

**COMITÉ PERMANENT DE LIAISON DES
ORTHOPHONISTES-LOGOPÈDES
DE L'UNION EUROPÉENNE**



**STANDING LIAISON COMMITTEE
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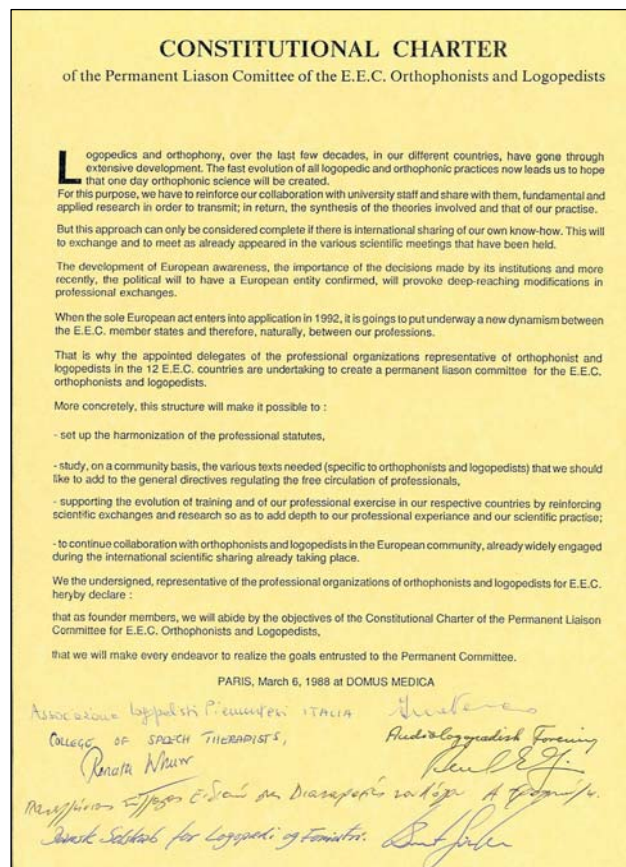
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History

On **6 March 1988** in Paris, at the instigation of the Federation Nationale des Orthophonistes (France), the organisations or associations representing the nine countries of the European Community signed the [constitutional charter](#) which set up the Standing Liaison Committee of EU Speech and Language Therapists - Logopedists (**CPLOL**).



The following year, the number of member associations had risen to 15. Over the years still more associations have joined the committee, so by 13th May 2007 CPLOL is composed by 30 associations representing 28 European countries.

Scientific Congresses

The main aim of CPLOL's scientific congresses is to make possible the exchange of scientific and professional information, and to encourage research and european harmonisation within speech and language therapy - logopaedics.

The Scientific Committee is responsible for choosing the theme of the congress, selecting papers and posters for the scientific program, and promoting the congress at different levels.

CPLOL Congress till today:

Year	Venue	Theme
1992	Athens	The Challenge of 1992. Current trends in the Science of Speech and Language Pathology in Europe
1994	Antwerp	
1997	Lisbon	Is Speech and Language Therapy effective ?
2000	Paris	Quality and Efficacy in Speech and Language Therapy
2003	Edinburgh	Evidence-based Practice
2006	Berlin	A multilingual and multicultural Europe - A challenge for speech and language therapists

Proceedings from the first two congresses were published in book form and are no longer available.

Proceedings from the following congresses were published on CD-Rom and can be downloaded at http://www.cplol.eu/eng/scient_congrss.htm.

The 2009 CPLOL congress will be held in Slovenia.

Current aims and activities

Education

- to promote and maintain quality standards in pre-qualification education of SLTs at an appropriately advanced level for entry to the profession;
- and in post-qualification education (continuing professional development) throughout Europe;
- to disseminate and share information on best practice and innovation in Education of the profession;
- to facilitate academic and professional recognition of SLTs across Europe and to relate to the global context of speech and language therapy.

Professional Practice

- gather, compare, discuss and publish the characteristics of the profession in a European perspective, for speech and language therapists and SLT-students i.e.:
 - professional profile
 - professional standards, e.g. document on ethics
 - specific contents of the profession : e.g. prevention, augmentative communication, scientific and national journals
- improve awareness of the relevance of speech and language therapy to the general public by publishing information on the internet and promoting the celebration of the European Day of Speech and Language Therapy every year.

Recognition committee

- gather information and prepare the documentation to support CPLOL to be recognised as the appropriate authority to set and implement the common platform for the profession of speech and language therapy.

