



## 2008-09 Annual Report

### (1) CCD Membership

CCD membership is now slightly over 100, with the majority being full members. 22% of members are based outside of Hong Kong, in 10 countries (Asia, Europe, North America and the Pacific), and this is indicative of the Centre's growing international reach.

### (2) CCD Management Committee

Honorary Director: Dr Bradley McPherson, Associate Professor, Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences, Faculty of Education. Dr McPherson served as Honorary Director from the Centre's inauguration in June 2005 to May 2007 and was reappointed as Centre Director for the period June 2007 to 31 May 2009.

Management Committee: Prof Shek Kam Tse [elected – until 31 May 2009]; Prof Tara Whitehill [elected – until 31 May 2009]; Dr Anita Wong [elected – until 31 May 2009]; Prof Edwin Yiu [ex-officio]; Dr Karen Chan [co-opted – until 31 May 2009]; Dr Estella Ma [co-opted – until 31 May 2009].

### (3) CCD Seminar Series 2008-09

Prof Barbara Dodd, Research Professor, Perinatal Research Centre, University of Queensland: (1) *Identifying Two-year-olds with Phonological Disorder*, (2) *Auditory-visual Speech Perception and Communication Disorders*; January 2009

Dr Adam Vogel, Clinical Scientist, CogState Limited, Melbourne, Australia: *Tracking changes in central nervous system functioning: Speech as a clinical marker in depression*; March 2009

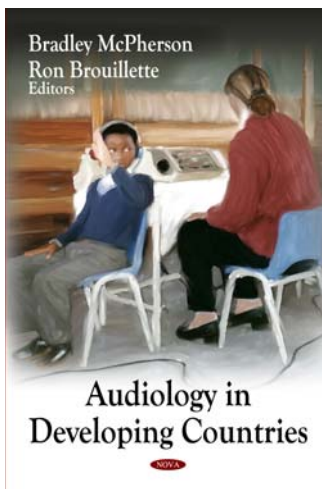
Prof Michelle Lincoln, Head of Discipline of Speech Pathology, University of Sydney, Australia: *Evidenced-based practice in speech pathology*; April 2009

*Hospital Authority Speech Therapy Symposium*: This symposium is jointly organized by the HK Hospital Authority, CCD and the Continuing Education Program of the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences; November 2009

*Hong Kong Graded Character Naming Test for Primary School Children*. Presented by Dr Man Tak Leung, University of Hong Kong. Training workshop held December 18, 2008 (number of attendees: 36). The workshop was provided to support use of the CCD's HKGCNT Manual. All attendees were awarded certification by the CCD as a qualified HKGCNT assessor.

#### (4) Publications

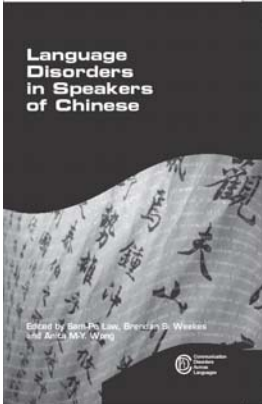
External Publications:



*Audiology in Developing Countries*. Dr Bradley McPherson and Dr Ron Brouillette (Eds.). Nova Scientific Publishers, New York (Dec, 2008). ISBN 978-1-60456-945-2. This book has been published by authors associated with the CCD. There are many special challenges and opportunities faced by audiologists working in developing countries. For most practitioners in developing countries, the training they have received has been either undertaken in a developed nation or delivered from the perspective an advanced health care context. Very little information with a developing country perspective is available to guide audiologists. This publication is a first attempt to showcase both what has been done and what still needs to be done to improve hearing health care in developing countries. Aside from Dr McPherson, the book includes contributions from *Geoffrey Amedofu*,

Associate Professor, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana; *Vijayalakshmi Basavaraj*, Director, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore, India; *Ron Brouillette*, Inclusive Education Consultant, Directorate of Primary and Mass Education, Dhaka, Bangladesh; *Patricia Castellanos de Muñoz*, Director, Centro de Audición y Adiestramiento Fonético (CEDAF), Guatemala; *Jackie Clark*, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, United States of America and Adjunct Professor, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa; *Adrian Fuente*, Assistant Professor, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile; *Helen Goulios*, Lecturer in Audiology, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia; *Wendy McCracken*, Senior Lecturer in the Education of the Deaf, University of Manchester; *Susie Miles*, Lecturer in the Education of the Deaf, University of Manchester; *Valerie Newton*, Emeritus Professor in Audiological Medicine, University of Manchester; *Bolajoko Olusanya*, Consultant Developmental Paediatrician, University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria; *Robert Patuzzi*, Director of Audiology, University of Western Australia; *Andrew Smith*, Honorary Professor, International Centre for Eye Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Health; and *Sandra Sosa*, Centro de Audición y Adiestramiento Fonético (CEDAF), Guatemala. Dr McPherson, Dr

Brouillette and Dr Fuente are CCD members. Copies are being distributed by the CCD to audiologists in developing countries with support from a previous Oticon Foundation grant to the centre.



