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Re: Speech Pathology Australia National Conference
Connections: Client * Clinician * Context
18 - 21 May 2014, Melbourne, Victoria

On behalf of Speech Pathology Australia, I would like to announce that the Connections: Client, Clinician, Context 2014 National Conference program and online registration is now available from our web site http://speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/spa-news-a-events/2014-national-conference.

As Chair of your Association, Speech Pathology Australia is offering you a complimentary Conference registration which includes attendance at the Welcome Reception on the Sunday evening and the Conference Dinner on the Wednesday evening. Please contact Pamela Richards, our National Conference Manager at conference@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au if you wish to avail this offer.

We are also offering our member Conference registration fee to members of your Association. We would ask that you kindly promote our Conference to your members through your member publications and/or website. Please direct them to the above website where they can view the process to avail the member rates.

The Conference will be held at the Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne, Victoria from 18 – 21 May 2014. This is an exciting opportunity for you to meet and to develop professional links with colleagues from Australia.

Speech pathology is an ever-advancing profession with speech pathologists servicing an increasingly varied and complex clientele. Research evidence is essential for best practice. The Melbourne 2014 Conference Planning Committee (CPC) invites clinicians, researchers, and academics to explore the three other key areas of evidence based practice, namely the client's perspective, the clinician's clinical experience, and the clinical context.

The CPC was very impressed by both the number and quality of the papers, workshops and poster presentations submitted. Connections: client * clinician * context will be led by our dynamic, keynote and invited speakers; Dr Susan Roulstone, Dr Susan Langmore, and Associate Professor Jacinta Douglas.

With the capable support of our Scientific Program Sub-Committee, all submissions have been peer reviewed and a comprehensive program has been developed comprising papers, workshops and poster presentations.

Melbourne, a sophisticated world city in the south-east corner of mainland Australia, inspires a deep passion in those who live here. Melbourne is very much about lifestyle. It is no huge surprise to residents that their city has been ranked as one of the world’s most liveable cities. Melburnians love the city's vibrant energy, restaurants, fashion boutiques, café-filled laneways, cool bars, unbeatable galleries, spacious parks, and village-like inner suburbs, each with its own special character. Melbourne is a young city and as such it never sits still. Modern, cutting-edge designs add to the fascinating mix of heritage architecture and ensure the skyline is constantly changing.

We look forward welcoming you to Melbourne to be part of the energy generated in the exchange of new ideas at the Speech Pathology Australia 2014 National Conference.

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Theodoros
National President
Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne, Australia

18 – 21 May 2014

Key Dates:
7 February 2014
Online Program and Registration Form – available from the Conference website.
8 April 2014
Early Bird registration closes.

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Dr Susan (Sue) Roulstone, MEd, FRCSLT, DH
Sue is Emeritus Professor of speech and language therapy at the University of the West of England, Bristol and Director of the Bristol Speech & Language Therapy Research Unit. Sue qualified as a speech and language therapist in Manchester and has worked as a clinician, an educator, a manager and a researcher with children and young people of all ages. Her research interests include child, family and life course perspectives on speech and language impairment, professional decision making and evaluation of speech and language therapy. Sue led the parents and children consultation that informed the key messages in the Bercow report. As a member of the core team for the Better Communication Research Programme, Sue led the work on parents’ and children’s perspectives on outcomes. Her most recent research programme has identified an evidence based model of intervention for preschool children with primary speech and language impairment. In 2013 she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Health by Manchester Metropolitan University.

Dr Susan Langmore, Ph.D, CCC-SLP, BRS-S
Susan is Professor of Otolaryngology at Boston University Medical Centre and Speech Language and Hearing Sciences at Boston University where she teaches Dysphagia, Motor Speech Disorders, and mentors masters and doctoral students. She is Director of Speech Language Pathology Services at Boston Medical Centre where she also maintains an active clinic caseload. Susan is most widely known for developing the FEES procedure to evaluate dysphagia. She lectures throughout the country and internationally. Susan has maintained an active research program for several years. She is a fellow of ASHA and was given the Honours of the Association in 2012.

