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STUTTER FEST



MAY 7, 2022
starting 4am ET (New York)

**24 HOUR CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD
STUTTERING COMMUNITY**



**World Stuttering
Network (WSN)**



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Welcome to StutterFEST!!

StutterFEST 2022 is a FREE virtual 24-hour celebration of the world's stuttering community. The World Stuttering Network (WSN) brings together support group organizations, researchers, professionals and people who stutter onto one virtual stage to share ideas, questions and best practices.

Instructions

1. Check out the [StutterFEST Program of Events](#). Decide which presentations you would like to attend. (No need to commit or register for any specific presentation. You may come and go as you like.)
2. Click on the [Zoom link](#) provided to you via email after you have registered.
3. You will be admitted to the [StutterFEST Lobby](#), where you will meet Tom Scharstein. He will guide you through the process and answer questions.
4. When prompted to select a room, click on the [breakout room](#) you prefer.
5. When ready [to switch rooms](#), click "Leave Room." You may then join another room.

What if I am a speaker? You will be made a co-host upon entrance to the StutterFEST Lobby. You will then be able to share your screen with your audience. This is NOT A ZOOM WEBINAR. You will be able to fully interact with the crowd. Watch the clock. *When you are finished, please introduce the next speaker.*

Can I send private messages during the conference? ABSOLUTELY! Sometimes the best part of conferences is catching up with people you have not seen for a while.

Will there be rooms available to chat with others if I am not interested in attending a presentation? YES! Lounge Rooms are always available for all 24 hours. Go to Breakout Rooms #5-50 at anytime to catch up with friends, further discuss a topic, or get to know someone. No need to ask! Also, look for other events that provide more conversational freedom or opportunities to talk... a lot.

Questions?

If you have any questions at all, you may always return to the lobby. Your host will help you in any way he can.

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Don't just listen... TALK!!

The BEST part about conferences is running into old friends, meeting new people and building relationships. Sometimes that happens in hallways, restaurants, lobbies or while having a side conversation during a presentation. WSN wants you to meet up with others... AND TALK!!!

Throughout StutterFEST, you will have access to:

- **The Lounge**- breakout rooms #5-50 where you can plan to meet up with friends.
- **Focus Groups**- Sports Talk, Book Club, and Bingeworthy TV Talk to meet others with similar interests
- **World Friending**- Like speed dating... but without the romance. Meet other people who stutter from around the world for short 1:1 conversations. 5-6 minute intervals keep the pressure low.
- **Happy Hour**- English and Spanish events are planned. Bring a snack and/or a drink to get to know others. Want a different language? Make a breakout room your own happy hour!
- **Spoken Word**- Like open mic with an artistic flair. A little poetry to bring out your inner self.

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TIME (EDT)	Main Session #1	Breakout #2	Breakout #3	Breakout #4
4:00am	Intro to StutterFEST			
4:20am	Jurgen de Jong STAMILY			
4:40am	Kurt Eggers IFA			
5:00am	Saad AlMunajem (Saudi Arabia)			
5:20am	Rich Stephens SAY Australia			
5:40am	Alexis Conolloy (UK)			
6:00am	Cody Packer (New Zealand)		Children who stutter 6-7am	
6:20am	Phyllis Edwards New Zealand	Tribute to Lynn Mackey		
6:40am	Depika Goyal (Oman)			
7:00am	Farah- Stuttering UAE		Teens who stutter 7-8am	
7:20am	YuCheng Huang (Taiwan)			
7:40am	Jane Powell (UK)			
8:00am	Raiani Sibien Stuttering Society	Stutter Stories Podcast With Tricia & Jia		
8:20am	Michael O'Shea (Ireland)			
8:40am	Allwin Dave TISA			
9:00am	Gareth Walkom With VR (Belgium)	Emmanuel Addo Ghana	For Parents 9-10am	
9:20am		Omar Ceesay The Gambia		
9:40am	Paul Castellino (US)	Bubacarr Njie The Gambia		
10:00am	Cynthia D./ Angelica B. (Peru)		Sam Wiggins	
10:20am	Lee Reeves (U.S.)		Children Who Stutter 10-11am	
10:40am	Rohil Zalke TISA	<u>Research Symposium</u>		

