



INTERNATIONAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

Message from the Chair

The recent INS meeting in Hawaii provided another excellent forum for neuropsychologists around the world, with presentations by members from 24 different countries. The INS/ILC has made important strides this past year in its mission to promote research, service, and education in international neuropsychology. The ILC website, as our international online presence, offers an introduction to the INS as well as information and services. The online database of societies has been updated and equipped with direct hyperlinks to over 40 societies. Our funding sources database has also been updated. We've added new links and a new conferences page. Please check out the ILC website at www.ilc-ins.org and let us know what you think. We welcome your feedback & suggestions!

INS Net Seeking New Editor

Unfortunately, I am having to step down as editor of the INS Net newsletter. It's been a wonderful 18 months working closely with the ILC. However, I have been named editor of the journal *Clinical Psychology* here in Australia and need to devote my time to growing this promising journal. If you would like to take up the INS Net editorship, contact bmarcopulos@ilc-ins.org

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New Cross-Cultural Discussion Group

The Cross-Cultural Neuropsychology Discussion Group, which was initiated by Dr. Gunilla Oberg of Denmark, is up and running on the INS/ILC website. To join the "CCN listserv" go to our web page at www.ilc-ins.org and click on "Join Our Mailing List." You need to fill in your name and address; then you will be added to the list and will receive messages from the discussion group. You do NOT have to be a member of INS to join and participate in this mailing list. Please pass the word on to other colleagues who are interested in cross-cultural neuropsychological assessment who might want to join the discussions.

Stockholm Meeting Inspires Russian Neuropsychologist

Thanks to the help of the International Liaison Committee I had the fortunate opportunity of participating in the 24th Annual INS mid-year meeting in Stockholm last summer. I would also like to thank Dr. Jarl Risberg, chairman of the program Committee, who helped me to be there. It was my first experience at an international conference outside Russia. This experience has affected me very deeply. Until now I was quite satisfied with research which I carried out using the traditional Luria approach. At this conference I realized that modern neuropsychology has developed new research methods, which together with the Luria approach, can open new

opportunities for the study of many traditional neuropsychological problems.

Certainly, I knew before that neuropsychology was beginning to use more and more such modern methods of brain research, such as ERP, PET, and fMRI. But in Russian neuropsychology these methods practically are not used. At the INS meeting I saw a new way for continuation of my research in child neuropsychology when I took part in symposiums such as "Neuroimaging of language and music," "Mapping the neuroplasticity of memory," and "Imaging memory functions in healthy and damaged brains" and also when I heard the lectures of Stephen Rao and Christo Pantev.

I am investigating the problem of individual differences in cognitive abilities in children. I am trying to understand how individual differences in brain organization influence individual differences in cognitive abilities in preschool children. For this purpose, I use both the Luria child neuropsychological technique developed in Moscow State University and my own computerized sensorimotor technique. My work is based on the assumption that has been developed in Russian child neuropsychology that the qualitative analysis of results of neuropsychological inspection allows us to determine in children the deficiency of some brain areas, in particular, the left and right hemispheres and the frontal and occipital lobes. Further, the deficiency of one brain area can result in greater use of other brain areas in children according to the mechanism

of compensation. It is supposed that the differences in brain deficiency, which appear during development, can result in differences in child cognitive development. But these assumptions require experimental verification using modern neuroimaging methods.

Participation in this conference directed me towards the idea of conducting research in the interrelation between individual differences in cognitive abilities and brain organization in preschool children using neuroimaging methods, in particular, fMRI. Unfortunately, in Russia fMRI is inaccessible. I am hoping to find opportunities for the realization of such research in the USA. I am very grateful to the ILC for help in this matter. I'd also like to thank Dr. Mascha Levintova who helped me with the translation and editing of my new project.

I take a great interest in this project now and I hope very much that it will be supported. Once again I want to say that the conference and the help of the International Liaison Committee have given me the impulse for the development of this project.

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Vivian Smith Advanced Studies Institute 2003

"Memory and the Amnesias," is the theme of the second annual summer institute sponsored by the Vivian Smith Advanced Studies Institute. This four-week learning experience is designed to promote knowledge and increase professional contacts. Held June 22 to July 19, 2003, in Xylocastro, Greece, the summer institute promises to be an exciting opportunity. Participants are required to have either completed at least one year of graduate study in

neuropsychology or be second-year residents in neurology or psychiatry. This year the Institute has received 140 applications from which 75 participants will be selected.

