
The 10th Oxford Dysfluency Conference Proceedings

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The papers that make up these Proceedings have arisen from oral and poster presentations at the 10th Oxford Dysfluency Conference (ODC), which took place at St Catherine’s College between 17th and 20th July 2014. The Conference is held every three years, with the aim of providing a collegial environment for clinicians, researchers and students to discuss and present their work and to advance the field of dysfluency through the dissemination of research and best clinical practice.

The long standing collaboration between, The Michael Palin Centre, Action for Stammering Children, De Montfort University and The Stuttering Foundation was once again enhanced by the relationship with Elsevier as conference organisers.

One of the wonderful benefits of conferences is the opportunity they provide to present studies, data and findings at the prepublication stage. Researchers have the opportunity to gain feedback about studies in the early stages; evolve their methods in response to questioning; explore their data from different perspectives; and to consider the implications of their findings, an experience which should be dynamic, positive and constructive. Attendees have the opportunity to stay abreast of current research activity, to consider the value and applicability of any findings for their own client group or research, many months if not years before the information becomes available through publication. The same is true for innovative therapies and methods.

The aim of these Proceedings is to reflect the diversity, depth and breadth of the conference itself. For this reason, we have included abstracts of oral and poster presentations as well as completed papers. Both the abstracts and the papers themselves report work at various stages of development and provide the reader with an insight into the state of the field in many different countries around the world. As is the case when attending a conference, it is for the reader to critically appraise and evaluate the papers and to utilise the information accordingly.

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The Proceedings open with the after dinner speech given by Mr Norbert Lieckfeldt, the Chief Executive Officer of the British Stammering Association, who presents his wish list for researchers and therapists to consider. The full papers follow with abstracts of oral and poster presentations after.

These Proceedings have been published thanks to the generosity of Action for Stammering Children and the Michael Palin Centre. We hope that these papers and abstracts will extend the reach of the conference itself and enthuse, encourage, influence and inform research and clinical practice, and ultimately improve the lives of people who stutter. We would like to thank Mary Spencer at the Michael Palin Centre for her support in the editing process.

Thank you to all the presenters and delegates of the 10th ODC for your contributions, enthusiasm and curiosity. We look forward to working with you again in 2017.

Addendum
As we are going to press, we have received the very sad news that Dave Rowley has died suddenly. These proceedings unexpectedly reflect Dave’s final ODC conference. There will be many who will remember Dave as a good friend and knowledgeable colleague, a calm and positive man. He supported and encouraged new researchers and respected and listened to those with experience. We will miss him.

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