



5-th Congress of Baltic States SLT's

ALTERNATIVE AND AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION:

MORE THAN WORDS...

26-27 April, 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

The topic of the next year across the Europe in the field of SLT's is „*Alternative and augmentative communication*“. This topic was distinguished as relevant by European Association of Speech and Language Therapists' (CPLOL). Following this topic, Lithuanian Speech and Language Therapists' association (LLA) in collaboration with the Department of special education (Šiauliai University) is organising the *5th Congress of Baltic States SLT's*.

The main issues could be discussed in the field of SLT in children and adults:

- ✓ What is theoretical and research background of AAC use improving the communication and participation process?
- ✓ How different classification systems (DSM, ICF, ICD) define, explain and supports AAC use?
- ✓ What are ASHA statements related to the application of AAC?
- ✓ What are aided/unaided communication systems, strategies and methods and how they could be used in different cases, fields of practice?
- ✓ Solving the dilemma: to work on speech and language or focus on communication and participation, while using AAC?
- ✓ Successful practice and challenges of work with children: what, when and how to use AAC strategies, methods?
- ✓ Successful practice and challenges of work with adults: what, when and how to use AAC strategies, methods?
- ✓ Other various topics of SLT: articulation and language disorders in children / adults; social communication (pragmatics) disorders, etc.

Languages: English (with translation to Lithuanian)

Congress organisers: Lithuanian Association of Speech and Language Therapists'
Special Education Department, Šiauliai University

Congress venue: Šiauliai University library
Vytauto str. 84 – 205 aud.
LT-76352 Šiauliai (Lithuania)



KEY DATES

- ✓ **Start of registration to the congress and abstracts submission** 10 01 2018
- ✓ **End of submission of abstracts** 20 02 2018
- ✓ Confirmation about the abstracts submission till 01 03 2018
- ✓ **End of registration** 20 03 2018
- ✓ Final congress programme 02 04 2018

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS



Doc. Dr. Shari DeVeney
Nebraska University, Omaha

Presentation: *Issues in SLT practice: Intervention Practices for Late-Talking Toddlers, including Use of Augmentative and Alternative Communication*



Prof. Dr. Yael Kimhi
Levinsky College of Education, Izrael

Presentation: *Early Literacy and Strategies to Develop Early Literacy Abilities in children with ASD*
Workshop: *Evidence Based Interventions Developing Literacy for Children with ASD*



Dr. Amy S. Nordness
Munroe-Meyer Institute, Nebraska University, Medical centre

Presentation: *AAC Supports for Adults with Degenerative Diseases*
Workshop: *Patient-Provider Communication for Patients who are Communication Vulnerable*



Dr. Orly Hebel
Levinsky College of Education, Izrael

Presentaion: *Implementing AAC Systems to Enhance Communication and Support the Learning of Children and Adults with ASD in Their Lives' Circles*
Workshop: *Teaching with IPads in the educational setting of students with complex disabilities as Autism*



Doc. Dr. Maurice Grinberg
New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria

Presentation: *Theoretical Background of Eye Controlled Assistive Technologies Use in Speech and Language Therapy*
Workshop: *Eye-controlled Assistive Technologies for Children with Special Needs*



Mag. Korey Stading, MS, CCC-SLP
Munroe-Meyer Insitute, Nebraska University Medical centre

Presentation: *Early Intervention for Children with Down Syndrome: Benefits of AAC*
Workshop: *Evaluation and Implementation of Low-tech and High-tech AAC Strategies for Young Children*



Dr. Mona Julius
Levinsky College of Education, Izrael

Workshop: *Procedural Memory in Young Children and Its Predictive Value in Academic Achievements of Kindergarten and First Grade Children*

INVITATION TO PREPARE POSTER PRESENTATIONS

We kindly would like to invite you to prepare *poster presentations*, which will be included in the scientific program of the congress. We are looking forward for poster presentations related to various topics:

- ✓ common issues related to communication and participation;
- ✓ alternative and augmentative communication in children;
- ✓ alternative and augmentative communication in adults;
- ✓ other topics of SLT: speech, language and communication disorders in children and adults; other SLT training and professional practice issues.

Possible type of presentation: poster presentation.

