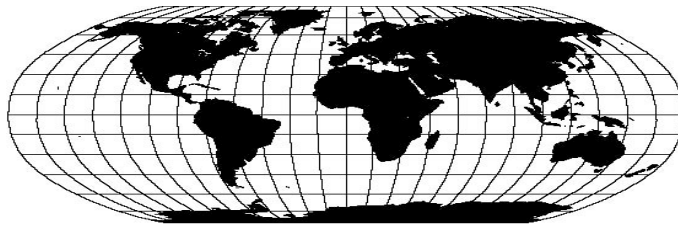


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The summer INS meeting, jointly sponsored with SONEPSA, recently concluded in Buenos Aires. By all accounts, the meeting was a success. Over 1,000 people attended, by far the largest meeting outside North America co-sponsored by the INS. The attendees represented many countries around the world, with especially strong representation of Argentina, Brazil, and other countries in South America and Central America. At a dinner sponsored by the hosts, I sat at a table with attendees from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, and the United States.

The attendees also reflected the multiple disciplines involved in neuropsychology, including psychology, neurology, psychiatry, and the speech sciences, and with considerable representation from rehabilitation and education.

The success of the meeting reflected hard work on the part of the local organizers, led by co-program chair Mariana Drake, also responsible for local arrangements; co-program chair, Robin Morris; the Continuing

Education Chair, Jennifer Manly; and the Executive Secretary, Robert Bornstein and his office.

Members of the INS were called upon to contribute in different ways, with particular assistance from individuals who helped with translations of the Continuing Education materials: Mariana Cerner, Tedd Judd, Celiane Rey-Casserly, and Monica Rivera-Mindt. Special thanks should be given to Adele Diamond, who gave the Birch lecture, and to Antonio Bechara, Sophia Fraga, Andy Kertesz, and Catherine Mateer, who gave invited addresses.

An explicit goal of the INS is to facilitate knowledge, awareness, and understanding of the science of neuropsychology around the world. The INS accomplishes this goal through the International Liaison Committee (ILC), which has operated with increasing success under the leadership of Bernice Marcopulos. Dr. Marcopulos' term as ILC chair is coming to an end, and the Board is soliciting applications for a new ILC chair, with a goal of continuing to

develop the INS as a truly international meeting.

Another way for the INS to build itself as an international organization is to continue joint sponsorship of the summer meetings, which are planned for Finland, Poland, and Greece. In addition, the 2010 North American meeting will be held in Acapulco, Mexico, and we hope to arrange joint sponsorship of that meeting with Latin American neuropsychological societies.

Dr. Bornstein and I will be traveling to Edinburgh for the first meeting of the European Federated Societies of neuropsychology, an organization of multiple European national organizations devoted to neuropsychology. We will be discussing ways in which our organizations can work together on behalf of neuropsychology.

The INS Board is committed to the international mission of the INS. We welcome suggestions and opportunities for collaboration that would help increase the international visibility of the INS and fulfill its mission.

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*Message
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It's hard to believe that this is my last year as Chair of the International Liaison Committee. My term ends at the February INS meeting in Atlanta, and it is my hope that a new chair will have already been selected and will immediately take over these duties. I thought I'd take this opportunity in the newsletter to reflect on the progress this committee has made over the past eight years and to thank the many individuals who have worked on this committee and assisted us, as we were able to meet many of our goals.

When I took over as ILC Chair in the summer of 2001, Lidia Artiola and Lloyd Cripe had already established most of the basic programs, in particular the ILC website with its associated programs and the INSNET Newsletter. I would like to summarize how the committee has built on Dr. Artiola's and Dr. Cripe's early work and highlight some of the new programs that have been established.

First of all, we organized a networking group of regional representatives from all over the world. Our regional representatives, who are listed on our web site, work to facilitate communication between the INS and regional societies in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Central and South America, and the Pacific Rim. They keep INS informed on developments in neuropsychology throughout the world.

We conducted a major survey of INS members outside North America in which a majority of respondents

indicated that they would like to see more international communication and collaboration, especially in the area of scholarship and scientist exchange programs, distance learning courses, support of continued education, and support of local conferences.

The development of the Charles Matthews Support Fund for speakers and videoconferences is a direct result of these survey results. We conducted an initial videoconference in Argentina with the support of Dr. Alberto L. Fernández.



