



# NEWSLETTER

September 2020

## A message from Chair of the CPLoL Board **NORMA CAMILLERI**

Greetings to you all – members, colleagues and friends!

Thank you for your patience in waiting for our latest update. I think you all agree that it is an understatement to say that so far this has been a very challenging year! We all had to adapt to new ways of carrying out our work, daily chores and managing our life. Notwithstanding, the work for CPLoL/ESLA had to carry on and I am pleased to assure you that the CPLoL Board and Task Forces have continued their work throughout this time and wish to share some brief updates with you.

In particular, since the last CPLoL Newsletter, we have held two important meetings - our Start-Up meeting in Rome in Nov 2019, and our fully online General Assembly in May 2020 where you voted and approved the relocation of our organisation and the change of name from CPLoL to ESLA. This obviously led to a series of very important tasks which are crucial for a smooth transition. I, therefore, announce that we will be holding an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) on 7 November 2020. Preparations for this online EGA are in full swing and further details will be sent to you all.

As you know we tried to keep in touch with our members as much as possible and provide the necessary support during the pandemic. We issued a statement which was circulated to the European Commission, all MEPs and CPLoL members, who in turn were encouraged to forward to their relevant authorities. We were very pleased to note that this statement was very important for some members who were putting pressure on their authorities on several issues. We also joined CEPLIS in sending a letter to the European Commission and MEPs with matters related to the pandemic. We were very satisfied that all points we raised were included in the letter, which reached all MEPs before they discussed the matter in Parliament.

We are also working on maintaining better contact with our members. I look forward to virtually seeing you at our upcoming EGA and that you share with us our excitement for changes and new opportunities ahead.



*Norma*



The members of the new CPLoL Board who were all elected at the GA in May 2019 in Malta for a period of three years have all been working in their respective roles and meet regularly online.

**Norma Camilleri** (Malta) Chair of the Board  
**Fofi Constantinidou** (Cyprus) Deputy Chair,  
Communication and Engagement with Professional  
Associations and European Partnerships  
**Ellianna Mantaka-Brinkmann** (Greece) General  
Secretary  
**Blazenka Brozovic** (Croatia) Professional Education  
**Giuseppe Mancini** (Italy) Treasurer  
**Jenta Sluijmers** (Netherlands) Professional and  
Scientific based Standards

## “Save the Date” for our upcoming EGA on 7 November 2020

We ask all CPLoL member associations to please note this date for our Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA). This will be a fully online meeting, starting at 9am CET. This EGA is a vital step in the restructure process for CPLoL, as we need to vote for the legal changes that were supported in principle at the last GA. In accordance with our Statutes, the full documentation for this EGA including the timed agenda will be sent to all member associations a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the meeting date. Please ensure that your association will be represented on this date. Thankyou.

## A few selected highlights from the past year in CPLoL

The work of the CPLoL Board members over these past months has included many professional meetings and discussions, including with our own member associations and with other relevant professional associations and organisations. Here are just a few highlights of these activities...



Our exciting Start-Up Meeting in Rome in November 2019

## Advance notice of the European SLT Day theme for 6th March 2021

The Task Force for European Day and SLT Awareness have announced their plans for next year's theme: **TELEPRACTICE AND NEW APPROACHES IN SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY**

Please share this news so that colleagues can begin their planning early for maximum impact.



## News from the Scientific Congress Task Force

Due to the developing, unforeseeable situation with COVID-19, the CPLoL Board had to decide to postpone the CPLoL congress planned for May 2021. The economic impact of the pandemic is estimated to be significant, and it is likely to take some time for the different countries to recover from the crisis.

Postponing the congress should give both participants and sponsors time to recover financially. Without the support of industrial sponsors, it will not be possible to organize a congress that is financially viable.

It will also be a difficult time for many SLTs round Europe, especially for those colleagues who work in private practice and are currently unable to care for patients, to attend the conference in 2021.

This news was announced to all the member associations in May this year. The CPLoL Task Force are continuing to consider all possible options for rescheduling the Congress and is working on a risk analyses of all the possible outcomes.. However, the postponement of the congress does not mean that work is not already underway behind the scenes and on behalf of the congress team, we look forward to keeping you informed about these plans.



*Jenta  
Sluijmers*

## News from the European Day and SLT Awareness Task Force

This group comprises representatives from Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Finland, Malta and Romania. The objectives for this group are to

- draw up European SLT Day themes for the next five years
- propose ideas for how to promote SLT profession (study days, webinars/workshops, month or trimestral dedication to certain disorders)
- make planned activities, materials and templates available to the member countries to assist in planning and establishing a different promotional activities.