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11:00am	Jane Fraser - SF	10:30 G. Leal (Portugal)	Teens Who Stutter 11-12pm	Cynthia Intro to Spanish
11:20am	Puneet Singhal (India)	11:00 Dr. Bohnen (Brazil)		Jason Bernachea (Peru)
11:40am	Anita Blom (Sweden)	11:30 Dr. Busan (Italy)		Mitchel Garcia (Peru)
noon	Ryan Cowley Author (U.S.)	12:00 Dr. Garibaldi (Switzerland)	CollegeTALK	Miguel A. A. Tito (Peru)
12:20pm		12:30 Dr. Kikuchi (Japan) (video)		Alexandria Torrez (Bolivia)
12:40pm	Aashima* Googia TISA	1:00 Dr. Mohamadi (Iran) <i>change to Tricia Hedinger</i>		E. Rodriguez (Venezuela)
1:00pm	Lucy Reed (U.S.)	1:30 Dr. Per Alm (Sweden)	TechTALK	
1:20pm	"Spit it OUT!" documentary	2:00 Dr. Maguire (U.S.)		
1:40pm		2:30 Dr. Raj (U.S.) <i>*Changed to 10am</i>		
2:00pm	Mary Wood (Canada)	3:00 Dr. Sheikh Bahaei (U.S.)	GamingTALK	
2:20pm		Hedinger- final		
2:40pm	Pamela Mertz NSA			
3:00pm	N.Rodgers & Dhruv Gupta- FRIENDS		Stut-L Reunion	
3:20pm				
3:40pm	Kunal Mahajan & Alex Picone (U.S.)			
4:00pm		World Friending - Lucy	FB Groups Meetup	
4:20pm	JeanFrancois Quebec ABC			
4:40pm	Dr. Saltuklaroglu U.S.			
5:00pm	Michael Sugarman (U.S.)	Book Club	Exploring Zoom	
5:20pm	James Hayden (U.S.)			
5:40pm				
6:00pm	SSA (U.S.)	WorkTALK	How Tech Can Help Your Organization	Spanish Intro Jhoan
6:20pm				Nico Palomino (Peru)
6:40pm	George & Hannah Laday (U.S.)			John Rodriguez- Podcast(Columbia)

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7:00pm	Tague Zachary-Comedy	World Friending With Lucy		W. M. Huamani (Peru)
7:20pm				Luis E.H. Rubiano (Columbia) Podcast
7:40pm	Improv Comedy OPEN MIKE			Joaquin D.R. Rosales (Peru)
8:00pm	Heather Grossman & Chaya Goldstein	Happy Hour	Spoken Word	Spanish Happy Hour

8:20pm	AIS (U.S.)	For English speakers		
8:40pm	Mark Baer (U.S.)			
9:00pm	Nina G (U.S.)	Sports Talk		
9:20pm				
9:40pm	Robert O'Brien (Canada)			
10:00pm		Maya Chupkov Podcast		
10:20pm	Steff Lebsack (U.S.)			
10:40pm				
11:00pm	World Friending	Bingeworthy TV Talk		
11:20pm				
11:40pm				
midnight	Uri Schneider			
12:20am				
12:40am		Transcending Stuttering Podcast with Uri Schneider		
1:00am				
1:20am				
1:40am				
2:00am-4am	Open chat room... all are welcome!			

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4 AM ET

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TOM SCHARSTEIN & MARVIN WILEY JR.

LOBBY

World Stuttering Network

4:00

WELCOME TO STUTTERFEST 2022!

Tom Scharstein & Marvin Wiley Jr. welcome our international audience to celebrate the world stuttering community. As you log on, they will greet you in the lobby and make sure you find your way around.



JURJEN DE JONG

MAIN STAGE

Stamily

4:00

STAMILY kicks off StutterFEST! Stamily is a community for and by people who stutter. They would like to share with you how their first year of existence (2021) has been.



KURT EGGERS

MAIN STAGE

International Fluency Association

4:40

"This is the IFA!"

The International Fluency Association is a global community dedicated to the advancement of science, education, practice, and advocacy in stuttering and cluttering. During this presentation, we will discuss IFA's aims and how we try to achieve them.



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LOUNGE ROOMS 5-50

Always available

4:00-5:00

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SAAD ALMUNAJEM

Saudi Arabia

MAIN STAGE

5:00

Raising Awareness in Saudi Arabia

In Saudi Arabia most organizations are focusing on fluency as a goal for stutterers and a measure of success. I am trying to convey the message that fluency is not the goal, but saying what you want when you want is! I plan to use art as a method to convey the message.



