



Stuttering A Clinical Symposium

Cavtat, Croatia
22 - 26 May 2010



Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to join the world's clinical authorities in stuttering as an observer at this historic event. Following on from earlier symposia on stuttering, the first of which took place eighty years ago in Chicago, this Symposium in May 2010 is a unique forum focused on the examination of leading approaches to stuttering treatment.

The Symposium will deliver the most comprehensive and authoritative clinical reference text to date. For four days, experts from the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and Europe will present their clinical procedures for structured discussion and debate.

The venue is Cavtat, overlooking the Adriatic Sea, near Dubrovnik, at the luxurious Hotel Croatia.

Mark Onslow



Professor **Mark Onslow** is the Foundation Director of the Australian Stuttering Research Centre at the Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney. His background is speech pathology, in which field he holds a Bachelor of Applied

Science, Master of Applied Science, and a Doctorate. He currently is the Associate Dean for Research and Innovation in the Faculty. Professor Onslow's research interests are the epidemiology of early stuttering in preschoolers, mental health of those who stutter, measurement of stuttering, and the nature and treatment of stuttering. The Australian Stuttering Research Centre has published the majority of the world's speech pathology clinical trials for stuttering treatment. Recently, work has begun at the Centre to apply information technologies to stuttering treatment.

Suzana Jelčić Jakšić



Suzana Jelčić Jakšić is a speech therapist at the Children's Hospital in Zagreb and also owns a private practice, Logopedski Centar. She has a BSc and an MSc in Speech Pathology from the Faculty of Educational and Rehabilitational Sciences at the

University of Zagreb. Her research is focused on the attitudes and emotions of people who stutter. A person who stutters herself, she formed the Croatian Association for People Who Stutter "Hinko Freund" and is a Member of the Board of Directors of the International Stuttering Association. Suzana Jelčić Jakšić was the organiser of the 8th World Congress for People Who Stutter in 2007. She says "I am very excited about this symposium and honoured that it is being held in Croatia".



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Children's Hospital Zagreb

Registration

We invite you to be a part of a targeted audience of clinicians, researchers and research students worldwide with an interest in the clinical management of stuttering.

As an observer, you will have the opportunity to listen to the world's leading clinical experts presenting their therapeutic approaches and debating the evidence supporting them with a number of experts in dysfluency.

Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Please note that the number of participants is limited and participation is on a first come, first served basis.

No applications will be considered after 31 March 2010.

Fee	€ 425
Discounted local fee*	€ 295
Discounted PhD student fee**	€ 215

*Participants from Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia and Bulgaria pay the discounted fee.

**Full time PhD students pay the discounted fee.

Accommodation is available at the Hotel Croatia and at a range of other venues. For further information and to download the registration form, please go to

http://sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/asrc/croatia

The Method

Presenters will speak for 15 minutes about their treatment method and its evidence base. Subsequently, presenters will host an informal 15-minute discussion with a number of observers while the symposium forms four discussion groups.

The four groups will then engage the presenters in a discussion. The presentations and the discussions will be the chapters of the conference text. Papers will not be delivered or distributed prior to the conference.

The convenors encourage vigorous and even controversial debate during the Symposium. However, there is an expectation that debate will nonetheless be collegial.

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The Schedule

The conference will begin with a welcome function at the hotel on Saturday evening. At 9 am the following morning the conference convenors will deliver welcome addresses. Proceedings will conclude at 4 pm each day. Breaks will occur for morning and afternoon tea and lunch. An excursion to Dubrovnik is planned for the Monday afternoon. In order to continue discussion and debate, presenters are asked that they make themselves available to lead informal meetings in social settings at five restaurant sites in Cavtat. Dinner will be complimentary for those presenters each evening.

The Concept

Suzana Jelčić Jakšić and Mark Onslow have developed an exclusive event incorporating a clinical, multidisciplinary approach. The symposium will be attended by twenty presenters, four discussion leaders, a select number of invitees from various disciplines, and a number of observers. It is intended that all presenters will attend all presentations and discussion groups.

For further information, please contact **Jasmine Katakos**, conference organizer.

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