



International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP)

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Dear IALP Executive Committee,

On behalf of the Association of Clinical Speakers of the Czech Republic (AKL ČR), I would like to ask for your support in our request to organize the International IALP Conference in Prague in 2025. AKL ČR is a professional society that brings together clinical speech therapy and speech therapy in the health care sector, which is part of their specialized pre-training. I should also mention that we regularly publish our own Journal of Clinical Logopedics.

Clinical speech therapy has been an independent field in the health sector since 1992 and it is historically and intimately connected with medical disciplines. Clinical speech therapists work in clinics, hospitals, medical centers and private practices as outpatient specialists. They investigate, diagnose and perform therapies for patients of various ages ranging from childhood to adulthood. This also includes children from the earliest age (clinical speech therapists in perinatal centers) and seniors (e.g. cerebrovascular episodes, brain tumors, etc.).

Resultingly, AKL ČR is a member of the international organizations CPLOL and IALP and we participate in their meetings and the coordination of international cooperation of experts in speech therapy and related fields. Through our cooperation with the IALP, AKL ČR is also well-acquainted with the latest news in the field and subscribes to the scientific journal Folia Phoniatrica et Logopaedica. Every year, we host nationwide conferences and symposiums with the participation of professionals who work with our field clinical speech therapists. In 2022 (29.9.-2.10.), we are also participating in the organization of the international congress of the UEP (Union of Phoniatricians) being held in Prague.