The city of Xylocastro provides an array of free services for the Institute and its participants -- ground transportation from Athens International Airport to Xylocastro, classroom space with internet connections, 15% discounts at a number of local restaurants, and transportation expenses for a one-day excursion.

The wonderful city of Xylocastro is located about 75 miles from Athens, a short distance from the archeological sites of Olympia, Delphi, Mycena, Korinth, and Epidavros. For more information, go to:

<http://www.uth.tmc.edu/clinicalneuro/institute>

Book and Journal Depository News

In response to suggestions from the INS Board, funds for the scholarship program will now be reallocated to fund a Core Library Program under the auspices of the Book and Journal Depository. We will now be working with publishers to receive donations of new books considered essential and/or basic to the field of neuropsychology.

In addition, and because we still have an inventory of used books, we have decided to coordinate with the APA/International Council of Psychologists Book and Journal Donation Program which basically does what our B & J program has done, but on a broader scale. Coordinating with this program increases the number of people who can request our materials.

INS members who wish to donate used neuropsychology books or journals to this program should contact :

<http://www.apa.org/international/journal.html>

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For more information about the ILC Book and Journal Depository and other programs go to the ILC website at <http://www.ilc-ins.org/programs.htm>

Thanks to the INS Book Depository

In the name of Polish neuropsychologists, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the shipment of donated books and journals from the INS. Due to the cooperation of International Liaison Committee and Kathy May, Program Assistant, in December 2002 we received 15 books on neuropsychology and general psychology as well as 5 sets of 4 different journals (e.g., *Psychology and Aging*, *The Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*). The materials are from the INS Book Depository. It is great to have the *Compendium of Neuropsychological Tests* by Spreen and Strauss with handwriting on the first page showing that the book belonged to Muriel Lezak.

The books and journals will be available in the Faculty of Psychology Library at the University of Warsaw for Polish researchers and students who are interested in the problems of psychology, especially clinical neuropsychology. Access to research and teaching materials is still very difficult in Poland, even after changes in the political system.

Unfortunately, at this time it is easier for governments to buy exclusive army equipment than to promote scientific research. Therefore, we are very grateful for the wonderful New Year's gift from the INS.

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***Featured
Neuropsychological
Society***

**The Societa Italiana di
Neuropsicologia**

The Italian Society of Neuropsicologia (S.I.N.P.) is an independent association connected to the Italian Society of Neurology (S.I.N.) and to the Italian Association of Psychology (A.I.P.).

The Italian Society of Neuropsicologia seeks to promote and to encourage studies and research in the field of the clinical neuropsychology-- that is, the study of the relationships between the central nervous system and behavior. The Society facilitates and coordinates initiatives in the field and helps facilitate and maintain relationships with scientific institutions around the globe.

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For a list of over 40 international regional societies in over 32 countries go to the ILC website Regional Societies Database page at <http://www.ilc-ins.org/societies.cfm>.

**INS 25th Mid-Year
Meeting
July 16-19, 2003
Berlin, Gemany
Come join us!**

The International Neuropsychological Society and the German Neuropsychological Society are very pleased to welcome you to Berlin in 2003. After almost 20 years, this is the second time the mid-year meeting of the INS is held in Germany, and it is the first time it is hosted by the GNP.

The social parts of the meeting provide good opportunities for fruitful discussions between friends and colleagues in pleasant surroundings, as well as cultural and musical events. In the summer, you will get the chance to enjoy one of the most interesting and vibrant cities in the world. Berlin is full of contrasts due to the separate histories in its Eastern and Western parts before the Wall came down in 1989. The city offers interesting historical sites, old and new museums, and enough cultural events to extend your visit a couple of days, if you like.

Berlin is both the capital and the largest city in Germany. It has a population of about 3.5 million and extends over 889 square kilometers, spanning two great rivers, the Spree and the Havel.

