

# Editorial/*Editorial*

Brazilian Speech and Language Pathology and Audiology should more and more take its deserved place in the international scene. International mobility and exchange are a reality for a growing number of SLPs and audiologists. Professional associations represent important discussion forums to the identification of common issues and the search for shared solutions. The International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP) is one of the most important associations in the field and has allowed the participation of Brazilian SLPs and audiologists in these international debates.

The current president of SBFa, “our” Mara Behlau, is IALP past-president and, as such, continues with an important role in this association, that congregates professionals from about the whole world. Besides the publication of one of the most traditional journals of the area, *Folia Phoniatica et Logopedica*, IALP has 14 committees involved with themes related to the scientific, educational and professional issues related to communication disorders from a broad and multicultural perspective. Each committee has a maximum of 12 members and each country should be represented by no more than two members. Besides, each committee member can participate for just two terms of three years each.

During the first period as a member of the Educational Committee for Speech and Language Pathology, the committee published one special issue of *Folia Phoniatica*, debated issues as the challenges shared around the world and the possibility of multicultural actions in several participations in scientific events and published a revision of the Educational Guidelines for SLP (a publication that has been supporting the education of SLPs in several countries where the area is just beginning to develop).

Presently I am the chair of this committee and the learning experience is undoubtedly great and the possibility the chance to expose solutions and models we’ve been developing is exciting. But, on the other hand, the challenge of building concrete results that continue to contribute to the improvement of the education of SLPs in different regions of the world, respecting historic and cultural elements and at the same time point out to already successfully travelled pathways is impressive.

It was with this challenge in mind that I decided to take advantage of this opportunity. The involvement in cooperation activities is a great opportunity for development. Join committees and commissions, in IALP or in SBFa. Find your better way to participate. And join us.

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