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## 11<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in Brussels

In the **President's Column** on page 2, **SR Michael Kalmár** explains the need for a General Assembly to confirm the changes made to the Statutes and Bye-laws approved by Members at the 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in November 2007 in Luxembourg.

It seems there has been a change in Belgian Law which requires that a Notary is present when the changes to Statutes are made. This is an additional level of administration the Board could do without but the law must be respected. All Effective Members are asked to co-operate and send a representative to the Assembly in Brussels or to advise the Board of a Proxy who can vote on their behalf. All Members have been advised of this development and an Agenda is being sent to them.

The Assembly will have to vote on exactly the same proposals as in Luxembourg but in the presence of a Notary and the changes will have to be approved by the Belgian King.

The **EDA Board** last met in Rome 13 – 15 June 2008 and will meet again in Berlin 4 – 5 October 2008. **EDA Members** have been sent a communiqué with information on matters arising from the Board Meeting in Rome.

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## SR Michael Kalmár President's Column

The Final Step is the most difficult one ...

A few years ago when the Board of Directors started the work on the **New Statutes** of the **European Dyslexia Association** we did not foresee the many challenges we had to face.

Whilst making all the changes and creating the new regulations we have spent a lot of time in discussion, first in the Board, and then in consultation with our member organisations. When a consensus was reached, we were glad (and proud) to present it to the 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly held in Luxembourg on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

That General Assembly unanimously accepted the English Translation of the New Statutes (the original had to be in French – following the legal rules in Belgium).

But, when we presented the French original to our legal adviser in Belgium to take the necessary final steps, the Board learned that a new Belgium law which regulates International Charities calls for more steps.

The envisaged amendments must form the subject of an 'authentic deed' prepared, supervised and carried out by a Notary. Moreover, the amendment in relation to the objects or the activities must be approved by the Belgian King. Finally, a number of the envisaged amendments must be brought to the attention of third parties by filing them into the records held at the Court Registry of the Commercial Court and by publishing them in the annexes to *le Moniteur Belge* (the Belgian State Gazette).

Therefore, a further **General Meeting in the presence of a Notary** has to take place.

The Board plans to hold this **General Assembly on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Brussels**. Your organisation has already been officially invited for this final step to complete the requirements.

Please note that the General Assembly can not validly be held unless **two-thirds** of the **Effective Members** are present or represented. The proxies for members who wish to be represented at this meeting do not have to be drawn up in the form of an authentic deed. Nevertheless, Article 8 of the Articles of Association provides that **the proxy-holder must be an Effective Member and that each Effective Member is only entitled to hold two proxies**.

To prepare the legal requirements **we urgently need from each Effective Member** organisation a **Corporate Name** (in the local language **and** in English), in legal form, **the address of the Registered/official Office** (we have not got all of them in our records!) and **a copy of their identification/founding document**.

**IF I DO NOT RECEIVE THESE DOCUMENTS FROM ALL OF THE EFFECTIVE MEMBERS BY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008, I WILL BE FORCED TO POSTPONE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

**So the representation of your organisation, present or represented by Proxy, at that General Assembly is needed to keep the EDA legally alive!**

# INVITATION

to the

## **16. German Congress on Dyslexia and Dyscalculia** Free University of Berlin, 2. to 5. October 2008, in German and English Language

1. in **German**, 2. to 4. October 2008:

### **National Symposium**

**Parents Symposium**

**Workshops**

<http://www.legasthenie.net/index.php5?p=/Kongress2008>

2. in **English**, 3. October 2008:

*European Symposium*

A Contribution of the European Dyslexia Association

<http://www.legasthenie.net/index.php5?p=/kongress2008/eurosymposium>

(**FREE** for visitors of the National Symposium and/or for visitors of the International Symposium)

3. in **English**, 3. to 5. October 2008:

### **International Symposium**

[http://www.ctw-congress.de/dyslexia\\_dyscalculia/](http://www.ctw-congress.de/dyslexia_dyscalculia/)

On behalf of the German Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Association (BVL) I cordially invite you to the International Conference – State-of-the-Art in Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Research to be held in Berlin, October 3–5, 2008. This conference comes at an exciting time when a number of neuropsychological, brain imaging and molecular genetic studies have been conducted worldwide, and recent results of their work can be presented.

