This issue features a fast-approaching Lidcombe workshop, and updates on PCI training and research. Enjoy!

1. **Lidcombe workshop November 2 and 3, 2013**

Alberta Health Services together with ISTAR will be hosting a Lidcombe workshop November 2nd and 3rd, 2013 at Corbett Hall. The workshop will be led by Rosalee Shenker from the Montreal Fluency Center and Shea Thompsen from ISTAR. There has been tremendous interest in this valuable course and we look forward to seeing some of you there.

2. **Palin Parent Child Interaction (PCI) follow up**

It's been a year since our group met to learn the PCI program and we thought it would be interesting to meet with our colleagues to discuss the program. We are gathering interest in our plans to arrange a follow-up meeting with attendees. More details, as well as dates and times will be announced soon.

3. **Research Participants needed: Brain activity in school-age children who are typically fluent**

Boys aged 9 to 11.5 years who are right handed and are typically fluent are needed for a study of brain activity using near-infrared spectroscopy. Near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) is a technique that uses light to measure brain activity. A small sensor is taped to the forehead. The sensor contains a light source and a detector that is used to detect oxygen levels in the blood within the brain. NIRS has been used to measure brain activity in children and adults. Children participate in a speech and language screening that is followed by the NIRS data collection session. Both sessions can be conducted on the same day and take approximately 1 hour. Families travelling to Edmonton from out of town to participate receive $150 compensation for travel and accommodation. For more information please contact Dr. Marilyn Langevin at marilyn.langevin@ualberta.ca

4. **Research Media Buzz**

Research published in the September 2013 issue of the journal *Cortex: A Journal devoted to the Study of the Nervous System and Behavior* by Dr. Deryk Beal has generated some recent media coverage across
Canada, the United States, Europe and China. You can read the original article here: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00109452/49/8

Read a small sample of the articles about ‘Children who stutter have less grey matter in brain's speech areas’ in the University of Alberta News: http://news.ualberta.ca/newsarticles/2013/october/children-who-stutter-have-less-grey-matter-than-non-stutterers

5. **ISTAR at ACSLPA conference 2013**

ISTAR was very well represented at the recent ACSLPA conference in Edmonton! ISTAR's staff and students presented 8 posters! If you'd like more information on the following topics just email us at istar@ualberta.ca:

1. The Importance of Motor Sequence Learning Abilities for Stuttering Treatment
2. Imaging-Genetics: How the Study of Brain Development and Genetic Transmission of Speech and Language Disorders is Transforming Clinical Practice
3. Teasing and Bullying Experienced by Children who stutter: An update and comparison to reported incidence of children with SLI, ADHD, and Autism
4. Test-retest reliability of fNIRS measures of left prefrontal cerebral hemodynamics in typically fluent children during reading
5. Use of telecommunications technology to provide off-site supervision in stuttering clinical education programs: Inter-supervisory reliability in providing feedback in transfer activities
6. Development of a scale to measure parents’ perceptions of their children’s self-concept: A pilot study
7. Perceptions of Teleparticipation in Group Therapy of a Client and her Onsite Fellow Clients
8. Parent Perceptions of their involvement in a Bullying Intervention and Stuttering Education Program

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