

Students of the Discipline of Speech Pathology graduated on 23rd April 2008. The ceremony was held in The Great Hall on Camperdown Campus.

- 1 student graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy
- 1 student graduated with a Master of Health Science (Speech-Language Pathology)
- 14 students graduated with a Master of Speech Language Pathology, with 3 students passing with honours
- 58 students graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology) with 5 students achieving Class 1 Honours
- 21 students graduated with a Bachelor of Health Science (Hearing and Speech)

May 2nd 2008 - speechBITE Launch

speechBITE™ - **S**peech Pathology Database for **B**est **I**nterventions and **T**reatment **E**fficacy
Speech Pathology Australia and the Discipline of Speech Pathology are pleased to announce the launch of the speechBITE™ website on the 2nd May, 2008 .

The official launch will take place at the Speech Pathology Australia NSW Branch Forum, being held at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

speechBITE™ is a new internet based resource that is designed to facilitate evidence based clinical decision making for speech pathologists.

Access to the online database is free of charge and will allow speech pathologists to access citations from empirical research on the treatment of communication and swallowing disorders.

Many of the trials on the database will include methodological ratings which will allow clinicians to interpret the scientific quality of the research and find the best available evidence in a treatment area.

Under the direction of Dr Leanne Togher at The University of Sydney, speechBITE™ has been in development since early 2006. Along with the valuable support provided by Speech Pathology Australia, speechBITE™ has also received funding from the Motor Accidents Authority of NSW and Guild Insurance.

The project has benefited greatly from the guidance of an advisory committee including Associate Professor Michelle Lincoln, Dr Emma Power, Dr Tricia McCabe, Natalie Munro and Members of the NSW EBP Network.

From the 2nd May, speechBITE™ can be accessed at www.speechbite.com

For any queries or more information on speechBITE™, contact the Project Manager, Kate Smith at Katherine.smith@usyd.edu.au

May 6th 2008 - Faculty Prize Night

The Faculty of Health Sciences Prize Night will be held on Tuesday 6th May 2008.

The following Discipline of Speech Pathology students will be presented with awards as the winners for 2007:

Bruce Baker, Semantic Compactions Prize

Lauren Cooper

The Harcourt Assessment Prize

Emma Charters

The Speech Pathology Association of Australia Prize (U/G)

Elise Jaques

The Speech Pathology Association of Australia Prize (MSLP)

Leah Hanley

The Vicki Reed Honours Research Thesis Prize

Lauren Cooper

Discipline of Speech Pathology Hearing & Speech Award

Yan Lin Chia

Discipline of Speech Pathology Prize for Clinical Excellence (MSLP)

Donna McLaren

19th August 2008

Professor Audrey Holland Seminar

AphasiaScripts: Doing them yourself or calling in a virtual clinician

Date: Tuesday, 19 August, 2008

Time: 1pm to 2pm

Place: Room F126, Cumberland Campus (behind Student Central)

This talk will be an in-depth look at the rationale for using scripts in the treatment of aphasia. It will discuss how to create appropriate scripts with individuals with aphasia, and provide examples of how to use them. Their extension into use by virtual clinicians will also be discussed, and examples again provided. Data concerning the effectiveness of scripting will be presented.

Audrey L. Holland, Ph.D., CCC, BC/NCD, is Regents' Professor Emerita of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences at the University of Arizona. Her areas of expertise include working with adults who have aphasia and other neurologic communication disorders, and counseling individuals with disabilities. She has served on numerous National Committees. She is co-Editor in Chief of Seminars in Speech and Hearing. She received the Honors of the American Speech, Language Hearing Association, the Clinical Achievement Award from the Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences, and the Professional Achievement Award from the Council of Graduate Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

She has published over 150 research articles, book chapters and reviews, assessment procedure and has edited three books. Most recently she has authored "Counseling in Communication Disorders: A Wellness Perspective".

Since retiring, Dr. Holland has worked hard to serve as her own role model for positive aging. She is committed to the principle of doing what makes her happiest, and remaining healthy enough to do it with enthusiasm and grace. She completed life coaching training with the Coach Training Alliance in Denver CO and is a graduate of the Authentic Happiness Coaching Program, an intensive course in Positive Psychology, taught under the direction of Dr. Martin E.P. Seligman of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Holland also continues to do research on clinical aspects of recovery from aphasia, and on the management of individuals and families with Alzheimer's Disease. Finally, playing with her grandchildren and her animals have high priority.

October 2008

INTERNATIONAL STUTTERING AWARENESS WEEK

THE GREAT STUTTERING DEBATE: 'It doesn't matter if you stutter!'

Thursday 23rd October 2008 at 12 Noon in Room S102, Cumberland Campus

WATCH OUR DEBATE – BE PART OF THE FUN!

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