International Conference – State-of-the-Art in Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Research is intended to provide an overview over the international research findings in dyslexia and dyscalculia, summarize recent progress in molecular genetic work, and foster international collaboration.

The scientific topics covered in International Conference – State-of-the-Art in Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Research include functional brain imaging studies, genome wide association studies, and analysis of brain processes correlated with dyslexia and dyscalculia. Emphasis will be given to neurobiological results and their relevance to aetiology, diagnoses and treatment of dyslexia and dyscalculia.

International Conference – State-of-the-Art in Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Research is funded by German Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Association (BVL), German Research Foundation (DFG), the Free University of Berlin, and the European Dyslexia Association. The conference will be held in the Henry Ford Building of the Free University of Berlin

**Gerd Schulte-Körne**

*for program committee and the local organizing committee*

For **INFORMATION, PROGRAMME** and **REGISTRATION**:

[http://www.ctw-congress.de/dyslexia\\_dyscalculia/](http://www.ctw-congress.de/dyslexia_dyscalculia/)

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN BERLIN!**

**NB:** Please inform also your colleagues, members and friends!

# INVITATION

## 11<sup>th</sup> Italian National Congress

31 October - 1 November

Rome

**ESSERE 'DYS'**  
(to be 'DYS')

The Congress is in **Italian** and being organised by the Italian Dyslexia Association  
at the Center of the Catholic University Del Sacre Cuore, Rome

**For More information see:**

[www.aiditalia.org/xi\\_congresso\\_nazionale\\_roma\\_31\\_ottobre\\_1\\_novembre\\_2008.ht](http://www.aiditalia.org/xi_congresso_nazionale_roma_31_ottobre_1_novembre_2008.ht)

# INVITATION

## 9<sup>th</sup> Spanish Congress on DYSLEXIA

7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008

In

**Palma d.M.**

**UNIDOS POR LA DYSLEXIA**  
(Together against Dyslexia)

The Congress is in **Spanish** and is organised by FEDIS, the Spanish umbrella dyslexia association

**For more information see:** [www.congresodislexia.com](http://www.congresodislexia.com)

## 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference

27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008

### *'Making Links'*

*(as extracted from a report in the BDA's journal DYSLEXIA CONTACT for May/June 2008)*

Under the experienced Conference Chair, **Prof. Maggie Snowling**, the 7<sup>th</sup> BDA International Conference was attended by 750 delegates from across the world, from as far away places as Brazil, India, Japan, Peru and Russia – and was deemed a great success.

There were 15 eminent keynote speakers on research into dyslexia and its causes with 65 research papers, 12 symposia, 24 workshops and 86 interactive poster presentations. There were also 33 exhibition stalls covering a wide variety of products. The Mayor of Harrogate welcomed the Delegates to the Conference to a champagne reception on the first evening, followed by a *Bollywood* film about an Indian boy with dyslexia. The Conference Dinner was held on the Friday evening at the Majestic Hotel with keynote speaker **Aryan Van de Leij** (Netherlands) providing an entertaining and 'musical' after dinner speech.

A CD-Rom of the conference is available for those wishing to have detailed extracts from the principal papers presented (free to delegates).



*(L to R) Judi Stewart, Maggie Snowling, Sir Jim Rose, Jennifer Owen Adams*

There were many excellent speeches from the keynotes and other presenters and many comments can be found in the BDA's journal **Dyslexia Contact** for May/June 2008. One point not so often emphasised to Local Education Authorities that struck the *EDA NEWS Editors* was made by Prof. Barbara Foorman (USA) in her keynote speech: that 3 – 5 year old children with specific reading problems find it very hard to catch up without specific recognition of their problem and intervention.

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Education Authorities should be told this over and over again until they act to help this age group and so avoid many of the problems that usually arise later.

The next BDA International Conference is in March 2011, but see below .....

\* *Note:* The Making Links Conference Logo was designed by **Jay Barker** who won the national design competition. Jay designed the logo whilst at Slindon college, Sussex, and was diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 5 years and later with dyslexia. He attended the College from 9 – 16 where he gained 9 GCSE's; he is now doing a City and Guilds course in automotive engineering.