RICH STEPHENS

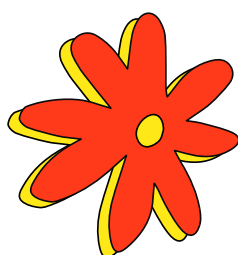
*Australian Development Chair, World Stuttering Network
President, SAY Australia*

MAIN STAGE

5:20

What it meant for me to hear "It's really OK to stutter!"

Many people who stutter experience a childhood exposed to continuous negative stuttering-related soundbites that often forms the soundtrack to their internal and emotionally painful relationship with their stutter. So what does it mean when they hear "It's really OK to stutter!"...Rich shares what it meant for him!



ALEXIS CONOLLOY

Share a Story (England)

MAIN STAGE 5:40

My quest to gain control over my stammer

My quest to gain control over my stammer by attending the Starfish project and inspirational people I have met along the way, my fear of the phone & zoom & Skype. My greatest supporter & inspiration Phyllis Edwards.



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CODY PACKER

New Zealand

MAIN STAGE

6:00

SEAtalk: Mindful Stuttering

Bring mindfulness to how we stutter, our relationship to our stutter and break any limiting beliefs about ourselves and replace them with empowering decisions.



PHYLLIS EDWARDS

Share a Story (New Zealand)

MAIN STAGE

6:20

How Dillis Duck Saved Oat the Goat's Grandmother

Author of the Dillis Duck children's book tells about the joys of being an early childhood teacher with a stammer.



TRIBUTE TO LYNNE MACKIE

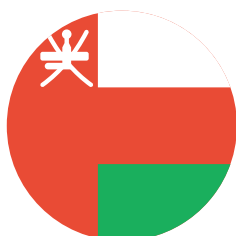
Special Event

BREAKOUT ROOM 2

6:20

04/07/1991 – 05/12/2021

Lynne Mackie was a young woman with a stammer who inspired, supported and enthused all those around her in the UK and across the world. Join us as we celebrate her life and share stories of how we came to know Lynne.



DEPIKA GOYAL

Share a Story (Oman)

MAIN STAGE

6:40

Travails of life

This is the story of my life. I will discuss how stuttering techniques can change a person's life.



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FARAH AL QAISSEH

MAIN STAGE

Stutter UAE

7:00

Stutter UAE aims to create a safe platform for people who stutter from all around the world to share opinions, views, challenges, and learnings which happened because of our stutter. At Stutter UAE, we do not view stuttering as a speech impediment, rather it is our unique accent.

YUCHENG HUANG

MAIN STAGE

Taiwan Stuttering Association

7:20

Voices from Taiwan: TSA birth of self-help group during the pandemic

As one of the co-founders of the TSA in 2021, I will describe the history, the challenges, and future directions involved in starting a self help stuttering support association in Taiwan. Discussions and Q/A will involve how to raise stuttering awareness post-pandemic and possible international collaborations between other associations and coordinating a joint Asian Stuttering International conference.

JANE POWELL

MAIN STAGE

CEO, STAMMA (U.K.)

7:40

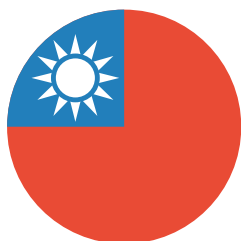
Since 2018, I've lead the organisation through a journey of reorganisation, branding & strong campaigns. Prior to STAMMA I founded and led a charity called CALM, the campaign against living miserably, aimed at tackling male suicide in the UK. I launched this in 2006 when male suicide wasn't talked about or acknowledged and was heavily stigmatised. Through highly visible campaigns, we spearheaded the issue of male suicide and combat the stigma around mental health.

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RAIANI SIBIEN

Stuttering Society

MAIN STAGE

8:00

A social media platform for people who stutter. Create your profile today and have access to all our interactive features, get professional advice from experts, join our community groups, our forum, add friends, send private messages, share your story, create articles for our blog and much more.

MICHAEL O'SHEA, JAMIE GOOGIN & MICHAEL RYAN

MAIN STAGE

Stuttering Awareness Mental Well-Being. (Ireland)

8:20

I am a person of verbal difference. I am one of the one percent of the world's population who stutter. I have learnings/experiences from sixty two years of a historical past of stuttering. The modern world knowledge of stuttering is moving very quickly now, some good, yes, some not so good.

