



The non-profit worldwide organization of professionals and scientists in communication, voice, speech language pathology, audiology and swallowing.

**Dear Affiliated Societies, Members of Affiliated Societies, Individual Members and Supporters of IALP,**

You may recall that in my last letter, I promised to keep you informed about our activities associated with our:

#### **Vision**

IALP has a global vision to facilitate better understanding, knowledge and care of all those with communication and swallowing disorders.

#### **Mission**

The mission of IALP is to improve the quality of life of individuals with disorders of communication, speech, language, voice, hearing and swallowing.

- 1. The Newly Formed Board** which is now made up of the Chairs of the 14 different committees and representatives from the Affiliated Societies met on the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 in Malta. I am delighted to report that the engagement, collegial spirit, challenge and commitment from all Board members was clearly evident. I am confident that we will have a greater impact and move forward on our three-year agenda of:
  - **Improving knowledge of the impact of communication disorders.**
  - **Improving equity of access to services for those with communication and swallowing disorders**
- 2. Change of Name.** A compromise proposed by the Executive Committee was accepted by the Board. It was agreed that the title: ***International Association of Communication Sciences and Disorders*** (which had the largest support in the election) should become the trading /doing business as (d/b/a) name of the Association whilst **IALP** will remain the legal name. This DBA/trading name has been registered in the State of California.
- 3. WHO and IALP:** a face-to-face meeting took place between Doctor Shelly Chadha (WHO director linking with IALP) and IALP President Pam Enderby to discuss improving methods of influence associated with our mission and vision.

IALP members are contributing to WHO initiative 'Global 2030' by contributing to:

  - the development of a package on rehabilitation interventions
  - rehabilitation competency framework
  - interprofessional collaboration for joint advocacy on health workforce

4. **Task Force on Underserved and Unserved Populations:** a task force has been established under the leadership of Professor Sandra Levey. Each of the 14 IALP committees have been asked to nominate one individual to contribute to this work which aims to review and make recommendations, within a year, related to what is needed and how we can contribute to improved service provision with underserved and unserved populations.
5. **Collaboration with other International organisations** with similar interests and concerns in order to improve impact and have greater influence. Meetings with Comité Permanent de Liaison des Orthophonistes-Logopèdes de L'ue-(**CPLOL**), and discussions with Communication Therapy International (**CTI**), World Federation of Neurological Rehabilitation (**WFNR**) and the International Communication Project (**ICP**) have explored how we can work more effectively together. We plan to share our main messages /objectives in order that we can support each other.
6. **Issues of Transparency and Governance.** The expanded board necessitates consideration of roles and responsibilities, sponsorship and updating governance procedures. Individuals and task groups have been set up to take these issues forward.
7. **32<sup>nd</sup> IALP World Congress. New Zealand 14<sup>th</sup> to 18 August 2022.** The forward planning of this important Congress and the involvement of the committees gave the board confidence that it will be a most successful event.

Sincerely, Pam Enderby OBE, PhD, DSc, MSc, FRCSLT