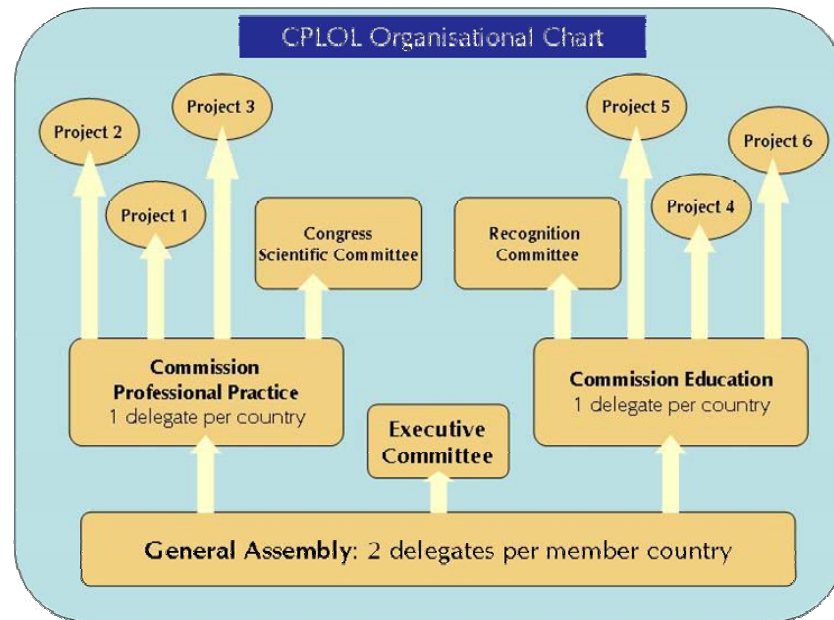
Current member associations

Associação Portuguesa de Terapeutas da Fala – PORTUGAL
Association Luxembourgeoise des Orthophonistes – LUXEMBOURG
Association Romande des Logopédistes Diplômés – SWITZERLAND
Национално Сдружение на Логопедите в България - BULGARIA
Association of Speech Language Pathologists Malta – MALTA
Asociace klinických logopedů ČR – CZECH REPUBLIC
Asociacion de Diplomados Universitarios en Logopedia – SPAIN
Audiologopædisk Forening – DENMARK
Bundesverband Diplomierte Logopädinnen Österreich – AUSTRIA
Σύλλογος Λογοπαθολόγων-Λογοθεραπευτών Κύπρου – CYPRUS
Deutscher Bundesverband für Logopädie – GERMANY
Deutschschweizer Logopädinnen- und Logopädenverband – SWITZERLAND
Društvo logopedov Slovenije – SLOVENIA
Eesti Logopeedide Ühing – ESTONIA
Fédération Nationale des Orthophonistes - FRANCE
Federazione Logopedisti Italiani – ITALY
Félag talkennara og talmeinafræðinga – ICELAND
Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists – IRELAND
Latvijas Logopēdu Asociācija – LATVIA
Nederlandse Vereniging voor Logopedie en Foniatrie – NETHERLANDS
Norsk Logopedlag – NORWAY
Πανελλήνιος Σύλλογος Λογοπεδικών – GREECE
Polski Związek Logopedów – POLAND
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists - UNITED KINGDOM
Slovenská asociácia logopédov – SLOVAKIA
Suomen Puheterapeuttiliitto ry - FINLAND
Svenska Logopedförbundet - SWEDEN
Union Nationale pour le Développement de la Recherche et d'Évaluation en Orthophonie - FRANCE
Union Professionnelle des Logopèdes Francophones - BELGIUM
Vlaamse Vereniging voor Logopedisten - BELGIUM

Observer member

Hrvatsko Logopedsko Društvo - CROATIA

Organization



The **General Assembly** is the governing, decision-making and planning body of CPLOL. It consists of two delegates per country. The General Assembly meets every two years. Extraordinary General Assemblies may be convened in between the ordinary meetings.

The **Executive Committee** is the body responsible for carrying out the decisions of the General Assembly and for managing CPLOL between meetings of the General Assembly on the basis of agreed policies. The Committee is made up of the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, and four Vice-Presidents. These seven members must represent at least six different countries.

The major tasks and projects are undertaken within the two standing **commissions**: The **Professional Practice** Commission and the **Education** Commission. Each country has one delegate in each commission.

Beside the commissions, there are two standing **committees** within CPLOL: The **Scientific Committee** and the **Recognition Committee**. The primary responsibility of the Scientific Committee is the content of the triennial scientific congresses. For the time being (2007) the main business of the Recognition Committee is the preparations for establishing CPLOL as a common platform for speech and language therapy / logopaedics in the EU (according to the Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications (OJ L255 of 30.9.2005).

Much of the work of the commissions is carried out in **Working Groups**. Groups are set up according to the topics being dealt with at the time.