Bernice Marcopulos with Gerhard Müller and Herbert König at the INS/SONEPSA Mtg

Recently we received our first Charles Matthews Support Fund grant proposal to teach a short course in neuropsychology at Charles University in Prague. In the first week of October, Julie Bobholz, Yana Suchy, Tom Hammeke, David Schretlen, and I will be traveling to Prague to teach Peter Kulistak's students in the Psychology Department and to meet with professional psychologists at several area hospitals.

We hope to receive more proposals for conferences, both on-site and via tele- or videoconference, as well as continuing education courses, and to this end we have started a Speaker's Bureau.

Probably the biggest ongoing project that we have tackled is to redesign and greatly enhance our website (www.ilc-ins.org). Kathy May, the ILC Program Director and webmaster, has logged countless hours updating and expanding our databases. The ILC website has become a terrific resource, not only for INS members, but for anyone interested in neuropsychology.

The four databases include an Education and Training database, a Funding Sources database and a Regional Societies database that includes 54 neuropsychological associations in 37 countries, and we add to this list all the time.

Our newest database is The Cross-cultural Referrals List, which provides contact information for neuropsychologists who are able to conduct assessments in more than one language. This database lists neuropsychologists from 16 countries practicing in 24 different languages, and we are continuing to grow this database.

In addition, we maintain an online list of forthcoming conferences of interest to neuropsychologists which is updated on a regular basis. Our Links page, our Resources page, and our International Positions page, as well as the announcements on the home page, are all geared toward reaching out and providing assistance to international neuropsychologists.

The number of unique visitors to the website has grown from a little over 300 to over 1,000 each month, with our current numbers for August at over 1,400. Thanks to volunteers Eileen Torres and Gloria Morote, much of our website has been translated into Spanish.

In the past eight years, we have produced 14 issues of INSNET under the able editorship of Nancy Pachana, David Shum, and most recently Helen Haanes. Each current and back issue of the bulletin is now available online on the ILC web site. Helen will be stepping down as well this year, and we are seeking a new editor.

We launched the Cross-cultural Online Discussion Forum, which has also been a good resource and a place to pose questions about assessment issues.

Among our programs, the Research and Editing Consultant Program has been greatly expanded--first, under

Debra Scheffel, and currently under John Woodard who has added about a dozen volunteers to help edit and consult with authors. He is working closely with JINS and other journals to advertise these services.

The Book and Journal Depository has been an ongoing and successful endeavor in which we are now donating new books and journals, instead of used ones, to deserving international programs. Pat Wyckoff and Genevieve Riley were previous coordinators. The Depository is currently headed by William Seidel.

The INS has seen a steady growth in attendance at mid-year meetings and has also enjoyed a steady growth in membership, particularly among non-North American members.

I have truly enjoyed my time as chair, and I know the incoming chair will also enjoy the challenges and the opportunities to meet and work with neuropsychologists from all over the world.

***Advancing
Neuropsychological
Testing in Africa: the
Role of the Africa
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Mental health is envisaged as a state of emotional and psychological well-being in which an individual is able to use his or her cognitive and emotional capabilities, function in society, and meet the ordinary demands of everyday life. This broad definition

illustrates that mental health is multi-disciplinary in nature.

The Africa Mental Health Foundation (AMHF) was founded by Professor David M. Ndetei to advance research for evidence-based policy and practice to promote mental and neurological health and healthy behaviour. In line with the aforementioned mission, the AMHF conducts research studies on issues concerned with mental health such as substance abuse, the burden of mental illness, impact of traumatic events, co-morbidity of psychiatric disorders, and traditional beliefs about mental health.

Studies which have a strong neuropsychological component have also been conducted among primary school children--one on the development of cognitive tools to understand the mechanism of HIV/AIDS prevention among primary school children, and the other to establish whether or not treating malaria improves a child's concentration.

Current research activities of the AMHF include studies on infant cognition and maternal mental health. Maternal HIV has been linked to problems in pregnancy and at birth, both of which increase risks for adverse neurobehavioral outcomes in the child. In this ongoing study, the impact of maternal HIV in the context of common co-infections such as malaria on neurobehavioral development in early childhood will be examined.

The AMHF conducts research through a network of research associates drawn from various disciplines which include psychiatry, psychology, education, social work, clinical and counseling psychology, nursing sciences, health economy, policy making and anthropology.

