were obviously many more presentations than I’ve mentioned here and because of the number of parallel sessions many I could not go to but wish I had been able to. Finally, Dave Rowley closed the conference. He announced that Frances Cook would be retiring at the end of the year. It was obvious from the audience’s reaction that people really appreciated all the work that she has done and her many contributions to stuttering. I have known Frances for over ten years and had the pleasure of attending courses she organised at the Michael Palin Center. She has certainly influenced the way I conduct therapy.

So as a PWS what did I learn? In spite of the fact that there were no miraculous new therapies, what was reenforced was the need to practice, practice and again practice in order to improve your speech.

* Netherlands will be hosting the 10th World Congress for People Who Stutter in Lunteren, Netherlands in June 2013 to bring people together who stutter or are interested in stuttering from all over the world to discuss stuttering treatment and support and generally have a wild and fun time meeting each other. The event will be held 10th - 13th June, 2013. Join this group if you are interested in being part of it and we will keep you up to date with all the details.
The landscape for People who Stutter and their families changed dramatically early this year when ‘The King’s Speech’ won Academy Award for Best Picture; and progressed this summer by national conferences and an international conference; and many of you organized or participated in International Stuttering Awareness Day activities around the globe (peruse activities from around the world).

One Voice.
We are getting ready to collect stories / items for our next One Voice (OV31). (past versions can be read at http://www.isastutter.org/news/one-voice-newsletter). Please send contributions to Keith Boss, keithmaxkb@yahoo.com.

REMEMBERING ISAD

This e-newsletter, remembering the On-line conference (http://www.mnsu.edu/comdis/isad15/isadcon15.html) and ISAD on the 22nd October, is a collection of items from all over the world. The style of writing is different: the format is different: the verbs used show thriving expectations of events throughout October and the language is different. Enjoy the diversity of the ISA.

4TH BRAZILIAN MEETING OF PEOPLE WHO STUTTER

On October 22, 2011, in Teresina, Piauí, Abra Gagueira and NOVAFAPI College promote the 4th Meeting of the Brazilian people who stutter. The event will feature lectures by professionals specializing in stuttering, with discussions on current concepts of stuttering, child stuttering issues, different approaches to adult therapy and the use of SpeechEasy. In the afternoon there will be interviews, discussions on the legal aspects in stuttering and a lecture on self-therapy. The event will
end with a very special speaker - Beto Carvalho, author of the book "Você é o Cara" ("You are the man").

1ST MEETING OF ABRA GAGUEIRA REPRESENTATIVES

On October 23rd, 2011, in Teresina, Piauí, will be the 1st Meeting of Representatives of Abra Gagueira
Currently Abra Gagueira has 17 support groups throughout Brazil. This event is exclusively for the representatives and employees of the association. For more information please contact us by e-mail abragagueira@abragagueira.org.br.

ONLINE FORUM

Join the discussions and track events in real time via our Online Forum. Submit your testimonials and participate in ISAD 2011. This year’s theme is "Sharing stories. Changing perceptions". Join http://www.abragagueira.org.br/forumonline.asp

2ND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF STUTTERING AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN BELO HORIZONTE
1ST MEETING OF STUTTERERS IN BELO HORIZONTE

Date: Oct 15th, 2011
Hours: 8:30 to 12:30
Place: Faculty of Medicine, UFMG
Achievement: Study Group on Speech Fluency (GEFF) and Brazilian Association of Stuttering (ABRAGAGUEIRA)
Support: Phonetics Laboratory of UFMG, Speech / UFMG and Speech / FEAD.

Schedule
8:30: Accreditation
9:00: Opening - the GEFF and ABRAGUEIRA: research and social support
9:30: Prejudice and stuttering - testimonies of participants in the support group of Abragagueira in BH
10:15: Round Table - the labor market and stuttering. Moderator: Dr. Leticia C. Heavenly
10:40: Coffee break and poster display
11:10: Is stuttering a disability? Speaker: Dr. Ana Maria Sette Camara
11:40: Round Table: relationship between disability, functionality and stuttering. Moderator: Dr. Vanessa O. Martins

INTERNATIONAL STUTTERING AWARENESS DAY IN RIO DE JANEIRO
Date: October 22nd, 2011  
Location: Veiga de Almeida University - Campus Tijuca  
Address: Ibituruna 108, Block A second floor – Auditorium (Free Event)  
Registration by mail: monicabp@tecnofono.com.br

Schedule
9:00 am - Opening  
9:15 am - Stuttering Treatment - Monica de Britto Pereira (speech therapist - Prof. UVA)  
10:00 am - Stuttering and bullying - Leila Nagib (speech therapist - Prof. URFJ)  
10:45 pm - Stuttering and its legal aspects - Jose Roberto Guedes de Oliveira (lawyer)  
11:30 pm - Self-help groups in stuttering - Christina Sales and Renato Poubel  
12:15 pm - Debates

Stammering Hub

Researchers in the Developmental Stuttering Lab examine the causes of stuttering to improve understanding.  
www.utexas.edu  
Radio-TV-Film senior Alex Murphy has a knack for storytelling through short stories and poetry

National Stuttering Association  
If you stutter, you are not alone.
October 22nd is International Stuttering Awareness Day! Want to know what can YOU do to raise stuttering awareness? Read on!

