



# PERSPECTIVES on Neurophysiology and Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders



AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION **DIVISION 2**

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## *From the Coordinator*

Welcome, Division 2 affiliates, to the first issue of *Perspectives* for 2005. I write to you from my Old Dominion University office on a rainy day, looking forward to the sunshine and flowers of spring! Let me start by introducing you to our other Steering Committee (SC) members, who with me will lead the division in 2005: Associate Coordinator Janet Patterson, Heather Clark, Mary Kennedy, and Julie Wambaugh. In addition, about 20 other Division 2 affiliates are active in our working committees on advocacy, clinical issues, education and mentoring, research, and continuing education. Already, several of these terrific Division 2 volunteers have been busy completing projects and preparing for several other activities throughout the year.

February was a busy month for the division. I need to start by thanking Caroline Royal-Evans and the Clinical Committee who worked with Division 15 (Gerontology) to co-sponsor a Web forum on Feb. 15 titled "Best Practices in Health Care." It's not too late for you to read the discussion; the transcript from the forum can be accessed through our Division 2 Web page. Thank you to Fae Boczko, Chris Dollaghan, Joyce Maughan, Glenn Paustian, and Randy Robey, who participated as discussants on this popular 2-hour online event!

Also in February, Division 2 co-sponsored ASHA Healthcare 2005, held in rainy Palm Springs. Janet Patterson and I represented the divi-

sion and enjoyed meeting several affiliates who took advantage of this excellent meeting focusing on dementia, vocal pathologies, and pediatric dysphagia. The format of the meeting allowed attendees to spend 2 days devoted to a given topic with nationally recognized experts with plenty of time for discussion and interaction. During the meeting, Divisions 2, 3 (Voice and Voice Disorders), and 13 (Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders) sponsored a fundraiser for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASHF), raising over \$2000 for their scholarship and grant fund. It's a great meeting that I encourage you to attend next year.

Another initiative that Division 2 supports is the \$1,500 grant supplement to the ASHF New Investigator Award. I am so pleased to announce that the Division 2 grant will now be given in memory of Dr. Carol Frattali, who was instrumental in establishing the Division 2 grant supplement program. To be eligible for a New Investigator Award, individuals must be within 5 years of completion of their degree. Application information can be found at [www.ashfoundation.org](http://www.ashfoundation.org). The deadline is coming soon for this nice opportunity to access funds to support professional research.

In addition, we have a new program to provide support for research in neurogenetics: waiver of registration fees for the ASHA Convention. See the attachment for more information!

As 2005 progresses, I encourage you to visit our Division 2 Web pages. You will find that we will be posting more and more information to our

affiliates only Web pages that we hope helps you in your professional endeavors. (Access these pages through our home page: [www.asha.org/about/membership-certification/divs/div\\_2.htm](http://www.asha.org/about/membership-certification/divs/div_2.htm)). A new feature just instituted is an affiliates-only discussion forum. (You'll find the link at the bottom of the Discussion Forums page in the members-only area of the ASHA Web site.) I encourage you to post questions and participate in discussions with other Division 2 members. Another mechanism for affiliate discussion is through our Division 2 E-mail List. Instructions for subscribing are included in the Welcome Letter enclosed with this issue of *Perspectives*.

Those of you who are eligible to vote and hold office will also find—with the Welcome Letter—instruc-

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