



South African Speech-Language-Hearing Association

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Continuing Medical Education (CME)/ Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
accreditation & supporting organization invitation for APLL2012

We sincerely request your approval to accredit CME / CPD points for the members of your society who will participate in our conference *Global Conference on Disorders in Auditory Processing, Literacy, Language & Related Sciences (APLL2012)* (<http://www.ied.edu.hk/apll2012>) which will be held at The Hong Kong Institute of Education from 4-7 January 2012.

APLL2012 is organized by the Department of Special Education and Counselling of The Hong Kong Institute of Education. APLL2012 was originated from the idea from our organizing committee members that it is important to have more cross disciplinary discussions on issues related to auditory processing disorders, reading and writing disorders, language disorders, and other related disorders. These disorders seem distinct among one another from historical and professional practice perspectives but more and more research suggests that they in fact overlap in many ways including clinical presentations, suspected underlying causes, diagnostic criteria, and re/habilitation strategies. By bringing in respective leaders in the fields, we hope that APLL2012 will open new windows to promote cross disciplinary discussions and collaborations on ways that we can better service individuals who are suffering from these closely related disorders through future research. We hope APLL2012 will help promote advancements in related research initiatives and services in the Asia regions.

We have invited 10 international keynote speakers who are the leading researchers in different areas related to the theme of APLL2012, and at least 10 invited speakers who are experts locally and in other Asian regions. There will be highlight round table discussion/debate on some selected topics which I am sure will be very inspiring for the participants. Poster presentation will be provided to the participants to present their recent research findings.

The 10 international keynotes speakers are:

- Prof Teri James Bellis from University of South Dakota, USA
- Dr Piers Dawes from University of Manchester, UK
- Prof Usha Goswami from University of Cambridge, UK

- Prof Kenneth Hugdahl from University of Bergen, Norway
- Prof. Nina Kraus from Northwestern University, USA
- Dr. Carol A. Miller from University of Pennsylvania, USA
- Prof David Moore from Institute of Hearing Research, Medical Research Council, Nottingham, UK
- Prof Kenneth Pugh from Haskins Laboratories & University of Connecticut, UK
- Prof. Stuart Rosen from University College London, UK
- Prof Frank Vellutino from University at Albany, State University of New York, USA

It would be a great opportunity for your members to participate in APLL2012 and to be exposed to the knowledge and experiences of such a wide range of international experts. If CME/CPD accreditation for participation in APLL2012 is to be approved by your society, we would like to announce your society as a supporting organization. Your society's logo will appear in our website and our APLL2012 publicity materials. There are no further commitments from your society to become our supporting organization, except to help promote APLL2012 to your fellow members. We sincerely request your consideration for posting the information of APLL2012 (<http://www.ied.edu.hk/apll2012>) in your organization website.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any queries regarding our invitation.

Thank you very much for your kind attention. We are looking forward to receiving your favourable reply.

Yours faithfully



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