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5,736

children took part in the
RCSLT Voice Box joke
competition

29

clinical areas currently
covered on the RCSLT's
clinical resources webpages

CPLOL celebrates 30th birthday

CPLOL, an organisation uniting 35 professional associations of speech and language therapists/logopedists across 32 European countries, is celebrating a special birthday this year: 6 March will mark 30 years since its creation.

The primary aim of CPLOL – the Standing Liaison Committee of EU Speech and Language Therapists and Logopedists (the acronym 'CPLOL' refers to its French name) – is to promote collaboration between speech and language therapy associations at an international level, to increase understanding about practice, research and education, and to promote the profession across Europe. CPLOL delegates are currently working together on diverse projects relating to practice and education, including the SLT's role in working with multicultural populations and with refugees; pre-registration education standards; and issues relating to telepractice. As it nears its 30th birthday, CPLOL is undergoing a process of organisational review – for more information, visit www.cplol.eu

Every year on 6 March, CPLOL celebrates the European Day of Speech and Language



Therapy to promote the profession and raise awareness of the needs of people with communication and swallowing difficulties. The day involves a range of public engagement activities across the continent that focus on a particular clinical theme. The theme for 2018

will be alternative and augmentative communication (AAC), and plans are already under way at CPLOL to prepare educational and publicity materials to mark the day. The publicity poster for the 2018 event was designed by staff and a student with communication difficulties at Dawn House School as part of CPLOL's annual poster competition. More information about preparations for European Day 2018 can be found at: www.rcslt.org/members/professional_networks/cplol

From 10–12 May, CPLOL will also be hosting its 10th European Congress at Cascais in Portugal, providing a unique opportunity to hear international keynotes, learn about excellence in speech and language therapy practice and education, and discover the latest research findings. For more information about the congress, visit www.cplolcongress2018.eu/en

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