

June, 2011

Dear AIA Members,

The month of June is Aphasia Awareness Month. I hope that next year we can have a joint project to be carried out in each country in the name of AIA! Please let us know what your country has done for the Aphasia Awareness month. Please think of something we could do together next year! We can discuss your ideas in Budapest.



I attended the Clinical Aphasiology Conference (CAC) in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This conference takes place every year and is very interesting.

At that meeting I was able to speak with the Executive Director of the National Aphasia Association in America (NAA): Ellayne Ganzfried, M.A. She and her colleague presented a poster at the conference titled: "Aphasia Awareness Training for Emergency Responders: Train the Trainers".

For all of you who have not met Ellayne yet, I took several photos of her wearing her very creative eyeglasses!!



(Ellayne, I hope you do not mind my including your photo in this letter to the AIA members. I will send you the photos I took asap!!). I hope that AIA and NAA can work together in the future in the interest of persons with aphasia (PWA) around the world!! We also hope that Ellayne will be able to attend an AIA GA meeting some time in the near future???



I would also like to tell you a little you a little story about how small the world is: At the CAC conference I went swimming every morning. On the first morning a couple cam to the pool and sat down. We started talking and I told them that I was attending a conference about aphasia. I was very surprised to receive the following response from the man: "I have aphasia since 1983!!". Dr. Dungelmann is now living in Florida and before his incident he was a very famous doctor in New York State!! We met several mornings and spoke about aphasia, Florida and other things. It was such a nice experience! Here is photo of Dr. Dungelmann and his wife! ( I hope I have spelled their name correctly!!)



You never know who you will meet when travelling!! Communication is so important!!



GA Meeting program: Please send me your suggestions for the program by July 10<sup>th</sup>. What you would like to present at the meeting? What do you want to have included in the program, etc.? Please send us your feedback!!



To remind you once again not to forget to send me your dates and wishes regarding your hotel reservation! I have heard from a few of you, so all of you who have not sent me your information, please do so as soon as possible. I will be away from June

23<sup>rd</sup> until July 4<sup>th</sup> so I will make all the reservations when I return to Vienna. I will be reading my emails whenever I can, but not so often. July 10<sup>th</sup> will be here very soon. All the members who were not able to attend the Vienna meeting, please try and come to Budapest. We are trying to get things going on a European basis and internationally, but without your help we cannot be successful!!

SAVE the dates: General Assembly Meeting, Budapest from September 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011!!

Zsuzsa, have you been able to receive some financial support for the meeting?

Once again: The meeting place and hotel have been selected. We will be holding the meeting in:



**Alfa Hotel Fiesta**

**H-1061 Budapest,  
Király u. 20.**

The room rates are **65** euros for a single room (including breakfast) and **70** euros for a double room (including breakfast).

Since we have reserved a contingency of rooms for the meeting, we can book no later than July 10<sup>th</sup> to receive the room rate. After that we may not be able to get any more rooms and Budapest is full during the summer. Several events will take place at that time!!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all in Budapest!!



Jean Do: Congratulations again! How was the ceremony when you received the *National Order of the Legion of Honor* ('*Chevalier dans l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur*') on May 26, 2011 in Saint-Etienne, France from Minister Nadine Morano for your achievements as president of FNAF.



A Preview of some of the topics to be discussed at the GA meeting:

At the GA meeting Prof. Dr. Gianfranco Denes (Board Member) will report on the progress of the EU-Proposal (Lifelong Learning) submitted by his Italian colleagues (DIDA) on maintaining one's driving license as a special user. He will also discuss the tourism project and show us some interesting materials.



Next year the Aphasia Rehabilitation conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia. Before that meeting takes place an Aphasia Summit will be held representing the People with Aphasia! More details will follow (Prof. Linda Worrall discussed the subject with me at the CAC meeting in Florida at the end of May., 2011).



**Philippe**, we wish you a very Happy Birthday!

I will close for now, but there will be more news to follow!

With the very best wishes from Vienna

Jacqueline

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