## **Dyslexia ~ Making Links: from Theory to Practice**

**February 2009**

**Building on the success of the 7<sup>th</sup> BDA International Conference 'Dyslexia ~ Making Links' in March 2008, the British Dyslexia Association is running another conference, specifically for practitioners in UK and Europe. The Conference will be taking place at the end of February 2009 and will be in the UK (see website for venue details).**

**Please visit [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk) where you will find updates on this event.**

- Dyslexia ~ Making Links: from theory to practice is a 2 day event with the option of attending an additional 2 day training course on SpLD linked to the conference themes.
- Master Classes based on research and practice on a range of subjects including:
  1. Reading Comprehension Impairments
  2. Developmental Co-ordination Disorders
  3. Dyscalculia and Dyslexia
  4. Attention Deficit Disorders and Hyperactivity Disorders
  5. Speech and Language Difficulties
  6. Auditory Processing Disorders
  7. Specific Language Impairments
  8. The role of Self Esteem and Self Perception in addressing Specific Learning Difficulties
  9. Genetic factors, symptoms, comorbidity occurrence and implications for practitioners will also be covered

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Each Masterclass will include a Researcher and Practitioner to provide information on the learning difficulty and practical advice on the most appropriate teaching. Implications for practitioners will be discussed. An interactive element will enable delegates to ask detailed questions as part of the Masterclasses.

Prestigious speakers will be attending including:

Dr Joel Talcott  
Professor Maggie Snowling  
Professor Charles Hulme  
Professor David Sugden

Dr Ian Smythe  
Dr Eva Gyamarthy  
University Jyvalskya , Finland

The conference as a whole will include time for delegates to ask questions of the experienced presenters as well as an Exhibition.

Two 'Round the Table' discussions will also be run over the two days, chaired by a key academic made up of Master Class presenters who will respond to questions from the audience.

**For more information or to book a place please contact Katherine Dumas at the BDA Education Office on [katherined@bdadyslexia.org.uk](mailto:katherined@bdadyslexia.org.uk) or call 0845 251 9003 and select Option 4. You can also monitor updates on the Conference at [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk)**



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## EUROPEAN FORUM

2<sup>nd</sup> 'DYS' DAY to follow up support for 'DYS' people  
(dysphasia,dyslexia,dyspraxia, etc.)

in

STRASBURG

**CANCELLED**

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10<sup>th</sup> October 2008

***DYS and School  
from Kindergarten to joining the Workforce***

**SPEAK TO YOUR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ..... INVITE THEM !**

**Organised by FLA and APAJH** who will advise which building in the European Parliament will be used, including the programme. Keynote speakers in English and French.

## COLLOQUE EUROPÉEN

Les DYS Sont retour au Parlement European !

**CANCELLED**



# BOOK LIST

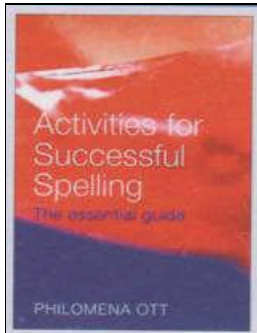
The full Book List is available on our website. The Editors will be pleased for any suggestions or recommendations for inclusion in our Book List (**in any language**) which they have read and which are recognised as being of value to parents, teachers and other professionals concerned with dyslexia in their countries.

**D = in Deutch    E = in English    F = in French**

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>Publisher</u></b>	<b><u>ISSN</u></b>
<b>E</b> <i>The Rights of Dyslexic Children in Europe</i>	Marta Bogdanowicz Alan Sayles	Verlag Lernen mit Pfiff	83-7134-171-7
<b>E</b> <i>Growing up with Dyslexia: Cognitive and Psychological Impact and Salutogenic Factors</i>	Ingesson, S Gunnel	Dept. of Psychology Lund University 2007	Contact Publisher
<b>E</b> <i>Dyslexia, the Self and Higher Education</i>	David Pollak	Trentham Books 2007 272 pages £18.99	1 85856 360 7
<b>E</b> <i>Motivating Learners in the Classroom – Ideas &amp; Strategies</i>	Gavin Reid	Paul Chapman Publishing 2007 <a href="http://www.paulchapmanpublishing.co.uk">www.paulchapmanpublishing.co.uk</a>	
<b>D</b> <i>Lautschulung</i>	Michael Kalmár	Verlag Jugend und Volk e 13.20 in österreich über die Schulbuchaktion erhältlich	978 3 7100 1338 6
<b>D</b> <i>Handbuch Legasthenie</i>	Renate Hofmann & Michael Kalmár (Hg;ed)	Verlag Lernen mit Pfiff 21.90 euros	3 902285 49 4
<b>E</b> <i>Dyslexia: An International Journal of Research &amp; Practice</i>	Ed. Angela Fawcett	John Wiley& Sons Ltd 2008 75 pages	1076-9242
<b>E</b> <i>100 Ideas for Supporting Pupils with dyslexia</i>	Gavin Reid & Shannon Green	Continuum Intl. Pub. 2007 128 pages £8.49	0-8264-9398-X
<b>E</b> <i>BDA Dyslexia Handbook</i>	Ed. Ann Cooke & Jennifer Owen Adams	British Dyslexia Assoc. £12 2008	
<b>E</b> <i>My Life File</i>	Ersin Öztoycan	Harris at <a href="mailto:export@moufflon.com.cy">export@moufflon.com.cy</a> 2008 10.50 euros	
<b>E</b> <i>The Dyscalculia Toolkit</i>	Ronit Bird	Sage Publishing. £29.95.	978-1-41294-765-7
<b>F</b> <i>Victor et les amulettes</i>	Marie-Nuage Giuaicelli & Audrey Jacamin	AUZOU    September 2008	13 euros