However, while carrying out various research activities, the AMHF is cognisant of the fact that tools that are used for neuropsychological or neuropsychiatric testing have been

developed in the west and may therefore not be very appropriate for African populations, or may be measuring completely different constructs.



Apart from this, a serious shortage of expertise in neuropsychological assessment exists which means that most tests are administered by personnel who are trained in other fields and may therefore not be very conversant with the 'psychological language' of a lot of the testing material.

To overcome the problems pertaining to the situations described, the AMHF ensures that a rigorous process of translation and modification is followed before any research can be conducted. Furthermore, extensive training on tool administration is provided by experts in the field to ensure that the integrity of the data collection process is maintained and to avoid a situation where impairments are found where none really exist (false positives) or the failure to detect true sequelae (false negatives). Either situation could lead to the inappropriate or inadequate allocation of scarce resources.

It is with a view to sharing lessons learned from the research activities

undertaken that the AMHF seeks to disseminate research findings to a wider population within a similar socio-cultural context. The AMHF supports researchers by providing a resource centre with current book materials and scientific journals in fields such as psychiatry, psychology and other related subjects. Technical support for data collection activities, secretarial services, and for publication of research findings is provided. The AMHF also provides a forum where researchers meet to discuss issues of common and varied interests.

However, since one of the aims of the AMHF is to create a wide network of researchers who can share their research experiences with others, physical support alone is inadequate. We envisage that sharing findings with others can be achieved by creating a virtual library of resources which can be accessed through the worldwide web, thus eliminating the necessity for physical accessibility. The library will be stocked with assessment materials which have been used with various populations, and which can be 'borrowed' by other researchers seeking to conduct similar research.

Through the Africa Psychometric Initiative (API), the AMHF brings together researchers who have made use of various neuropsychological and neuropsychiatric assessment materials, to share their experiences and findings in a bid to improve the manner in which assessments are carried out in Africa. Although the process is still at very preliminary stages, it is anticipated that these tools and assessments can be pooled together under one 'roof' of a virtual library.

All the research activities of the AMHF have been conducted in collaboration with various local and international institutions and organisations, including the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Africa Medical Research Foundation (AMREF), BasicNeeds (UK) in Kenya, the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the

Imperial College of the University of London, and Case Western Reserve University.

The process of compiling publications related to the studies conducted by the AMHF is underway and these publications will soon be accessible through www.mentalhealthafrica.com. The AMHF welcomes support and collaboration from locally- and internationally-based individual and institutional researchers.

***Neuropsychology
in
Bolivia***

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Bolivia, in the heart of South America, is a territory of enormous natural resources where multiple cultures and native languages converge. Many of its people have been striving for survival of identity and character since precolonial times. There is a significant need for medical assistance to a heterogeneous population, and within the field of Neuropsychology there are innumerable opportunities for research, innovation, and intervention.

In the next lines, I will present the most important accomplishments of the Bolivian Neuropsychological Society (SNpB) and take a chance on writing the first paragraphs of what will become a future project of investigation for the SNpB: "The History of Neuropsychology in Bolivia."

The Bolivian Neurological Society was founded in La Paz (the political

capital) on October 15, 1995, as a result of a series of preliminary organizational meetings started and led by Dr. Rene Calderón Soria in 1993. Calderón is a renowned scientist who i founded Bolivia's National Institute of Child Development in the 1960s.

In the 1970s, he initiated the country's first psychology course at the Bolivian Catholic University and in the 1980s, Calderon was also the founder of a psychology degree program in the country's main college of social sciences at the University Mayor de San Andrés – La Paz.

The first generations of psychologists trained in Bolivia had their first classes in Neuropsychology with Dr Calderón, who was followed by Dr. Margareth Hurtado, Dr. Juan Carlos Duran (renowned Bolivian neurologist and neurophysiologist), and Lic. Bismarck Pinto.

From its foundation in 1995 until today, the Bolivian Society of Neuropsychology has arranged the following academic activities:

1996, July: First seminar – Workshop in Neuropsychology, with Dr. Alfredo Ardila from the International University of Florida, USA, and Dr. Hugh Buckingham from the University of Louisiana, USA.

1997, April: Second seminar – Workshop in Neuropsychology, with a visit from Dr. Juan Azcoaga, member of the Neuropsychological Society of Argentina.

