Conferences, Workshops, Symposia Continued
pursued for more interactive media to help both clini-
cians and those who stutter.
- Symposia to educate professionals and to focus
  on a specific topic such as working with the
  school-age child.
- Week-long intensive training workshops for
  speech language pathologists. These programs are
  co-sponsored by leading universities throughout the
  U.S. and abroad.

Therapy Materials

The Stuttering Foundation’s books, DVDs and
brochures are directed to all those concerned about stut-
tering, from parents to employers to professionals.

The 29 books, 35
DVDs, and 27 brochures
available today bring to-
gether current informa-
tion and cover every
phase of this complex
disorder. Written by leading professionals
in the field, Foundation publications have
been translated into other foreign lan-
guages and many are used in speech
pathology departments in universities
around the country and the world.

Publications are shipped annually to 122
countries and have reached millions of people world-
wide. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the
Foundation is able to make these publications available
at a nominal cost.

Honors and Awards

The Foundation’s work has
been widely recognized. The
American Speech-Language-
Hearing Association gave its
highest award, the Distinguished
Service Award, to the
Foundation for its “dedication
and effective contributions to
the field of speech pathology.”

Founder Malcolm Fraser
received the National
Council on Communicative
Disorders Distinguished
Service Award, and President
Jane Fraser was recognized by
her alma mater with the
Centennial Distinguished
Alumni Lifetime
Achievement Award for her
efforts on behalf of those who stutter.

Jane Fraser also received the prestigious Outstanding
Contribution Award during the International
Stuttering Association World Congress in Dubrovnik,
Croatia, on May 9, 2007. In presenting the award to
Fraser, Melvin Hoffman of ISA said, “No one has done
more to further the cause of helping those who stutter.”

Fraser was also named Nonprofit Executive of the
Year by The NonProfit Times in 2008.

The Stuttering Foundation is a tax-exempt organization
under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
and is classified as a private operating foundation
as defined in section 4942(j)(3).

Charitable contributions and bequests
to the Foundation are tax deductible,
subject to limitations under the Code.
The Stuttering Foundation

The history of the Foundation is the story of how one person with a significant stutter led a successful life and made a lasting difference in the lives of others with the same disorder.

In 1947, Malcolm Fraser, a young man from Memphis, Tennessee, knew about stuttering from personal, often painful experience. He decided to do what he could to help others who stutter, and met with one of the foremost authorities of the day, Dr. Charles Van Riper, to discuss founding a nonprofit charitable organization.

The organization Fraser founded became today’s Stuttering Foundation of America. Its goal was to provide the best and most up-to-date information and help available for the prevention of stuttering in young children and the most effective treatment available for teenagers and adults.

More than sixty years later, the Stuttering Foundation continues to pursue these same goals, although the tools to accomplish them are more varied and widespread. As it did when Malcolm Fraser turned his dream into reality, the Foundation dedicates itself to the contemporary concerns of all those who stutter.

Basic Research

The Foundation is turning its attention more and more to basic research in an effort to improve early detection and develop better therapies:

Brain Research

Neuroimaging studies have greatly enhanced the potential to understand brain-behavior relationships in complex behaviors such as speech and language. Recent studies by Anne Foundas, M.D., Department of Neurology, LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, reveal evidence that anatomic anomalies may play a role in stuttering.

Genetic Research

Finding the genes involved in stuttering holds the promise of revealing some of the underlying causes of stuttering. The Foundation is actively involved in projects by Dr. Dennis Drayna of the National Institute on Deafness and other Communicative Disorders searching for genetic markers. In February, 2010, Drayna’s research team identified the first 3 genes for stuttering.

Public Awareness

An extensive public awareness campaign helps dispel misconceptions about stuttering, advises the public that help is available, offers that help, and focuses attention on the latest research.

Press releases have resulted in thousands of stories in print and segments on stuttering in the broadcast media, including CBS This Morning, The Today Show, CNN, NPR, and AP wire stories. These in turn generate thousands of calls from people seeking help.

Public service announcements and advertisements featuring nationally-recognized spokespersons reach millions each year through the generosity of national, regional and local magazines, radio and television stations.

Web sites in English and Spanish contain information for the general public as well as specific help for those who stutter. The Foundation’s toll-free line is accessed by more than 20,000 callers each year.

800-992-9392

www.stutteringhelp.org  www.tartamudez.org

Global Outreach

In a groundbreaking alliance to help children who stutter through research, treatment and training programs, the Stuttering Foundation and the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children joined forces in 2006.

The Michael Palin Centre based in London is widely considered one of the premier treatment centers in the world for childhood stuttering. This partnership means hope for thousands of children who stutter in addition to providing an essential training ground for researchers and clinicians.

Educational Conferences, Workshops and Symposia

From its inception, one of the primary goals of the Foundation has been to discuss and attempt to resolve the many questions surrounding stuttering. Through the years, the Foundation has met this challenge through a variety of educational meetings and seminars, including:

- Week-long meetings during which experts in the field create films and books. New technologies are being Continued