



The ESLA Monthly

Amplifying SLT research, events & voices across Europe

September 2026

Dear colleagues and friends of ESLA,

We are delighted to bring you September's edition of The ESLA Monthly, a bulletin designed to make sure important Speech & Language Therapy news is heard well beyond national borders. In every issue you'll find three focused sections that align with what you told us you need most:

- **Calls for Research Participation**

Open studies, surveys or clinical trials looking for SLT partners, subjects or data contributors; so you can help advance evidence-based practice while raising the visibility of your own work.

- **Research Spotlight**

A succinct, plain-language summary of a fresh European study (or systematic review) with direct “what this means in clinical practice” take-aways you can use tomorrow.

- **National Congress & Events Calendar**

Dates, deadlines and contact links for upcoming congresses, workshops and webinars across ESLA's 37-country network; making it easy to share your expertise or plan your CPD travel

ESLA Announcements

ESLA at the European Forum for Primary Care



The poster features the ESLA logo (European Speech and Language Therapy Association) at the top left. To the right is a map of Europe with colored dots and connecting lines, accompanied by the text 'CONNECTING PROFESSIONALS STRENGTHENING PRIMARY CARE ACROSS EUROPE'. The main title 'ESLA at EFPC 2026 Stuttgart' is prominently displayed in the center. Below it is the tagline 'PEOPLE • PRIMARY CARE • STRONGER TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHIER EUROPE'. The poster is divided into two workshop sections: Workshop 1, 'Speech and Language Therapy in Primary Care', focusing on 'Access • Prevention • Workforce Planning' and led by Sahra Mengal; and Workshop 2, 'Collaboration between European Professional Health Organisations towards Professional Recognition', focusing on a 'Common Training Framework' and led by Sahra Mengal and Ellen Bol-van den Hil. At the bottom, a city skyline is shown above the slogan 'Making Speech and Language Therapy visible in European health policy' and the phrase 'A STRONGER EUROPE THROUGH COMMUNICATION'. The bottom left corner includes the text 'PEOPLE | IDEAS | IMPACT ACROSS EUROPE'.

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**ESLA at EFPC 2026
Stuttgart**

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WORKSHOP 1

**Speech and Language
Therapy in Primary Care**

Access • Prevention • Workforce Planning

Sahra Mengal, ESLA

WORKSHOP 2

**Collaboration between
European Professional Health
Organisations towards
Professional Recognition**

Common Training Framework

Sahra Mengal, ESLA +
Ellen Bol-van den Hil, EDHF

*Making Speech and Language Therapy
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ESLA participated in the European Forum for Primary Care Conference in Stuttgart with two workshops addressing the role and visibility of Speech and Language Therapy in European health systems.

One workshop focused on SLT in primary care, particularly access, prevention and workforce planning. The discussion highlighted major differences across Europe in where SLTs are positioned and how this affects access to services and the profession's visibility in health policy and planning.

A second joint workshop with Ellen Bol-van den Hil, President of the European Dental Hygienists Federation, focused on the Common Training Framework and professional recognition. Both sessions underlined the importance of ensuring that SLT is represented in wider European discussions on health systems, workforce and professional development.

Calls for Participation

Are you conducting a study in the space of Speech and Language Therapy and need help from the ESLA community? Let us know and we will include your research in next month's ESLA Monthly.

-  New ESLA Academic Research Network **Call for members**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNpwXHcV_R9O_Lwvf2ilyX1L_4v0ZeBnmtWIGXQXSmSp5O5A/viewform

-  SLPhD Network contact list for SLT PHD students and researchers for networking opportunities

[SLPhD Network Contact List](#)

-  European Life After Stroke Forum 2027 **Call for Abstracts open**

<https://www.elasf.org/abstracts-2027/>

Research Spotlight

Do you have any interesting research findings to share with the ESLA community? Let us know and we will include your research in next month's ESLA Monthly.

Congresses & Events

SAVE THE DATE:

-  Airway Congress in Vienna, Austria (From the 16th to the 17th of October 2027)
-  ECHOES event in Dublin, Ireland (the 8th of october 2026)
-  ESSD 2026 16th Annual Congress - Nutrition and Dysphagia in Leiden, The Netherlands (October 20, 2026)

<https://essd2026.org/2026/06/12/nutricion/>

-  ESLA Webinar October 2026 (**Stay tuned on ESLA's social media for more updates**)

-  ASTTLR International Conference “Integrative Speech and Language Therapy in the Context of Neurodiversity” (Online, November 14, 2026)
-  European SLT Day 2027 in Copenhagen (March 6, 2027)
-  13th ESLA Congress in Porto, Portugal (From the 27th to the 29th of May 2027) **Call for Abstracts open**

<https://eslacongress.eu/participation/abstracts>

-  7th ESLA General Assembly in Porto, Portugal (May 30, 2027)

Add Your Voice

Have a call for participants, a hot-off-the-press paper, or a national event to share? Send it to esla@eslaeurope.eu by the 15th of each month and we'll help your news resonate across Europe.

-  2nd Italian Speech and Language Therapy National Congress in Bologna, Italy (the 10th of October 2026)
-  Academy of Aphasia 64th Annual Meeting in Liège, Belgium and virtual (Hybrid) (From the 29th to the 31st of October 2026)
-  IV International congress of the Portuguese Speech Therapy Society in Porto, Portugal (From the 29th to the 31st of May 2026)
-  12th Festival du Film en Orthophonie in Nancy, France (26th and 27th of November 2027)