As one of Europe's leading cultural centers, Berlin has always impressed visitors with its diversity of museums, palaces and historic edifices. Berlin's historic significance as a former royal residence comes alive on almost every corner, especially in the eastern part of the city. Three opera houses, a large number of theaters, cinemas, cabarets and the renowned Berliner Philharmonie offer cultural experiences for everyone.

Situated at the end of the Tiergarten, the Brandenburger Gate is the most famous and beloved sight in Berlin. Walking eastward from there on the grand old boulevard "Unter den Linden", passing by the State Opera, Hedwig's Cathedral or the Old Museum, one can experience a microcosm of history.



One of the most magnificent sights is the Gendarmenmarkt with the French and the German Cathedral and the Schauspielhaus, constructed by Schinkel in classicist style. A statue of Schiller reminds one of Germany's great tradition of mind and muse.

Set in a landscape of expansive lakes and forests, Berlin offers many outdoors activities. The Grunewald Forest and Lake Wannsee cover a large area of the western part of the city and can easily be reached by a short ride on the S-Bahn.

The INS web site www.osu.edu/ins contains information about the meeting. The web site of the German Neuropsychological Society also offers information: www.gnp.de.

You are all very welcome to Berlin this summer!

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Organizing Committee Chairman

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Thomas Benke, MD
Program Committee Co-Chair

Featured Conference

**An International Conference
on Neuropsychology: Recent
Advances in the East and
West
May 23-26, 2003**

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Shatin, Hong Kong, China

This conference provides an opportunity for professionals, researchers and scholars in Neuropsychology in Asian and Western countries to meet and exchange ideas. To encourage scholars from Mainland China with financial limitation to take part in the conference, financial support is available.

The program of the conference includes paper and poster presentations and special interest symposiums (e.g., recent advances of neuropsychology in Asia; neuroprocessing of Chinese language; and alternative medicine and cognitive rehabilitation). Participants will also have opportunities to attend state-of-the art workshops by world-renowned neuroscientists such as Professor Allan Mirsky (National Institute of Mental Health), Professor Robert Schultz (Yale University), Professor Jason Brandt (John Hopkins University), and Professor Donald Stuss (Rotman Research Institute).

This historic conference is organized by the Psychology Department, Chinese University of Hong Kong and will be held in the Esther Lee Building at Chung Chi College of the University.

Abstracts submission deadline:
Jan. 31, 2003.

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Conference Bulletin Board

July 2 - 6, 2003
5th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Cognition and Memory (SARMAC)
Location: Aberdeen, Scotland
<http://www.emporia.edu/~sarmac/html/SARMAC.htm>

Deadline: Submissions, Dec. 1, 2002

September 8-10, 2003
Joint British Aphasiology Society and British Neuropsychological Society Annual Conference
Location: Newcastle, UK
E-mail: dorothy.bell@ncl.ac.uk
<http://www.bas.visitnewcastle.gateshead.com>

October 12-16, 2003
25th International Epilepsy Congress
Location: Tunis, Tunisia
E-mail: info@epilepsycongress.org
<http://www.epilepsycongress.org>

For a list of international neuropsychological conferences go to the ILC conferences web page:
<http://www.ilc-ins.org/news.html>

Future INS Meetings

INS 25th Mid-Year Meeting, July 16-19, 2003, **Berlin, Germany**

INS 32nd Annual Meeting, February 4-7, 2004, **Baltimore, Maryland, USA**

INS 26th Mid-Year Meeting, July 7-10, 2004, **Brisbane, Australia**

INS 33rd Annual Meeting, February 2-6, 2005, **St. Louis, Missouri, USA**

INS 27th Mid-Year Meeting, July 6-19, 2005, **Dublin, Ireland**

INS 34th Annual Meeting, Feb. 1-5, 2006 **Boston, MA, USA**

To suggest a location for a future INS conference or for more information about upcoming INS conferences, contact the INS Executive Secretary's Office: Tel (614) 263-4200
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Interesting Web Sites

British Neuropsychology
<http://www.neuropsychology.co.uk/>

Laboratory of Neuropsychology
<http://neuron.nimh.nih.gov/>

International Rehabilitation Research Information & Exchange
<http://cirrie.buffalo.edu/>

Geropsychology Central
<http://www.premier.net/~gero/journals.html>

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