

Editorial

In October 2014, in the city of Joinville, the 22nd Brazilian Congress of Speech Language Pathology happened and was organized by the Brazilian Society of Speech Language Pathology (SBFa). The focus of the congress was the “Promotion and Rehabilitation”. The theme allowed the event to have national coverage with interaction and participation of speakers and delegates from every regions of the country. There was unanimity among professionals and students in attendance, the high level of the lectures and especially of the discussions that took place on the interdisciplinary or interdepartmental tables. The multidisciplinary pleased everyone and collaborated a lot for the update of the Congress participants. Another strong point of the format of this event was the possibility of exposure during the four days of the Congress from the nearly thousand approved posters allowing them to be read and discussed by all.

The concern of uniting science and profession has been the keynote of the last three SBFa Congresses enabling researchers and clinicians to have equal opportunities to grow within their specific areas of expertise. The fact that others in the field of health and education besides Speech Language Pathology participated in the roundtable discussions demonstrated explicitly interdisciplinary and real gains in actions with patients and/or schools. By linking different areas of knowledge it became clearer the importance of joint action in the evaluation, diagnosis and intervention. Another innovation introduced this year was the possibility of dissertations and doctoral theses to be presented in their own spaces offering prizes for the best works.

Also during the 22nd Brazilian Congress of Speech Language Pathology, there were four major magna conferences, with the explanation of new knowledge, research and studies this type of activity being an innovation that pleased everyone for the high content in each. The first lecture was given by the Professor of Medicine from the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Luiz Roberto Agea Cutolo who exposed necessary changes in clinical work with the theme: “From traditional clinic practice to extended clinic practice: the Integrity Path.” The second conference was toasted by the phonoaudiologists Célia Maria Giacheti and Eliane Schochat in which the SBFa vice-president Dr. Celia Giacheti pointed out that genetic factors may justify communication disorders. The conference theme was “The Speech Language Pathology diagnosis and its importance in the rehabilitation process.” We also had the opportunity to hear Jane Coelho Danuello, PhD in Information Science from São Paulo Sate University “Júlio Universidade Estadual Paulista “Júlio de Mesquita Filho (UNESP) talking about the “Panorama of scientific literature in Speech Language Pathology in Brazil: analysis of publications and networks” in which it was found in her research that CEFAC journal is the most sought by Brazilians Speech Language Pathology to expose their research, which made us very proud. Finally, the lecture “Emotion, Motivation and Language: Knowing to Express to Learn” delivered by educator Tom Coelho, the Congress ended and all present were sure that this was another great event which will leave positive marks in the Brazilian Speech Language Pathology.

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