*Language Disorders in Speakers of Chinese*. Dr Sam-Po Law, Dr Brendan Weekes and Dr Anita Wong (Eds.). Multilingual Matters (Jan 2009). ISBN: 978-1-84769-116-3. This book presents the latest research in Chinese language disorders in children and adults and includes chapters written by more than 20 scholars from Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, United Kingdom, and the United States. It features single case and group studies addressing theoretical and clinical issues relevant to understanding specific language impairment in children, developmental dyslexia, phonological impairment in children and adults, acquired dyslexia and dysgraphia, deficits in word and narrative production in adults, and the relationship between memory and language

impairment. All the Editors are CCD members. Other contributors to this volume are: *Yanchao Bi*, Beijing Normal University; *Hintat Cheung*, National Taiwan University; *Karen Chiu*, Tung Wah Hospital, Hong Kong; *Paul Fletcher*, University College Cork; *Roxana Fung*, Hong Kong Polytechnic University; *Zaizhu Han*, Beijing Normal University; *Thomas Klee*, Newcastle University, United Kingdom; *Kathrin Klingebiel*, University of Sussex; *Anthony Pak-hin Kong*, University of Central Florida; *Laurence B. Leonard*, Purdue University; *Jie Liang*, Xinjiang Normal University; *Jerome L. Packard*, University of Illinois; *Hua Shu*, Beijing Normal University; *Stephanie F. Stokes*, Newcastle University, United Kingdom; *I-Fan Su*, University of Sussex; *Elva Wong*, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Kwan Fong Kai Chi School, Hong Kong; *Winsy Wong*, University of Hong Kong; *Sina Wu*, Beijing Foreign Studies University; *Wengang Yin*, Chinese Academy of Science; *Olivia Yeung*, University of Hong Kong; and *Hua Zhu*, University of London. . Dr Sam-Po Law and Dr Anita Wong are CCD members.

Forthcoming internal publications:

Dr Antony Kong, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Central Florida. *Communication and Swallowing Impairments after Brain Injury: A Handbook for Survivors and Family Members*. This book is written in Chinese for brain injury survivors and their family members. It gives an easy-to-read general overview of communication and swallowing impairments after brain injury. It is intended to support speech therapists in their rehabilitation of stroke victims and is informed by contemporary research findings. The book will be sold through the CCD and in collaboration with local hospitals and adult rehabilitation centres in Hong. Projected publication date: May 2009

Dr Katherine Verdolini Abbott. *Lessac-Madsen Resonant Voice Therapy: Clinician and Patient Manuals*. Chinese editions. The English editions were published by Plural Publishing, San Diego in June 2008. Dr Verdolini has assigned the CCD the Chinese translation rights for these clinically important volumes. LMRVT was developed by Dr Verdolini and is designed to provide voice disorder patients with a strong, clear voice and to prevent further vocal injury. Research and clinical practice

indicates that the use of resonant voice as prescribed by LMRVT is more effective in healing phonotraumatic lesions than vocal rest. It is anticipated that sales of the manuals will be supported by an ongoing series of workshops that Dr Verdolini Abbott will give in Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China. Projected publication date: May-June 2009.

**(5) Communications**

The CCD website is currently being redesigned by a professional company and the new, more attractive and user-friendly site shall be available from June 2009. The CCD now has a new logo and a HTML e-mail template incorporating this logo has been developed for use with CCD e-mail communications to members.

**(6) Financial Report**

The CCD currently has a surplus of \$52,108.45, from an income of \$203,115.75 and expenditures of \$151,007.30. The Financial Report is attached.

**(7) Future Directions**

The CCD is developing experience, and a track record, in academic publishing. Further possible publications, in the area of audiology diagnostics and aphasia rehabilitation are being considered. The electronic communications base will be strengthened. Workshops and seminars will continue to create an awareness of the CCD and focus on research areas, particularly multidisciplinary and translational research areas, of interest to our members and the community. As in 2007-08, efforts to raise funding for the CCD, through workshops, publications and grants, will continue to be given priority.



Dr Bradley McPherson

Honorary Director

4 May 2009

## THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Centre for Communication Disorders

**Financial Report as at February 17, 2009**

	<b>Income/ Expenses</b> <u>HK\$</u>
<b>Income</b>	
• Donation (2006-07)	65,841.45
• Income from workshops	131,850.00
• Interest from income	5,424.30
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• Sub-total	203,115.75
<b>Expenses</b>	
• Staff costs	
- Part-time appointments: research assistants [workshop support] and guest speakers	(14,614.00)
• Other costs	
- General expenses: postage, photocopying, printing, books, consumables, services, HKU overhead, etc.	(136,393.30)
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• Sub-total	(151,007.30)
<b>Total</b>	
• (Deficit) / Surplus	52,108.45