1998, September: Third seminar – Workshop in Neuropsychology and first international course in Neuropsychology, this time with a visit from Dr. Luis Red Quintanar and Dr. Yulia Soloniewa from Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico.

1999, February to December: Preparation and organization of the first graduate program in Neuropsychology, in collaboration with the Benemérita Universida Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP), Mexico.

2000, February to November: First graduate program: "Child Neuropsychology and Learning Disabilities" under the auspices of SNpB and guaranteed by BUAP.

2001: Ceremony of mourning and reorganization of the Bolivian Society after the irremediable loss of its President, Dr. Rene Calderón Soria.

2002, October: Course in Behavioural Medicine with Dr. David I. Mostofsky from the University of Boston, USA.

2002, November: Student Seminar on the subject "Brain and Cognition" with participation by national professionals.

2003, May to December: Scientific discussion meetings for members and candidates.

2004, March to December: Seminar - Workshop on Neuropsychological subjects for members of SNpB.

2005, February to November: Upgrade courses on the subject "Dementia" with the participation of members and candidates.

2006, April to September: Series of conferences under the direction of national professionals on the subject "Memory."

2007: Participation in academic-scientific activities of the Bolivian Society of Neurology.

2008: Start of activities towards an implementation of a graduate degree in Neuropsychology in Bolivia.

2011: Co-participation in the organization of the Pan-American conference in Neurology in La Paz, Bolivia.

All the activities of our society have hitherto taken place in La Paz. This year our challenge will be to organize departments in order to obtain national coverage.

At present we are the only scientific organization within the field with the

capacity to certify past and present neuropsychological academic education. All the senior members have had their post-graduate education abroad. The junior members are now hopeful about the influence we may have as a scientific organization in order to facilitate opportunities for post-graduate education in Neuropsychology within Bolivia in the future.



We do not yet have a registry of all the professionals in the country working within the fascinating field of Neuropsychology/Neuroscience. However, our society is planning to organize such a registry as soon as we have completed the formation of departments.

As an antecedent of Bolivian Neuropsychology we would like to mention Dr. Thomas Larsson of Sweden who lived in Sucre (Bolivia's constitutional capital) between 1984 and 1996, working in the Centre of Psychopediatric Research, where he conducted neuropsychological evaluations of children with learning disabilities. Dr. Larsson is now a member of the Swedish Neuropsychological Society.

It is also important to mention Dr. Lilianne Manning, originally from Bolivia, who had her professional education in Europe and is now living in France. She is at present a professor at the Louis Pasteur University in

Strasbourg where she directs the Masters Program in Clinical and Cognitive Neuropsychology as well as the research team of the National Centre of Scientific Research. Dr. Manning has recently established contact with our Society for future cooperation.

The first publication of neuropsychological research in Bolivia was submitted in 1979 with the first dissertation in Neuropsychology presented at the Catholic Bolivian University "San Pablo" by Dr. Rene Calderón Jemio, who is the former president of the Latin American Association of Behavioural Analysis and Behavioural Modification and was the first president of the Bolivian Psychology Institute. The dissertation was supervised by Dr. Ricardo Castañón Gomez, a Bolivian neurobiopsychologist.

Regarding Clinical Neuropsychology, the Hospital de Clínicas Universitario (the main public hospital in Bolivia) was the first hospital to open its doors to clinical neuropsychologists. From 1970-72, under the leadership of Dr. Mario Barragán, the first clinical neuropsychologist was admitted to the Department of Neurology and Neurophysiology.

In 1994 El Hospital de Clínicas Universitarias, under the direction of Dr. Federico Fortún, established the first Department of Psychology and Neuropsychology, organized by the author of this article. This was an important step that has made it possible for a growing group of psychology graduates to choose Neuropsychology as a discipline for professional development.

In 2006 the aforementioned Department of Psychology and Neuropsychology became the Department of Neuropsychology and Neurocognition under the Neurology and Neurophysiology Unit.

From 1994 until today, the Department has offered internal/external

consultations as well as interconsultations to patients with scarce resources older than fifteen years of age. At the moment the Unit is led by Dr. Maria Isabel Cusicanqui, whereas the Department is led by the author of this article.

For the last fourteen years our Department has worked continuously in an effort to obtain and maintain a "seedbed" of neuropsychologists, who aspire to achieve a postgraduate degree, which the SNpB has proposed to make viable within the next years.