ALLWIN DAVE

MAIN STAGE

The Indian Stammering Association (TISA)

8:40

TOPG (TISA Online Practice Program)

TOPG is an initiative by the Indian Stammering Association for the benefit and betterment of PWS (Person who stammers) by just contributing 21 days of his/her. Here the PWS learn to manage their stammering by various techniques, communication skills, acceptance and so on.

STUTTER STORIES PODCAST

BREAKOUT ROOM 2

with Tricia Hedinger & Jia Bin

8:00-9:00

Join the group as a guest on a special edition podcast episode of Stutter Stories! Special topic for 2022: *Bullying*. Share your story, ideas, thoughts and wishes for the world. No preparation needed.

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GARETH WALKOM

MAIN STAGE

with VR

9:00

SEAtalk: Simulating bullying in virtual reality

Bullying is something that nobody should have to experience, yet individuals who seem different are often targeted. Perhaps it doesn't always have to be negative experiences. In this talk, Gareth will highlight how virtual reality can simulate bullying so people who stutter can be better prepared if/when they encounter bullying.



EMMANUEL ADDO

BREAKOUT ROOM 2

World Stuttering Network

9:00

Living with a stammer in Ghana: My Story

Living with a stammer anywhere in the world is not a bed of roses for a person who stammers. Imagine growing up in a society where all that you hear about stammering is, "he does not know how to talk". That has been and it still is the situation of a lot of young people growing up in Ghana.



OMAR NK CEESAY

BREAKOUT ROOM 2

The Gambia Stuttering Association

9:20

SEAtalk: Be the best version of yourself

There is no man who don't want to be best, we all want to be best. First of all, you need to get your a goal, be specific in your goal, be consistent and never give and never stop striving to achieve what you want..



PAUL CASTELLANO

MAIN STAGE

Creator, National Stuttering Awareness Week

9:40

SEAtalk: The Bridge Builder

Based on the poem by the same name. We all have the potential to build bridges to help ease the journey of those following us.



BUBACARR NJIE

BREAKOUT ROOM 2

The Gambia

9:40

Stigma attached to being a stutter in the Gambia

Stigma and provocation, young stutters are facing in the Gambia, and the bigotry society is levieng on them, whenever they are about to speak, people tend to be impatient, not willing to listen. Therefore they felt like being left alone by the society without being consider, in other being marginalise, even in schools, where presentations happened, they tend to sideline them.

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CYNTHIA DACILLO & ANGELICA BERNABE

Specialized Center for Stuttering in Peru

MAIN STAGE

10:00

SEAtalk: How to work on desensitization with parents of children who stutter

In this presentation we will define what desensitization means, the importance of it in the stuttering therapy, the role of parents during the intervention and how we can work desensitization with them.

LEE REEVES

Former NSA Chairman of the Board

MAIN STAGE

10:20

We've Been Here Before: Relationships Between Self-Help/Support Groups and Professionals

Since the beginning of the self-help movement for stuttering in the 1960s the relationship between the stuttering and professional communities has ebbed and flowed. Both communities began with attitudes towards each other of antagonism and mutual distrust. Over time they came to understand their unique but different roles and to develop mutual respect. However, in recent years it appears that some of the old attitudes are re-emerging. Is the relationship worth saving?

ROHIL ZALKE

The Indian Stammering Association

MAIN STAGE

10:40

Nurturing The Soft Skills

TISA believes that how you speak is not important, but what you speak is more important. The presentation describes how TISA is helping PWS to work on their soft skills like good content creation, body language, public speaking, interpersonal communication, leadership and many more through presentation and debate event.



SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO

LIFT YOU HIGHER

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INDIVIDUAL & GROUP PRESENTATIONS - MAIN STAGE
RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM- BREAKOUT ROOM #2 10:30AM-3:30PM



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CHILDREN WHO STUTTER... JUST FOR YOU! BREAKOUT ROOM 3

StutterFEST welcomes children & parents

10:00

Children & parents are welcomed to attend this one-hour group conversation hosted by a WSN board member. Topics like talking in school, raising your hand in class, hanging out with friends, fears, bullies, struggles, successes and building confidence may be discussed in a child-friendly atmosphere. (An adult must attend with each child.)



