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What's Up

SASLHA Western Cape

Hi there everybody

I would like to take this opportunity to send very belated greetings to all SASLHA members and non-members who receive the 'What's Up'. Taking over the position of chairperson for SASLHA Western Cape has been a big challenge and the past several months have found me trying to learn more about the structures within SASLHA and building up a committee and plans for 2008. So apologies go out for this belated update. Before we look at 2008 I would, on behalf of SASLHA Western Cape, like to thank Linda Thorn for her many years of service and contribution towards SASLHA.

So where do we stand at present? Well, after some initial trepidation with regards to wearing the 'hat' of chairperson it is starting to fit a bit better but we, as a branch, still have a lot to do in order to grow within the Western Cape and to meet the expectations of its members.

I am very fortunate to have a strong committee. They are as follows:

Autumn Engelke: Vice-Chairperson (Tertiary Hospital – Speech Therapy)
Laura Russell: Secretary (Tertiary Hospital – Speech Therapy)
Celeste Sameuls: Treasurer (Division of Communication Sciences & Disorders UCT – Speech Therapy)
Ronelle Hewetson: What's Up (Division of Communication Sciences & Disorders UCT – Speech Therapy)
Khulum Kaka: Member (Tertiary Hospital – Audiology)
Carianne Vermeulen: Member (Private Practice – Speech Therapy)

This committee is by no means a 'closed' committee. We would welcome more insight into different areas of our profession on the committee, i.e. therapists in education and definitely more audiologists! If there are SASLHA members who are willing to come on to the committee please do not hesitate to contact me on 021 442 1923.

The committee has looked through the feedback that many of the members completed about what they would like to see from SASLHA this year. All of this feedback was given to SASLHA Council and many of the suggestions are going to be looked at by the various standing committees.

The Western Cape Branch has decided that we would like to focus on the following areas this year:

1. CPD Activities

This was one of the more frequent requests from those SASLHA members that responded to the questionnaire. We do all need CPD points (30 per registered profession). It is very difficult to cater to everybody's needs or areas of interest so we, as a committee, have chosen three areas to focus on in workshops. We have three workshops planned for the year and all of them will be CPD accredited prior to the commencement of the course/workshop. The planned CPD activities are at present as follows:

- Monthly 1hr presentations by various guest speakers. This is a planned CPD accredited pilot project that has been organised by Vivienne Norman and is a collaboration between UCT's Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Academic Hospitals (Groote Schuur and Red Cross Children's Hospital) and SASLHA Western Cape. The topics to be presented are: ethics, updates on phonation and articulation therapy, traumatic brain injury, use of picture symbols in communication, velopharyngeal incompetence, stuttering, oral-motor based therapy in

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adult populations and Autism and communication difficulties.

- ö Two-day workshop on Paediatric Dysphagia by Vivienne Norman (Speech Therapist at Red Cross Children's Hospital). This is awaiting CPD accreditation. We should now within the next three weeks how many points will be accredited. Once this has been established then a date and venue will be set. A tentative date is July 2008. This will be a two day workshop run on a Friday and a Saturday.
- ö HIV. This workshop is still in the planning phases but hopes to focus on both speech therapy and Audiology. Areas to be looked at are:
 1. Epidemiology
 2. Medical management
 3. Safety precautions when treating HIV positive clients
 4. Ethics and confidentiality issues
 5. Neurological deficits in HIV positive patients - e.g. impact on speech and language functioning
 6. ENT related deficits in HIV positive patient - e.g hearing impairmentsWe would very much like to see this workshop happen this year but this depends on how long accreditation takes and how it will fit in with other SASLHA activities later on in the year, i.e. SASLHA/SAAA/ENT conference.
- ö Vestibular Workshop: This workshop will be held towards the end of the year and is open to all therapists (incl OT and physio) wishing to improve their knowledge on this topic prior to the commencement of the Vestibular certification course which will take place in January 2009.

2. Publicity

We would like to see more visibility about our professions in all forms of media this year. 2007 saw a few radio interviews been done during Stroke Awareness week. Where possible our branch would like to work on getting articles into magazines, newspapers etc. We would also like to get onto the radio. Continued publicity throughout the year is required in order to increase the public's awareness of communication and hearing difficulties. Should any members, or non-members, wish contribute towards publicity efforts or have any contacts that can be utilised, please contact one of the committee members.

3. Member Participation

Several members requested more contact with other SASLHA members so that we could get together to discuss issues pertaining to the profession and to SASLHA as well as to network. This has been discussed at a committee level and we would like to propose to all members that we implement quarterly meetings for all SASLHA Western Cape members. However, in order for this to work we need to know from members if they think it is a good idea and if so, what would they like to see addressed at these meetings. Please e-mail me with feedback as soon as possible so that this can be organised.

Please refer to the March 2008 copy of the SASLHA e-zine for further information with regards to CPD articles, SASLHA membership registration forms and HPCSA forms if one wishes to deregister from either Speech Therapy or Audiology.

The committee and I are excited about this year and would like to reiterate that we are not a closed committee. We would value input from all members and non-members as we can only grow through continued participation of professionals. This is a new year with lots of potential growth for the branch, so we would like to encourage all members to re-register and motivate your colleagues who are not members to register. The bigger we are, the more we can do and the greater the impact we can have.

Should you have any queries or input with regards to the plans for this year please do not hesitate to contact me on 021 442 1923 or e-mail me at speechrx@xsinet.co.za.

Regards
Ingrid von Bentheim

Upcoming events

UCT division of communication sciences & disorders in collaboration with Red Cross Hospital department of Speech-Language Therapy CPD programme 2008

Date: Second Monday of the month (April to December, excluding May)
Time: 5 – 6pm
Venue: Johnson and Johnson Hall, Staff Education and Training Building, Red Cross Hospital
Cost: R30 per person
CPD: Attendees will receive one CPD point per presentation attended

The programme is outlined below and covers a variety of topics within the field. All the presenters have in depth knowledge and expertise in their areas.