## BOOK REVIEWS

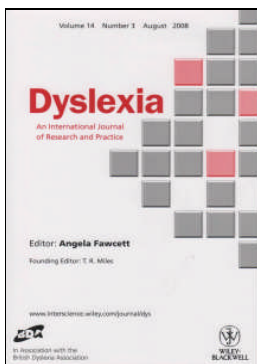


### **Activities for Successful Spelling** The essential guide

by **Philomena Ott**

*Published by Routledge 2008. £39.99 404 pages ISBN 0-415-38574-1*

Although this book was written as a companion to ***How to Manage Spelling Successfully***, it may be used independently. It is a practical resource, designed to help students develop an understanding of spelling. The materials cover phonics, syllables, plurals, homophones, root words, prefixes and suffixes. It has a structured, sequential and cumulative approach and the activities use multi-sensory learning to suit different learning styles. A 'Synthetic Phonics Diagnostic and attainment Test' is included to identify a starting point for teaching, setting targets and measuring progress. (*Jeanette Moss, Teacher, Kip McGrath Education Centre - extract from British Dyslexia Assoc. DYSLEXIA CONTACT*)



### **Dyslexia - An International Journal of Research and Practice**

Edited by **Angela Fawcett**

*Published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd. Volume 14 No.3 August 2008 193 pages ISSN 1076-9242*

This prestigious publication is the latest in a series started by Prof. Tim Miles of Bangor University. It is offered at a discount rate to members of the British Dyslexia Association. This special issue contains selected presentations from the 7<sup>th</sup> International BDA Conference held in Harrogate in March 2008 which was attended by 800 delegates.

For further information contact the Publishers or British Dyslexia Association.



## Victor et les amulettes

by Marie-Nuage Giuaicelli et Audrey Jacamin

*Published by AUZOU for Services Culture Éditions Ressources pour L'Éducation Nationale  
September 2008 prix: 13 euros*

This children's book written in French is for supporting the reading by young children who are beginning to read and it is very good for dyslexic children.

**Dr Anne-Marie Montarnal**, a former Board Member of the EDA, was asked for some advice in the way the text is written and printed to make reading easier.



## CallDysc Project

(Collaborative Additional Language Learning for Dyslexics)

The **European Dyslexia Association** is a partner in this EU Project under the Socrates, Minerva, programme which is about how dyslexics respond to language learning using mobile telephone technology.

For more information about the progress of the Project or if you wish to be part of the TESTING TEAM, contact the **CallDysc Team** at: [www.calldysc.eu](http://www.calldysc.eu)

To find out more about the Testing Team and what is involved in taking part, go to the downloads page on this website and follow the text instructions.

The **EDA's** representative on this Project is EDA Board Member **Karin Brünger**.





## Dyslexia International – Tools & Technologies (DITT)

**DITT** issued a press release on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in launching its pilot project for free online teacher training on dyslexia for the Belgian Ministry of Education. The object of the project is to give trainee teachers the necessary skills and information for teaching and responding to the needs of dyslexic learners. The project is to be piloted in the Autumn of 2008.

For more information: Telephone: **Dr Goetry**  
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**DITT** are also in operational relations with UNESCO, under UNESCO's policy of *Education for All*, concerning the issues of education for schools operating in war zones and famine and tyrant lead communities.