Requirements for poster presentations and summaries are provided in Table 1. Summaries of presentations, which do not match the requirements can be rejected. Approved summaries and information about the authors will be published in the *Congress Book of Abstracts*.

Table 1

Requirements for poster presentations and summaries

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<p>Requirements for presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ There is presented in the poster particular topic, based on theoretical analysis, research or practical experience of speech language therapists. ✓ Format of poster: A1. ✓ There must be prepared handouts, i.e. reduced version of poster which will be distributed to interested participants of the Congress. ✓ Poster presentation must be prepared in English. <p>Requirements for poster summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Summary of presentation must be prepared in English for publishing in the <i>Congress book of abstracts</i>. ✓ There must be presented in summary: topic and purpose of the presentation, 3 keywords, short introduction, methods, results, conclusions and at least 3 references (~400 words). ✓ There are not available to submit tables, pictures or diagrams in the summary. ✓ The authors are responsible for the quality of summary. Approved summary can not be changed.

All participants of the Congress are kindly asked to register their abstracts for peer review and approval by filling **Table 2** via e-mail: rita@logopeduasociacija.lt (Rita Kantanavičiūtė) **till the 20th of February, 2018**. Confirmation of the abstracts will be sent to the authors via e-mails **until the 1st March, 2018**.

Table 2

Registration of the presentations

Information about author and presentation summary			
1. Information about 1st author:		2. Information about co-author/s:	
▪ name, surname		▪ name, surname	
▪ scientific name		▪ scientific name	
▪ profession		▪ profession	
▪ workplace		▪ workplace	
▪ city, country		▪ city, country	
▪ e-mail:		▪ e-mail:	
▪ tel.nr.		▪ tel.nr.	
<p>3. Summary of poster presentation (~400 words; Arial 12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Topic ▪ Keywords ▪ Aims ▪ Methods ▪ Results ▪ Conclusions ▪ Key references 			

REGISTRATION

Registration to the congress is started on the **10th January, 2018**. All participants of the congress are kindly asked to register and **pay congress fee in advance, after you will receive the invoice** (it will be sent to all participants of the congress after the end of registration, *20th of March, 2018*). Just after the payment, your participation at the congress will be confirmed.

Registration:

- ✓ please fill the form: <http://www.logopeduasociacija.lt/registracija>
- ✓ pay the membership fee (Table 3)

Table 3

Congress membership fee*

1st day Congress fee	2nd day Congress fee (3 workshops)	1st and 2nd days Congress fee
60 euro	25 euro	80 euro

* Included: scientific programme, congress bag, congress and/or workshop attendance certificate, coffee and lunch breaks.

Please note, that according the limited amount of the participants, **registration can be finished earlier.**

BANK DETAILS

Name of organisation: LLA (Lithuanian Logopedists' Association)

Code: 190732182

Adresas: P. Višinskio 25 str., Šiauliai

Bank: AB SEB bank

SWIFT code: CBVILT2X

Account nr.: LT897044060002263446

Payment purpose: congress fee 2018; ... days; name, surname

For any questions, please contact Rita Kantanaviciute (e-mail.: rita@logopeduasociacija.lt).

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION IN SIAULIAI

Nr.	Name	Address	Room	References	Price (€)
1.	Hotel „Šaulys“	Vasario 16-osios g. 40, LT - 76351, Šiauliai	Single room	http://www.saulys.lt	60
			Twin room		80
2.	Hotel „Šiaulių viešbutis“	Draugystės pr. 25, LT-76289, Šiauliai	Single room	http://www.hotelsiauliai.lt	30
			Twin room		55-58
3.	Hotel „Turnė“	Rūdės g. 9, LT-77155, Šiauliai	Twin room for 1 pers.	www.turne.lt	29
			Twin room		44
4.	Guest house „Turnė“	Rokiškio 8a, LT-77171, Šiauliai	Single room	www.turne.lt	12
			Twin room		29
5.	Hotel „Saulininkas“	St. Lukauskio g. 5a, LT-76236, Šiauliai	Twin room for 1 pers.	http://www.saulininkas.com/	43
			Twin room		52
6.	Hotel „Tomas“	Tilžės 63 a., LT- 78158, Šiauliai	Single room	https://www.hotelthomas.lt/	35
			Twin room		50-60



YOU ARE VERY WELCOME!