Elizabeth Usher Memorial Lecture – Associate Professor Jacinta Douglas
Jacinta is Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Human Communication Sciences at La Trobe University and an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the Florey Neuroscience Institutes. She has extensive research and clinical experience in the rehabilitation of adults with ABI. Her work in the domains of interpersonal communication and psychosocial functioning following ABI, focuses on maximising the ability of people with brain injury to participate fully in society across all levels of functioning. This work has highlighted the crucial role of social connection for adults with ABI, characterising links to emotional function, the experience of self and independence. Jacinta is a Fellow of Speech Pathology Australia and of the Australian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment and is founding co-editor of the interdisciplinary journal *Brain Impairment*.
# Program Overview

**Sunday 18 May 2014**
- **9.00am – 10.30am** Welcome to connections: client.clinician.context and Opening Address
- **10.30am – 11.30am** Keynote Address by Dr Susan Roulstone: Exploring the relationship between client perspectives, clinical expertise and research evidence
- **11.30am – 12.30pm** NDIS: What does it mean for speech pathologists? (W)
- **12.30pm – 1.30pm** Lunch
- **1.30pm – 2.30pm** Keynote workshop presentation by Dr Susan Roulstone: Evidence based intervention framework for pre-school children with primary speech and language impairment (W)

**Monday 19 May 2014**
- **8.45am – 9.20am** Welcome to connections: client.clinician.context and Opening Address
- **9.20am – 10.30am** Keynote Address by Dr Susan Roulstone: Exploring the relationship between client perspectives, clinical expertise and research evidence
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- **11.30am – 1.00pm** NDIS: What does it mean for speech pathologists? (W)
- **1.00pm – 2.00pm** Lunch
- **2.00pm – 3.30pm** The new Privacy Amendment Act: An update (W)
- **3.30pm – 4.00pm** Afternoon tea
- **4.00pm – 5.30pm** Dealing with challenging clients and situations (W)
- **5.45pm – 6.30pm** The Communication Access Symbol: Creating connections in context
- **6.30pm – 8.00pm** Speech Pathology Australia: Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 20 May 2014**
- **9.00am – 10.30am** TEU Elizabeth Usher Memorial Lecture by Associate Professor Jacinta Douglas: Placing therapy in the context of the self and social connection
- **10.30am – 11.00am** Morning tea
- **11.00am – 12.30pm** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- **12.30pm – 1.30pm** Lunch
- **1.30pm – 3.00pm** Working and communicating effectively as an ethical practitioner (W)
- **3.00pm – 3.30pm** Afternoon tea
- **3.30pm – 5.00pm** Issues in speech pathology
- **5.15pm – 6.45pm** Nestlé Health Science workshop: Understanding the rheological parameters of thickened fluids for people with dysphagia
- **6.30pm – 8.00pm** University Staff Reception

**Wednesday 21 May 2014**
- **9.00am – 10.30am** WKP Keynote Address by Dr Susan Langmore: Old and new treatments for dysphagia: What is the evidence?
- **10.30am – 11.00am** Morning tea
- **11.00am – 12.30pm** EBP in clinical practice: Using your practice to contribute to the evidence base (W)
- **12.30pm – 1.30pm** Lunch (including Poster Session)
- **1.30pm – 3.00pm** Preschool language/Service delivery
- **3.30pm – 5.00pm** Clinical assessment of adult motor speech disorders: What to do and what it means (W)
- **5.15pm – 6.45pm** Close of connections: client.clinician.context and launch of 2015 Canberra National Conference
- **7.00pm – 12.00am** Pre Dinner Drinks and Guild Insurance Conference Dinner

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Presentations are subject to change so please ensure you regularly check the 2014 National Conference webpage at [www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au). (W) denotes workshop.