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Research Symposium

Research Symposium Moderator:
Tricia Hedinger, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-F



GONCALO LEAL

Portugal

BREAKOUT ROOM 2

10:30

Virtual Reality Immersive Video on Stuttering - Applications in the assessment and treatment

While other healthcare practices are progressing rapidly, speech therapy still lags behind on the adoption of technology and innovation. But we live in changing times. This lecture will explore how 3D 180-degree videos allow us to replicate a wide diversity of life-like challenging interactions that People Who Stutter (PWS)

Participants will be able to:

- 1- get to know the potential of immersive video VR
- 2- know the differences between an Assessment with video VR versus a traditional Assessment
- 3- explore the potential of this tool in intervention with people who stutter

Disclosure: This project has received funding from a DIGI-B-CUBE voucher framework which has been supported by the European Union 2020 research and Innovation programme under agreement No 824920

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INDIVIDUAL & GROUP PRESENTATIONS - MAIN STAGE

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM- BREAKOUT ROOM 2 10:30AM-3:30PM



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DR. ANELISE BOHNEN

Brazil

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

11:00

SLPs and the educational foundations for working with PWS

A therapeutic practice is derived from knowledge, choice of paradigms and methodologies. It is not an automatic synonym of success. The biggest challenge is to make the most appropriate therapeutic choices for each individual who stutters. What are the necessary skills and competencies that SPLs need to work with PWS?

Participants will be able to: 1. discuss the emphasis on developing skills and aptitudes to cope with the new challenges of the field. A therapeutic process is, most of the time, having to deal with the unforeseen and the unexpected. 2. understand the skills and competencies necessary to work with people who stutter. 3. list the four basic foundations to enhance a therapeutic process.

Disclosures: Dr. Bohnen has no relevant financial or non-financial disclosures.



DR. PIERPAOLO BUSAN

Italy

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

11:30

The Role of Supplementary Motor Area in Developmental Stuttering

Developmental stuttering (DS) is a neurodevelopmental disorder with a complex and multifactorial neurobiological basis. Neural markers involve the presence of abnormal activity of speech/motor brain regions, as well as impaired structural and functional connectivity. Dynamic interactions of these systems are regulated by cortico-basal-thalamo-cortical networks, where the supplementary motor area (SMA) may constitute a crucial neural "hub".

The role of SMA in DS should receive higher attention and consideration in research, especially when tailoring new treatments and/or rehabilitation solutions, such as those based on non-invasive brain stimulation and neuromodulation.

Disclosures: Dr. Busan has no relevant disclosures.



JANE FRASER

President, Stuttering Foundation

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11:00

The Stuttering Foundation provides free online resources, services and support to those who stutter and their families, as well as support for research into the causes of stuttering.

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PUNEET SINGH SINGHAL

MAIN STAGE

Founder, Ssstart (India)

11:20

My stutter, my story

I am talking about my life so far. Being born in a slum of New Delhi and faced domestic violence, poverty and bullying due to my stutter shaped my personality and now how I founded my organization Ssstart and what is our approach and how it is unique.

JASON BERNACHEA

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

Peru

11:20

Tartamudeando con Comodidad

Por mucho tiempo intente dejar de tartamudear, incluso llegar a evitar situaciones tan sencillas como salir a comprar o conversar con personas. Erróneamente creí tener la esperanza de que algún día terminaría; sin embargo, con los golpes de la vida comprendí lo valiente que soy y que sí, efectivamente, la tartamudez me acompañará por el resto de mi vida pero a diferencia de antes, será mi compañera.

MITCHEL GARCIA

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

Peru

11:40

de la Adversidad a la Resiliencia , historia de superación

utilizare el story telling , utilizando mi historia personal con mi tartamudez , teniendo como tema principal a la motivacion y la resiliencia

ANITA BLOM

MAIN STAGE

International Stuttering Advocate (Sweden)

11:40

SEAtalk: Did I stutter?

Research shows that PWS are at a significantly higher risk of experiencing bullying behavior. PWS are still made fun of and stuttering is still seen as "abnormal", needing to be "cured". It's time to speak up against bullying and exclusion. We have a voice. Let's use it.

TEENS WHO STUTTER

BREAKOUT #3

StutterFEST welcomes teens who stutter!