However, in the process of substantial structural changes which have been going on in Bolivia for the last years related to democratization and modernization, the Department has faced a lot of difficulties in the endeavor to obtain its goals.

The educational training in Neuropsychology varies according to the degree of influence by the classic Neuropsychological approaches within the European, Soviet, and American schools.

Without distancing ourselves from the international context, there has gradually been an important development towards a Latin American approach, with essential contributions from renowned neuropsychologists such as Alfredo Ardila (Colombia) and Luis Quintanar Rojas (Mexico), both honorary members of our society. During these first fifteen years of our history, they have accompanied and inspired us in our activities and development in an absolutely selfless manner.

The current board members of la SNpB are Juan Carlos Duran Quiróz, president; Ninoska Ocampo Barba, general secretary; Patricia Winer Berkowitz, academical secretary; Teresa Palacios Garvizú, treasurer; as well as René Calderón Jemio and Yanira Garamendy.

Our Society still has a long way to go in the fascinating world of

Neuropsychology, where we daily have to cope with challenges related to technological, economical, and instrumental limitations. However, we have just started writing our history, with the central roles played by a multi- and transdisciplinary team of professionals aware of their roles of social duty.

I would like to apologize to those dedicated to Neuropsychology in Bolivia who were not mentioned in these paragraphs. For them, it is an obligation for the Bolivian Neuropsychological Society to start uncovering and writing our history. Finally, as a representative of la SNpB, I would like to dedicate this article as a posthumous homage to our mentor and founder Dr. René Calderón Jemio.

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Neuropsychology in Iceland

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Iceland has a total population of around three-hundred thousand. About two-thirds of the population lives in the capital, Reykjavík, and its metropolitan area. That is also where the largest hospital, the Landspítali-University Hospital, is located.

Of a total of about fifty psychologists employed at the Landspítali-University Hospital, five are neuropsychologists. Four of them are employed in the Department of Psychological Health Services which provides services to all the departments in the hospital, except Psychiatry where the fifth neuropsychologist is employed. There are about five other neuropsychologists employed in other institutions in Iceland, most of them in Reykjavík. To put this into

perspective, there are around two-hundred and ninety-six members in the Icelandic Psychological Society.



Training to become a psychologist in Iceland involves a five year master's level program, offered at the University of Iceland. This degree (Cand. psych.) is a general psychology degree which leads to full licensure in Iceland.

The possibility of psychology training in Iceland is relatively recent and until 2003 all Icelandic psychologists were trained abroad, many in the other Nordic countries (mostly Denmark, Norway and Sweden), but also in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, France, and elsewhere.

Although it has now become possible to train as a psychologist in Iceland, academic training in neuropsychology is limited. One undergraduate course in Clinical and Cognitive Neuropsychology has been offered annually in the Department of Psychology at the University of Iceland since 1991 and since 2002 a graduate course in Clinical Neuropsychology has been offered at the same university.

As a consequence, aspiring neuropsychologists in Iceland still need to seek their formal training in clinical neuropsychology abroad.

Currently, six to seven Icelanders are working on, or have recently completed, neuropsychological training abroad (Ph.D. or M.A.).

Neuropsychology in Iceland has evolved very rapidly in the past twenty years or so and it would appear that Icelandic neuropsychologists have had to go through the whole history of neuropsychological practice in this time span. There obviously are no shortcuts!

Thus, neuropsychologists in Iceland had mostly a diagnostic and counseling role in the early years, but gradually the neuropsychologists' roles expanded and now neuropsychological rehabilitation is on its way to becoming well accepted.

Icelandic neuropsychologists have also become quite involved in research, teaching, clinical training, and forensic work. Furthermore, clinical neuropsychology in Iceland has been enriched by an increasing number of non-clinical academics as well as specialists from other fields (e.g. neurology, psychiatry) pursuing research in neuroscience as well as in neuropsychology. This aspect will undoubtedly become more important in the near future.

The greatest challenge currently facing Icelandic neuropsychology is the lack of Icelandic standardizations for many of the more frequently used psychometric instruments, especially for adults. The Wechsler Scales (WAIS/WMS) have not been standardized for the adult population in Iceland and have only recently been translated. Furthermore, with very few exceptions, extensive Icelandic norms are not available for neuropsychological instruments either.