- Get involved in the online conference! The Fourteenth International Stuttering Awareness Day Online Conference, SHARING STORIES - CHANGING PERCEPTIONS, opens October 1, 2011 and papers remain available online after the conference concludes on October 22nd. All past online conferences are freely available on the Conference Archives. The upcoming and five most recent conferences are also available for Continuing Education CEUs (1.5/15 hours) or credit (either graduate or undergraduate) through Minnesota State State University, Mankato, Minnesota.

- Get involved on Facebook! Post WeStutter.org as your status, change your profile photo to our logo, or write a note about your stuttering. Also be sure to get involved in the discussions going on over on our own Facebook page!

- Make or buy a sea-foam green ribbon to wear. When asked about the significance, be ready to share your journey and connection with the stuttering community.

  International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD), which began in 1998, occurs on October 22 and is designed to raise awareness about the challenges experienced by people who stutter. ISAD is a joint, world-wide endeavor by persons who stutter and their families, students, and professionals (educators, researchers, and clinicians) interested in stuttering.

From India and TISA.
The Indian Stammering Association: DELHI SHG MEETING 16 OCTOBER 2011

t-tisa.blogspot.com

TISA is an association of Indian people who stammer (IPWS...)

Don't miss 'The Kid's Speech' on BBC1 tonight at 10:35pm (11pm in Scotland). (http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0169ibl) It's a documentary following children on a course at the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/8832298/The-Kids-Speech-BBC-One-preview.html

In today's New York Times online:
A Professor’s Response to a Stutterer: Don’t Speak
By RICHARD PÉREZ-PEÑA 35 minutes ago

Summary about the ISAD Conference
October, 1th
My Emotions and Reflections

Queridos amigos, la conferencia de este año ha tenido claramente un “sello distintivo”. Hemos compartido Office Hours - The Prof Is In, Stuttering: Information and Issues, Clinical Nuggets: Treatment Treasures and Activities, The Experts (PWS) Speak For Themselves, Turning Points, Todas estas contribuciones, de profesionales and consumidores interesados sobre la tartamudez de más de 70 personas que representan 11 diferentes países de 6 diferentes continentes, junto a quienes participaron con sus preguntas y comentarios, han sido un hermoso mosaico de personas con gran vocación. “Todos” con un ¡¡Sello Especial Distintivo!!: con grandes esfuerzos personales y colectivos han propuesto, compartido, dado sus opiniones, explicaciones y soluciones mirando la cara humana, yendo a la experiencia misma de las PWS. “Ellos desean ser el libro a leer” más que una teoría en particular. El mundo global requiere que nos miremos así, “lo que realmente somos, no nuestra superficie”. La contemplación hecha verbo del ser humano. Las PWS son heroicas y quienes han aportado a esta maravillosa conferencia del ISAD también lo han sido.
Vengo “escuchando” con comprensión empática a las PWS que detrás de un aparato fonador que falla involuntariamente, de una biología en la base disfuncional, “hay una persona”. Esto es una buena noticia, las PWS no son esclavos de una neurología genética en la base. Eres más que tu disfluencia, Hay un cerebro, una genética porque existe un ser humano, donde “todo lo que le sucede a cada PWS se da en la relación con otros”. Esto es estar en la comprensión empática de ellos. Lo que redirecciona: a entender que sus experienciaciones parecen ser, más que de origen unidireccional, “circulares” ya que ocurren en las interacciones conversacionales; la búsqueda de respuestas explicativas en los “procesos” de cómo cada PWS organiza y experiencia la realidad (que dan cuenta de lo que externalmente observamos) en forma personal, y la búsqueda de beneficios en la fluidez.

Esto nos guía a efectuar, con más fundamentos sólidos, más acciones hacia la sociedad que permitan una convivencia en la aceptación legítima de las diferencias frente a las PWS. Hay pueblos, mal llamados tribus indígenas, donde en su vocabulario no existe la palabra “Tartamudez” y sus PWS conviven en igualdad de condiciones. La tartamudez no es una enfermedad. Salud es más que un estado de bienestar biológico. Es un “estado existencial”, una armonía bio-psico-social. Generalmente, vivimos en armonía dentro de nosotros mismos con miles de bacterias y estreptococos (ejemplo claro es la boca).

