Newsletter 2008/02 - 'Stotterforum'

Dear

We send you our second newsletter which contains a lot of novelties and facts.

1. Updates

First we updated the additional health funds, not for comparison, but to inform them whose legal RIZIV insurance is expired. We also putt online the new RIZIV rates for stuttering from January 1^{st,} 2008. See 'www.stotterforum.be_-> Voorzieningen'

2. New links and updated websites

New links were added:

- 'Stottercentrum Herent' in Leuven (Louvain) currently under construction
- 'Centrum voor Ambulante Revalidatie' in Oostakker
- 'Revalidatiecentrum Ter Eecken' in Oudenaarde
- IFA (International Fluency Association) <u>www.theifa.org</u>, with recent research and result reports (in English)

Updated sites:

- The website of the VVL ('Vereniging Vlaamse Logopedisten'), the association of Flemish speech therapists, was totally updated. Members can register online and manage their data themselves. Also the search for a therapist is simplified. www.vvl.be

New site of forming

- A very interesting site of forming around diversity management was added, namely <u>www.diversito.be</u>

We invite you to send more fascinating links to <u>info@stotterforum.be</u>

3. Famous people who stutter

Currently we have the consent of 3 famous people who stutter to putt their life story on the website: a director, a manager and a pastor. We try to expand this list so we can demonstrate that people who stutter can build up very fascinating and varied carriers. You can find the stories on 'www.stotterforum.be_-> Stotteren -> Personen' Do you know other famous people? You can mail this to info@stotterforum.be.

4. New legislation (see 'Leden')

In cooperation with 'Trefpunt Zelfhulp' (www.zelfhulp.be) and 'Plazzo' (www.zelfhulp.be), we putt the information about the new legislation on the work of volunteers on our website (see 'leden'). In any of our activities we will refer to this information.

5. Upcoming information days

18th – 19th of April 2008: 2-days **"European Symposium on Fluency Disorders"** in Antwerp. Programme: see http://www.lessius-ho.be/symposiumstuttering/la programme.aspx

21th of April 2008: Communication-Emotional Model of Stuttering: Its' Nature, Findings and Clinical Implications. See www.cioos.be.

1th of November 2008: '2^e Stotterbeurs in Nederland' The 1st of November this year the second stutter fair will be organised in The Netherlands. Different experts and therapists can present their knowledge and therapy to the visitors. 'Demosthenes' and 'SIC' (StotterInformatieCentrum) call up participants who would like to hold a presentation, explain to visitors the content of their therapy by a workshop or set up an information booth.

Belgian therapists who want to participate can send a mail, before the 1st of April, or ask additional information at stotterbeurs@demosthenes.nl.

Other Information days, not mentioned in this newsletter, will be put online (see 'infodagen')

6. Facilities for person who stutter and who want to follow a higher education

Under the section 'Voorzieningen' we put a section 'Verder Studeren'. We notified different high schools to edit a short text, after which we put these online with their permission. We want to thank them very much for their cooperation.

You can always find further information and new activities on the front page of www.stotterforum.be

Sincerely yours

And thanks for your cooperation which is in favour of all who work with people who stutter.

The 'Stotterforum'- team