Recently an important milestone was reached in Icelandic neuropsychological history. On December 13th of last year, the Icelandic Neuropsychological Society (I^cNS) was founded. Founding members were twelve, both fully trained psychologists and students.

One of the aims of the society is to initiate closer collaboration with colleagues in the other Nordic countries and elsewhere, where there are well established neuropsychological societies.

Meetings Across Borders and the International Academy of Applied Neuropsychology

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The 5th Satellite Symposium on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, founded in 2004 by Barbara Wilson of the UK and Robyn Tate of Australia, took place at Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, on July 7-8, 2008, immediately following the International Neuropsychological Society Mid-Year Meeting, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

This was a multidisciplinary conference incorporating neuropsychology, clinical psychology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, social work, medicine, and nursing. The meeting of "The Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Special Interest Group" of the World Federation for NeuroRehabilitation (WFNR) was also held during the symposium.

There were sixty-three participants from more than ten countries broadly discussing applied neuropsychology. A review of the programme (posters included) and some pictures are published on the website www.koenigundmueller.de (English section, "previous seminars"). All abstracts are published in the journal

Brain Impairment, edited by Jacinta Douglas and Robyn Tate (both of Australia). The 6th Satellite Symposium will presumably be in Tallinn, Estonia on August 3-4, 2009.

Originally the German 'Academy by Koenig & Mueller' has emerged out of the "Center for Clinical Neuropsychology" in Würzburg (established 1997). Herbert Koenig and Gerhard Mueller have developed, next to their outpatient neuropsychological practice, an advanced training program that targets all interdisciplinary professionals working in the neurological rehabilitation sector.

Apart from postgraduate neuropsychological education for German, Austrian, and Swiss colleagues, more and more international courses in English are offered within the associated "International Academy of Applied Neuropsychology" since 2008. The academy has locations in Würzburg, Berlin and Munich (all Germany) as well as in other German and Swiss cities. They have also hosted symposia and conferences in Austria, Lichtenstein, Spain, and Brazil.

Improving international contacts is the goal of future conferences:

"Neuropsychology: Developments, Directions and Practical Applications" (Barbara Wilson, UK, 07-08.11.2008 in Rheinfelden, Switzerland)

"Holistic milieu-oriented neuropsychological rehabilitation: Theory and Practice" (Martie Vink, Netherlands, 30.01.2009 in Würzburg, Germany)

The next international project is "The First European Symposium on Symptom Validity Assessment," being held in Würzburg, Germany (08-09.05.2009).

"Advances in the study of anosognosia" & "Principles of neuropsychological rehabilitation ten

years later” (George Prigatano, USA, 14-15.05.2009 in Donostia / San Sebastian, Spain)

As an independent advanced training institute, the “International Academy of Applied Neuropsychology” offers their clients, university lecturers, and business partners high quality presentations and the possibility “to look beyond one’s national nose!”

Future directions aim for finding platforms to increase participation of neuropsychologists from countries with smaller groups and reduced funding. The INS-ILC could help in developing new ideas. Please contact Dr. Mueller or Dr. Koenig for further information.

Forthcoming Conferences

10th Annual Meeting of the Austrian Neuropsychological Society Oct. 4, 2008

Vienna, Austria
www.gnpoe.at/fortbildungen/10-jahrestagung-der-gnpoe-ambulante-neuropsychologie-2008-10-04
E-mail: info@gnpoe.at

23 Jahrestagung der GNP Gesellschaft für Neuropsychologie Oct. 9-12, 2008

Tubingen, Germany
<http://www.gnp.de/html/index.php>
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2008 Annual Meeting The Academy of Aphasia Oct. 19-21, 2008

Turku, Finland
Web site: academyofaphasia.org/contact@academyofaphasia.org

VI Congresso Brasileiro de Tecnologia e (Re)Habilitação Cognitiva

November 6-8, 2008 São Paulo, Brazil
www.sbnp.com.br/eventos01.htm

37th Annual INS Meeting February 11-14, 2009 Atlanta, Georgia, USA
<http://www.the-ins.org/meetings>

3rd Scientific Conference Neurological Restoration 2009 March 9-13, 2009 Havana, Cuba
E-mail: rn2009@neuro.ciren.cu
<http://www.ciren.cu/rn2009.pdf>

For more conferences, see the ILC web site Conferences page: www.ilc-ins.org/news.shtml

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