The United Nations 61<sup>st</sup> Annual DPI/NGO Conference on 3 – 5 September 2008 is being attended by a representative of DITT. The Conference aims to strengthen efforts in respect of human rights in the world and will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year the Conference is in Paris which is the first time it is being held outside of New York.



## EUROPEAN DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

### DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

**5 – 11 October 2008**

Is your programme ready ?  
If help is needed, information may be obtained from  
the EDA Secretary at:

[sander.lars@gmail.com](mailto:sander.lars@gmail.com)



# International Conferences & Symposia

Country	Organisation & subject	Venue & Date
<b><u>2008</u></b>		
<b>GERMANY</b>	Deutschen Gesellschaft fur Sprachheil-padagogik - <i>28<sup>th</sup> Kongress</i> <i>For Information:</i> <a href="http://www.dgs-ev.de">www.dgs-ev.de</a>	COTTBUS Brandenburg <b>25 - 27</b> <b>September</b>
<b>GERMANY</b>	Bundesverband Legasthenie e.v. <i>16<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress: Legasthenie und Dyskalkulie</i> <i>Spannungsfeldzwischen Medizin, Bildung und</i> <i>Gessellschaft</i> <i>Contact:</i> <a href="mailto:gf@bvl-legasthenie.de">gf@bvl-legasthenie.de</a>	BERLIN <b>2 - 5</b> <b>October</b>
	<u>International Congress</u>	<b>3 - 5</b>
	<u>EDA Symposium</u>	<b>3</b>
<b>CYPRUS</b>	Cyprus Adult Education Association <i>Training Course in English: Reading &amp; Writing</i> <i>Difficulties &amp; Adult Learning</i> <i>Contact:</i> <a href="mailto:klitossy@cytanet.com.cy">klitossy@cytanet.com.cy</a>	LIMASSOL <b>22 - 26</b> <b>October</b>
<b>ITALY</b>	Associazione Italiana Dislessia <i>11<sup>th</sup> National Congress: Essore 'DYS'</i> At Center for Catholic University Del Sacre Cuore <i>Contact:</i> <a href="mailto:info@dislessia.it">info@dislessia.it</a>	ROME <b>31 Oct - 1 Nov</b>
<b>USA</b>	International Dyslexia Association <i>59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</i> <i>See:</i> <a href="http://www.interdys.org">www.interdys.org</a>	WASHINGTON <b>29 Oct – 1 Nov</b>
<b>PALMA d.M.</b>	FEDIS <i>See:</i> <a href="http://www.congresodislexia.com">www.congresodislexia.com</a>	PALMA <b>7 - 9</b> <b>November</b>
<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>European Dyslexia Association</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly	BRUSSELS <b>15 November</b>
<b><u>2009</u></b>		
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	British Dyslexia Association <i>Making Links: from Theory to Practice</i> 2 day event (plus optional 2 days SpID training) <i>See:</i> <a href="http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk">www.bdadyslexia.org.uk</a>	<b>February</b>

<b>BELGIUM</b>	Dyslexia International Tools & Technologies World Dyslexia Forum <u>Email Contact:</u> <a href="mailto:admin@DITT-online.org">admin@DITT-online.org</a>	<b>BRUSSELS</b> <b>March</b>
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Sprachheil- Pädagogik <u>Contact:</u> <a href="mailto:oegs_kongress09@yahoo.de">oegs_kongress09@yahoo.de</a>	<b>BAD ISCHL</b> <b>14 - 17</b> <b>October</b>
		<b><u>2010</u></b>
<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>European Dyslexia Association</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> All European Dyslexia Conference <u>See:</u> <a href="http://www.dyslexia.eu.com">www.dyslexia.eu.com</a>	<b>BRUGGES</b> <b>22 – 24 April</b>

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**BDA CONFERENCE February 2009 - 'Making Links' :**

**EU FUNDING AVAILABLE BEFORE DEADLINE OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

The Editors have just learned that this event has been approved by the **European Commission's Lifelong Learning Grundtvig and Comenius National Agencies** and is live on the database with reference number **UK-2009-845-002**. As such, if you are not from the UK, you are eligible to apply for funds under the 'In service Training Grant Scheme to attend this event.

Details at: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/lip/national\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/lip/national_en.html)

For programme details see page 6 of this issue of **EDA NEWS**.

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