

## 10th Anniversary Year

### SCEL to Mark Tenth Anniversary

The Southeastern Center for the Enhancement of Learning was established in 2000 as an Authorized Training Center for Professor Reuven Feuerstein's Cognitive Enrichment Programs. Activities during 2010 will mark our Tenth Anniversary. Details for a special Tenth Anniversary Celebration, which will be held in April, will be posted on the SCEL website: [www.scel.org](http://www.scel.org).

When SCEL was first organized, Director Dr. Martha M. Wood, who had already been conducting training classes for two years, was the only certified trainer. Now SCEL has four Certified IE Trainers (Dr. Martha Wood, Dr. Elles Taddeo, Dr. Joyce Swofford and Dr. Jan Scott) -- and two Certified LPAD Trainers (Dr. Wood and Dr. Cynthia Brilliant who joined SCEL as an adjunct Trainer in 2008). In addition there is an office manager, Lois Collins, a webmaster, Martha Wicker, and a marketing consultant, Dr. Chris Wood. Dr. Jan Scott, who was named Assistant Director in 2008, also serves as Research Coordinator. Jan Burnett and Kay Shellnut are certified teachers of Instrumental Enrichment and we hope they will become certified trainers soon.

From a beginning in 2000 when we offered one course at the time, we have been able to offer all levels of IE Training, for both Standard and Basic courses, and for LPAD Training during our summer workshops.

Plan now to join us for our Tenth Anniversary Celebration in April. You are all invited.

### SCEL Announces Plans for 2010 Annual Summer Workshops

Although Summer Training conducted at SCEL is primarily for classroom teachers, it is also appropriate for school counselors and administrators, educational therapists, staff development specialists, and parents. All classes are conducted in English, and the training site is The Jones Memorial Community Learning Center at 5320 Phillips Dr., Lake City, Georgia. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 5:00 P. M.

The training fee for each class will be \$850. The training fee includes all materials, a light lunch, and two breaks each day. Participants will have a choice for lunch, and special dietary needs will be accommodated when possible, with advance notice. The Conference Hotel will be Country Inn and Suites—Morrow. Moderately priced conference rates will be available. Transportation will be provided from the Conference Hotel to the Training Site.

Certified Trainers from SCEL for 2010 classes will be Dr. Martha Wood, Dr. Elles Taddeo, Dr. Joyce Swofford, and Dr. Jan Scott.

*All classes will be offered subject to adequate enrollment. To assure a place, we ask that you register by April 15, 2010. If it should be necessary to cancel a class, registrants will be notified by May 1. Registrations will be accepted after April 15 for classes that are still available. We suggest that you not purchase non-refundable travel tickets until you have verified that the class you are interested in has adequate enrollment. Questions can be directed to our Conference Coordinator, Lois Collins, at [lcollins@scel.org](mailto:lcollins@scel.org) or you can contact [info@scel.org](mailto:info@scel.org).*

#### Instrumental Enrichment

**IE Standard I**  
**June 7-11, 2010**

**IE Standard II**  
**IE Basic I**  
**June 14-18, 2010**

**IE Standard III**  
**IE Basic II**  
**June 21-25, 2010**

# Report on 2009 SCEL Training

The Southeastern Center for the Enhancement of Learning (SCEL) conducted its annual Cognitive Enrichment Workshops at Jones Memorial Community Learning Center in Metro Atlanta, Georgia during the weeks of June 8- 26, 2009. Training was offered for IE Standard, Levels I, II, and III; for IE Basic I, and for LPAD II. Trainers were Dr. Martha Wood, Dr. Jan Scott, Dr. Joyce Swofford, Dr. Elles Taddeo, Dr. Cynthia Brilliant, and Dr. Lou Falik.

International participants in SCEL's 2009 Cognitive Enrichment Workshops came from Argentina, Thailand, Ukraine, and Canada. In addition to local attendees, U. S. participants traveled from California, Kentucky, Florida, Washington DC, and Hawaii. Guest trainer, Dr. Lou Falik, came from Israel.



Participants in Standard I and LPAD II classes, 2009



Participants in Standard II & III and Basic I classes, 2009

Trainees will now be able to help students all over the world become better thinkers and learners. The SCEL staff considers these training classes to be a major part of our mission, and we are grateful that Jones Memorial can make space available for the training.

The intensity of the training can be verified by the fact that even our inexhaustible Conference Coordinator, Lois Collins, admitted to being "tired" at the end of the third week.

## 31st ICELP International Workshops—Europe

July 4—15, 2010

University Barbes-Bolyai  
Cluj-Napoca, Romania 400084

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Details on these workshops and other training opportunities will be posted on the ICELP website: [www.icelp.org](http://www.icelp.org).

For information on additional training in the United States, check [www.iriime.us](http://www.iriime.us).



Joseph Mc Cracken, left, from Thailand, and Kay Poirer, right, from California observe as Donna Moran from Indiana works with Josh Jones on one of the LPAD Instruments.