Salud, por tanto, no es estar libre de síntomas biológicos, ya que si un tercio de su entendimiento como “estado existencial”, armonía bio-psico-social, se ve afectada constituye ya una enfermedad. Así, si a una porción de la sociedad le cuesta en la convivencia estar en armonía social con las diferencias de las PWS, esa parte de la sociedad “está sufriendo una enfermedad” y nos hace responsables de aportar para recuperar la salud social frente a nuestras diferencias.

“Todos somos la sal de la tierra”
que estas Palabras se vuelvan Actos,
que estos Actos se vuelvan Costumbre”

El sello distintivo, que ha estado en el conjunto de aportes, no es una casualidad. De este modo, el lema para este año “Sharing Stories - Changing Perceptions” no podía ser el más adecuado, ¡¡símboliza ese sello!!. Felicitaciones a todos los conferencistas, como también a quienes participaron con sus preguntas y comentarios. Toda una hermosa danza, mirando y accionando en lo Humano.

Hemos tenido un ¡¡Una Gran Conferencia ISAD!!., Mis respetos, gran abrazo y saludos a Judy Kuster, por todos sus esfuerzos en todos estos años. Mis respetos, saludos a Michael Sugarman and all International Stuttering Family. Especiales agradecimientos a mi querido amigo Michael Sugarman, ISA Chair. On September you invited me: “When you have time can you write a summary on what happened at the conference? for others
to read”. I am very proud and honored by your invitation. Pido disculpas por lo extenso de este summary.

“Sharing Stories - Changing Perceptions”
On Day of the ISAD Conference

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Hello Michael

I’m glad that you thought in me and really consider an honor to be part of the Advisory Board of the ISA.

It’s ok to me to share the documents we’ve been preparing for the October 22 in the November enewflash, this was a document prepared by Silvia Friedman, PhD and her group of investigation en stuttering in the University of Sao Paulo and we join to the initiative of Maria Cristina Peyrone from the Fundation of Rosario for the Stuttering (Rosario, Argentina), Rosa Quevedo from the Service of Speech Therapy from the Hospital Pereira Rossel from Uruguay and I in representation of the Iberoamerican Stuttering Association and the Venezuelan Stuttering Association.

The document was sent to countries like Argentina, Brasil, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, España, Guatemala, Perú, Uruguay and Venezuela to be used as support material in the activities to be done in October 22.

Regards
Pedro

In http://ttmib.org/Nuevo/documentos/DIAT_2011.pdf can see the material prepared for the October 22.

The ISA now has our very own Facebook page, www.facebook.com/isastutter “Group of friends of People Who Stutter Chile””, your Director, Adolfo Andrés Barrales Díaz, Speech Language Pathologist and Psychotherapist, along with his associates, announcing their ISAD event http://buk.cl/index.php?seccion=seminario
Nairobi- Kenya ISAD meeting

Stories are strong. In the olden days, every communication was turned into a story and it was effective. As we share stories about stammering/stuttering, we hope that people will change their perceptions about us. We meet on Saturday 22nd October at 10am at Mavuno Church- Nairobi South C.

For the first time at this annual community event in Troy NY, there will be a stuttering awareness table. I will be staffing a table promoting NSA and FRIENDS on Saturday October 29, 2011, from 12-5pm EST. Last year, about 1000 people participated in this event. We hope to have even more this year. It is being funded by one of the "Pepsi Refresh Grants". I am delighted (and a little anxious) to be promoting stuttering in this non-stuttering community event. ~Pam

The Belgian(French)Stuttering Association will join their efforts in this important day. Please visit: http://www.begayer.be/evenements/index.html Thank you!

The American Institute for Stuttering in New York City is hosting a gathering for teens and adults who stutter, and the friends and family who support them on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This no-cost event is to mark International Stuttering Awareness Day and is intended to promote stuttering awareness and education. Refreshments will served.

Philip T. made posters for the chapter members to hand out at our local library or grocery store. Madison Wisconsin NSA Chapter

Anita Blom Sweden My local chapter, Skaraborgs stamningsförening, will invite one of the leading speech therapists, Lennart Larsson to speak about stuttering. I myself will be speaking at the celebration 20th anniversary of the Islandic stuttering association. Happy ISAD!

Annual Event in Sydney Australia Each year, in recognition of ISAD, The Australian Stuttering Research Centre at The University of Sydney and the Australian Speak Easy Association hold a forum on stuttering at the Faculty of Education and Social Work, The University of Sydney. The aim is to raise awareness among student teachers about stuttering in schools. This year, the theme was "Stuttering in the Classroom". The forum started with the wonderful 10-minute Michael Palin Centre video “Wait, wait, I’m not finished yet…”, in which children tell teachers what it is like to have a stutter and what they can do to help. Then Speak Easy members recalled their experiences in the classroom, researchers discussed the nature and cause of stuttering and speech pathologists talked about what they do. We like to think that each year around 90 soon-to-be teachers enter their profession having a greater understanding of stuttering and how they can help.