MONTH	PRESENTER	TOPIC
14 April	Michelle Pascoe	Updates in Phonology & Articulation with a focus on intervention
9 June	Dale Ogilvy	Traumatic brain injury: assessment & management
14 July	Veruschka Ramanjam	An Approach to PDD
11 August	Nicky Smit	Using picture symbols for communication
8 September	Roslyn Lentin	Speech Resonance and velopharyngeal dysfunction
13 October	Deborah Stodel	Treating communication difficulties in ASD
10 November	Heather Wilkinson	Enhancing classroom communication – role of the SLT
8 December	Ingrid von Bentheim	Oral motor therapy in adults – evidence and support

For further information, please contact Christine Rogers at the University of Cape Town on (021) 406 6315, email Christine.Rogers@uct.ac.za.

Management of fussy feeders

Presenters: Megan Faure – Occupational therapist
Marsha Baker - Paediatric occupational therapist and infant mental health specialist
Katherine Megaw - Paediatric Dietician
Date: 11 June 2008
Time: Wednesday, 8.00 – 17.00
Venue: Belmont Square Conference Center, Rondebosch, Cape Town
Cost: R900

Some topics that will be addressed include: sensory/motor vulnerability; diagnostic categories of feeding disorders in infants; reflux – development or disease; nutritional management of failure to thrive; toddlers who refuse to eat.

Please contact Noliitha Matshikiza at noliitha@babysense.co.za

ENT/ SASLHA/ SAAA/ SAHNA Conference – 2008

All the details for this conference can be found on the SASLHA website.

Upcoming events

What's Up SASLHA Western Cape

Talktools Workshops

1. SEMINARS IN ORAL MOTOR THERAPY

Dates: 11th & 12th Sept 2008
Venue: Southern Sun Greyston, Johannesburg
Price: (Early registration) R2,505 Normal R2,805
Speaker: Renee Roy Hill, M.S., CCC-SLP

Sara Rosenfeld-Johnson's unique tactile-sensory approach to speech therapy uses therapy tools 'disguised' as toys! See how 40 fun-to-use exercises can be used to improve phonation, resonance, and speech clarity. Interactive, hands-on demonstrations will focus on therapeutically sound techniques that develop the oral-motor muscles needed for improving speech clarity: abdomen, velum, jaw, lips and tongue. Your child and adult clients will actually want to do them because they are fun and they work!

2. SEMINARS IN ORAL MOTOR THERAPY - *Apraxia Workshop*

Date: 13th Sept 2008
Venue: Southern Sun Greyston, Johannesburg
Price: (EB) R 835 Normal R 935

3. SEMINARS IN ORAL MOTOR THERAPY – *Feeding therapy*

Dates: 6th, 7th & 8th Nov 2008
Venue: Southern Sun Grayston
Price: (EB) R2,505 Normal R2,805
Speaker: Lori Overland, M.S., CCC-SLP

Lori will show you a step-by-step approach to teach your most challenging clients tolerance of touch, enabling them to learn to eat and develop appropriate oral-motor movements. Her techniques incorporate a variety of temperatures, textures and tastes. Day 2 features hands-on learning of techniques for spoon feeding, straw drinking and chewing solid foods.

South African Neurodevelopmental therapy association congress

Date: 22 - 24 October 2008
Venue: Johannesburg, South Africa

Further details are available on the SASLHA website: www.saslha.co.za

Asperger Support Group

AspergerConnections invite parents, professionals, people with HFA or Asperger's and all persons assisting individuals with social and emotional difficulties associated with ASD.

Venue: Newlands EMDC Offices, Main Street
Date: 30 April - Group Meeting
Price: R10 donation per person/family.
Contact: Jana Forrester on 084 513 1333 or Avril Meaker on (021) 715-5255 for further information.

Positions

Four month post

The Speech-Language Therapy Department at Vista Nova School will have a four month maternity replacement post available from 11 August- 9 December 2008.

Contact Delia Tew at 021 689 5323 or fax CVs to Vista Nova School- 021 685 2402.

Speech Therapist

An exiting opportunity exists for a Speech Therapist (30 hours per week) to work in the Rehabilitation unit at Riverfield Lodge (Gauteng). The position involves the rehabilitation of patients with TBI's and CVAs. Experience in this field is required. Closing date 10 May 08

Please send C.V's to marge.masson@lifehealthcare.co.za / fax 0866743981

For more information contact Sulice Pietersen: 0823258385.

Visit the SASLHA website for information on other positions that are available for both Speech Therapists and Audiologists - http://www.saslha.co.za/B_Job.asp

Manuscript Reviewing for Continuing Education Units

The South African Journal of Communication Disorders offers you the opportunity to act as a peer reviewer for the Journal. The Journal operates under the auspices of the SA Speech, Language, Hearing Association. SASLHA is able to accredit you with continuing education units for each article that you review.

Please email your name and contact details (including postal address, telephone numbers and email address) to the SASLHA Office Manager [Claudine Emmerick: admin@saslha.co.za].

Notices

Message from the SASLHA office

Your *SASLHA membership* 2007/08 is drawing to a close, and it's time to re-register with us again for 2008/09. Forms can be downloaded from our website - http://www.saslha.co.za/A_FullMem.asp
Please email Claudine on admin@saslha.co.za for further information.

The Cape Town and District Association for the Hearing Impaired is on the look-out for a Hypro Box as a donation or at a reduced rate. Anyone interested in donating or selling a used Hypro Box please contact Carolyn Wertheim at 021 4482510 between 09h00 and 12h00.