Trainer Jan Scott mediates Wendy Cotton from California and Marijke Stanley from Canada in the IE Standard I class



Trainer Martha Wood works with Georgia participants Kathy Guptill and Annette Niles in the Standard II class

## Wood & Scott Attend Jerusalem Conference

SCEL Director Dr. Martha Wood and Assistant Director Dr. Jan Scott attended an International Meeting for Authorized Training Center Directors July 27-28 in Jerusalem, Israel, at the ICELP Headquarters. Dr. Wood was asked to introduce Professor Feuerstein for his keynote presentation, and at the reception at his home, she was recognized as the participant with the longest association with ICELP, having attended the Third International Workshops in Jerusalem in 1983. The two day meeting was followed by a three day conference on Mediated Learning at which Jan Scott made a presentation on Mediated Learning and Math Instruction.



Martha Wood, Professor Feuerstein, and Lou Falik in an area of the ICELP Headquarters being remodeled for a Treatment Center for Brain Injury clients

A preliminary report was given at the ATC Meeting on proposed changes in the Training Model for FIE.



A reception for conference participants was held at Professor Feuerstein's home.

ICELP was seeking feedback from ATCs on the proposed changes. Taking into consideration the conference discussions, new guidelines are to be drawn up.

Participants came from 10 different countries. The United States was represented by Dr. Wood, Dr. Scott and Irv Schein. We were delighted to stay with long time friends Lou and Marilyn Falik who served as our "tour guides" for several wonderful days of sightseeing. Another highlight of the visit was the opportunity to observe Shabbat with Professor Feuerstein at his home with his daughter Noa as our hostess.

## Update on NAFA

The following information was submitted by the North American Feuerstein Alliance for inclusion in this issue of Learning Landscapes:

As some of you reading this might already know, about two years ago, a group of Feuerstein followers in North America organized a network called the North American Feuerstein Alliance (NAFA). It was incorporated in March 2008, having 38 members during its first official year, and of course we want to expand our membership base to all practitioners and trainers of FIE and LPAD as well as to any other persons benefiting from or interested in supporting and advancing Feuerstein programs. NAFA membership is open to anyone living in the United States, Mexico, or Canada. As an alliance of individuals interested in the theory and applied practices based on Professor Reuven Feuerstein's work, our sole purpose is to encourage, support, and promote the use of Feuerstein theory, work, and programs to improve the cognitive abilities of children and adults in North America. Currently, NAFA has no intent in selling any product. In September, our application was approved for us to be a legal non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation, meaning that contributions (but NOT our dues) to NAFA are tax deductible as charitable contributions.

Up to now we have been communicating via email messages and our first two newsletters sent in September and October. We have purchased a domain site for our webpage and are working on developing that medium as a basis for our information exchange. We also have made available a directory of email addresses of all members that can be used for networking with each other.

We encourage everyone reading this SCEL newsletter who is not currently a member of NAFA to download the application using the link provided on our SCEL website and join during this fall's membership drive. NAFA can then add you to their email list and put you in a network with other Feuerstein contacts. One of our SCEL staff members, Dr Joyce Swofford, is the current Secretary of NAFA, and she would be pleased to answer any questions you might have if you send her an email at [joyceswofford@bellsouth.net](mailto:joyceswofford@bellsouth.net).

## LPAD Assessments

Since its inception, SCEL has been vitally interested in making training for the Learning Propensity Assessment Device available in the United States. For several years we were the only ATC that offered LPAD Training, and we frequently have inquiries from parents and others about LPAD practitioners in particular locations. Sometimes from our own knowledge we are able to make recommendations from among those who have trained at SCEL, but often we have no knowledge of LPAD Practitioners in the locations requested.

As a service to those seeking LPAD practitioners, we would like to post the names and locations for those who would be willing to take referrals for the LPAD assessment. If you would like to be listed as a certified LPAD practitioner, please contact our office manager Lois Collins at: [info@scel.org](mailto:info@scel.org).

However, if you would like to schedule an LPAD Assessment, and an LPAD Practitioner is not available in your area, we would be happy to make arrangements for an assessment at SCEL with one of our four certified LPAD Practitioners. In most cases an assessment requires at least 10 hours, which means we have to plan on one and a half to two days. Contact Dr. Wood at [mwood@scel.org](mailto:mwood@scel.org) or call 404-366-9335 for more information or to schedule an assessment.

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## Alumni Spotlight

Dr. David (Beba) Witkowski is the founder and Director of Cognition Ignition Inc "where minds get in gear." David is a cognitive therapist who uses Feuerstein's Instrumental Enrichment Program in the treatment of individuals with varying disabilities: Brain Injury, ADD/ADHD, Dyslexia, etc. His Center is located in Encinitas, California.



David Witkowski

David was one of the earliest FIE practitioners to receive training through SCEL. In 2001, David was in Dr. Wood's FIE Standard I class in Manitoba Canada. It was Dr. Wood's first training for ICELP. Since that time, David has been a regular at SCEL Summer Workshops. Although he has completed his training, he regularly recommends our workshops to his associates. Last summer (2009) he returned for a visit and shared some interesting experiences from his clinical practice.

David has perhaps the most active clinical practice based on Feuerstein's Instrumental Enrichment to be found in the United States. He is enthusiastic about the effectiveness of a clinical setting, and has many interesting testimonials on his website, which is located at [www.cognitionignition.com](http://www.cognitionignition.com).

*We would like to highlight one of our Alumni in each issue of Learning Landscapes. Please let us know if you have a suggestion for someone who has taken training with us and is now actively involved in using either FIE or LPAD.*