Kenya ISAD also being celebrated in Kisumu at Joel Omino secondary school from 1pm on Sat 22nd October. All welcome.

Western Carolina University will hold a screening of the movie “The King’s Speech” followed by a discussion focusing on stuttering, including treatment, self-help groups
and other resources for people who stutter and their families, on Sunday, Oct. 23. (part of the online announcement at http://news-prod.wcu.edu/2011/10/wcu-to-screen-the-kings-speech-host-discussion-on-oct-23/ The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is hosting the event, which is free and open to the public, at 2 p.m. in the theater of A.K. Hinds University Center. The discussion will be led by David Shapiro, WCU’s Robert Lee Madison Distinguished Professor and author of “Stuttering Intervention: A Collaborative Journey to Fluency Freedom.”

**Celebrating ISAD 2011 in Croatia**

On the 20th October in the secondary school in Petrinja all the students and employees for third year in the raw wore turquoise ribbons. Tonight (21st October) there was a talk in the National Library in Sisak given by Martina Boltuzic, SLP, about stuttering. She was joined by Mario Medven, PWS, who shared his experiences about stuttering. On the site of the national association for PWS "Hinko Freund" [http://www.udruga-hinkofreund.hr/](http://www.udruga-hinkofreund.hr/) there is an online exhibition of posters we have produced to mark ISAD over the last eleven years.

Hola a todos:

Les invito a leer estos artículos publicados con motivo del 22 de octubre


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Hello.

I am going to have one hour stuttering lecture in the self-group in Fukuoka in Japan tomorrow.

There will be more than 30 people who are interested in stuttering.

Kindly,

Yoshikazu

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Irina Papancheva

Happy International Stuttering Awareness Day to all of you guys! One day before the local and presidential elections the Bulgarian Stuttering Association SIZ is organising the campaign "Choose your voice!" (in Bulgarian we use the same verb for choose and elect and voice could mean also vote). With or without elections ISAD is a chance for all of us to rethink how we feel about stuttering, find our own voice and express it. Cheers!
Dia Internacional de Atenção à Gagueira 2011

Como é do conhecimento de muitos, hoje, dia 22 de outubro é o "Dia Internacional de Atenção à Gagueira". Esta data abre um espaço para que sejam desenvolvidas diferentes ações que permitam difundir conhecimento sobre o tema. São trabalhos de conscientização de modo a transformar desconhecimento e discriminação em compreensão, aceitação e respeito.

Brasil, Argentina, Venezuela e Uruguai se uniram na elaboração de um folder e de uma apresentação que abordam a gagueira pela via da subjetividade da pessoa que gagueja. Um campo que precisa ser mais explorado e que está trazendo bons resultados terapêuticos por ajudar muitos a saírem do sofrimento de fala e a assumirem seus próprios destinos.

O material foi desenvolvido pelo "Núcleo de Estudos e Pesquisas em Fluência da Fala - NEPFF", em conjunto com a "Asociación Iberoamericana de la Tartamudez" e Asociación Venezolana de la Tartamudez (Venezuela), "Fundación para la Tartamudez" (Argentina), a "Licenciatura en Fonoaudiología - UDELAR - Universidad de la República" e o "Centro Hospitalário Pereira Russel" (Uruguai), com apoio do Instituto CEFAC e da PUC-SP.

Compartilhamos nosso trabalho e contamos com sua colaboração para divulgá-lo. A apresentação pode ser visualizada e baixada também ao se acessar o site abaixo.

NEPFF
Coordenado pela Dra Silvia Friedman
Profª Titular do Curso de Fonoaudiologia da Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo - PUC-SP

<www.gagueiraesubjetividade.info>

With great happiness I am sending you this mail. Our “ENCUENTRO NACIONAL EN EL DÍA INTERNACIONAL DE TOMA DE CONCIENCIA DE LA TARTAMUDEZ” (“NATIONAL MEETING ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS OF STUTTERING”, October 22, on the Santo Tomas University, Santiago, Chile) was a very beautiful experience!!. And massive: 140 persons, Persons who Stutter, their families, Speech and Language Pathologists and other professionals. We shared a Great moment with Carlos Grilli, PWS, great Chilean singer, a personal friend. This MEETING was certainly an important and beautiful day to Sharing Stories – Changing Perceptions for the community, to help persons in Chile and around the world that suffer stuttering. OUR ENCUENTRO was by streaming signal all the day.
Today, 26, was interviewed in the program Dr.TV (channel 9 Chilean TV). As soon as possible I will send you the Link about it. Or you can visit page megavision.cl.

Warm regards.
Adolfo Andrés Barrales Díaz
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Pictures to remember.

Kindly,
Michael