### **News from the Educational and Professionals Materials Task Force**

This group comprises representatives from Belgium, Romania, UK, Lithuania, Cyprus and Turkey. The key objectives for this group is to plan and organise both existing and newly acquired documents and materials. Both of these Task Forces have started to work together on their respective objectives, and we will report more detailed updates in future issues of the Newsletter.



*Blazenka  
Brozovic*

## European Day of SLT 2020 – what were you doing on 6th March?

The pandemic may sadly have affected many of the events and initiatives that had been planned by our member associations to promote awareness of SLT on CPLoL's annual day in March.

However one initiative that was able to go ahead was the online Twitter discussion forum that runs on the last Wednesday of each month, hosted by the Research Support Network for SLTs (@ReSNetSLT). The automated analytics after that one hour chat showed the Tweets reached almost 350,000 linked Twitter accounts worldwide – a fabulous way to promote awareness of CPLoL and the SLT profession. Find out more about ReSNetSLT here <https://resnetslt.com/>

### The #ResNetSLT Influencers

#### Top 10 Influential

-  @ReSNetSLT 100
-  @cplol\_eu 83
-  @RCSLResearch 74
-  @UK\_CPLoL 73
-  @talkrunlearn 68
-  @FLL\_Logopedisti 65
-  @FeTaylor25 64
-  @UCLanResearch 58
-  @iaslt 57
-  @IASLPeeps 57

 Tweet

#### Prolific Tweeters

-  @ReSNetSLT 49
-  @MCAsupporttool 25
-  @EllieJSLT 24
-  @DrMaxineW 24
-  @RaffaellaCitra 10
-  @Lois\_Cameron 10
-  @talkrunlearn 9
-  @SChalmersSLT 9
-  @SLTTina 7
-  @UK\_CPLoL 5

 Tweet

#### Highest Impressions

-  @ReSNetSLT 130.1K
-  @TalkingMats 52.1K
-  @MCAsupporttool 46.5K
-  @RCSLResearch 34.6K
-  @DrMaxineW 29.2K
-  @Lois\_Cameron 16.8K
-  @EllieJSLT 7.6K
-  @talkrunlearn 6.3K
-  @HazelRoddam1 5.8K
-  @RaffaellaCitra 2.7K

 Tweet

### The Numbers

342.098K Impressions

201 Tweets

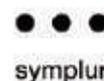
23 Participants

161 Avg Tweets/Hour

9 Avg Tweets/Participant

 Tweet

Twitter data from the #ResNetSLT hashtag from Wed, February 26th 2020, 8:30PM to Wed, February 26th 2020, 9:45PM (Europe/Berlin) – Symplur.

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Top 10 Influencers is determined by the SymplurRank algorithm.

## RESNETSLT - RESEARCH SUPPORT NETWORK

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### TWEETCHAT: CPLoL's European Day of Speech and Language Therapy

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#### RECENT POSTS

BLOG: Making the most of the #ResNetSLT tweetchat archive

BLOG: Supporting people in mental capacity assessments and advance care planning in the COVID-19 pandemic

TWEETCHAT: 29th July – Working with "underserved" populations

TWEETCHAT: 24th June – Involving service users in design of digital technologies

BLOG: ReSNetSLT is 5 years old!

## News from the CPLoL Vice Chair

As part of her role on the CPLoL Board, Fofi is leading the Communications Strategy Task Force. This group comprises representatives from Cyprus, Ireland and Malta.

At the launch meeting it was agreed that the initial priority will be to focus on engagement with the member associations, before later widening the remit to other external partners and stakeholders.

Fofi is also co-ordinating support for a new Europe-wide online network for SLTs who are undertaking PhD studies. This forum will provide a dynamic peer support community. Keep watching for more news coming very soon.



*Fofi  
Constantinidou*

## New Administrator role to support the work of the Board and Task Forces

As part of the restructure of CPLoL, a new role was created for an Administrator to support the work of the Board and Task Forces, with the aim of increasing efficiency and timeliness of all the dedicated voluntary work of CPLoL.

After a recruitment and interview process, Dr Hazel Roddam was appointed to undertake this role. Hazel served as a CPLoL delegate for 11 years, so brings many relevant insights, experience and networks, in addition to her organisational skills and passion for promoting the profile of the profession.





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