11:00-12:00

Teens are welcomed to attend this one-hour group conversation hosted by a WSN board member. Topics like talking in school, raising your hand in class, hanging out with friends, fears, bullies, struggles, successes and building confidence may be discussed in a teen-friendly atmosphere.

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Spanish

MIGUEL ANGEL ALI TITO

Peru

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

12:00

SEAtalk: Concienticemos nuestra Tartamudez

El trabajo en conjunto con la Asociación Peruana de Tartamudez, el generar la toma de conciencia de la tartamudez por personas con tartamudez mediante charlas presenciales y virtuales en colegios e universidades de mi ciudad. Creo el grupo de concientización sobre la tartamudez para abarcar otras ciudades y concientizar.



Spanish

ALEXANDRA TORREZ

Bolivia

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

12:20

De la debilidad a la fortaleza

Muchas de las personas que tartamudean durante bastante tiempo consideran que la tartamudez es una debilidad en ellos, afectando en su auto concepto como persona. Entonces, esta percepción podría cambiar? Si! Cuando cambiamos de mirada hacia nuestra tartamudez, abrimos puertas que jamás pensamos que serían descubiertas por nosotros o por otras personas.



Spanish

EMMANUEL RODRÍGUEZ

Venezuela

BREAKOUT #4

12:40

La tartamudez y sus historias

Presentaré mi experiencia como una persona que tartamudea y el valor de investigar, junto a otras personas que tartamudean, sobre el trastorno. Haré énfasis en cómo escuchar historias de personas que tartamudean pueden ayudarnos a aceptar nuestra tartamudez.



COLLEGE TALK

For teens & adults attending college

BREAKOUT #3

12:00-1:00

Join other college students for a freestyle chat in this breakout room. This chat room will not have a host, but will be monitored by a WSN board member.

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DR. GEORGE GARIBALDI

Switzerland

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

12:00

From hesitation to greatness - pharmacotherapies for speech disfluency

There are no approved pharmacotherapies to help people who stutter. Methodological approaches, including the use of a reliable well recognized clinical outcomes, are needed to help researchers understand clinically relevant value of new therapies. A research initiative is underway to evaluate a novel mechanism of action in adults who stutter.

Participants will learn about: 1) Requirements for the methodological validation of novel pharmacological therapies; 2) Designing clinical studies to understand the effectiveness of pharmacotherapies in speech fluency; 3) Designing novel clinical outcomes to evaluate the efficacy of pharmacotherapy in speech fluency. **Disclosures:** I am co-founder, share holder and employee of NoemaPharma developing novel therapies for brain conditions.



DR. YOSHIKAZU KIKUCHI

Japan

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

12:30

A case of psychogenic stuttering successfully treated with fluency shaping & pharmacological therapy

A 34-year-old man suddenly started stuttering 8 days after a car accident. His stuttering frequency was 43%, and when excited, he developed sweating and tremors in his arms and legs. He was treated with fluency building and beta-blockers, and after 2 months his stuttering was reduced and abnormal tremors disappeared.

Participants will: learn about psychogenic stuttering, fluency shaping techniques and medications that reduce autonomic nervous system activity.

I am a Japanese doctor who stutters and has been a member of a stuttering self-help group for 20 years. I also have an M.D. in magnetoencephalography of hearing in people who stutter. My interests include brain research, drug research, social anxiety disorder, employment support, anti-bullying, and parent support, etc. I will be in Southern California for 6 months starting in October 2022 to meet with Prof. Gerald Maguire.



RYAN COWLEY

Author, "All the Right Words"

MAIN STAGE

12:00

From Despondence to Determination: My Uphill Climb as a Person Who

Stutters I thought of my stutter as a curse. But now, it is a blessing. I have learned to face my insecurities to become a PWS who is a thriving sportswriter, author, and speaker.



AASHIMA GOOGIA

The Indian Stammering Association

MAIN STAGE

12:40

Women and stuttering

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TRICIA HEDINGER

U.S.

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

1:00

Perceived impact of fluency on the personalities of PWS: Implicit Evidence of Self- Stigma

Children who stutter are plagued by three related factors that are as complex in development as they are in remediation. Public stigma, self-stigma and bullying are intertwined and require multimodal intervention to lessen their presence and impact. This study reviews the relationship of public and self-stigma, and suggests intervention strategies. **Disclosure:** On BOD for WSN



DR. PER ALM

Sweden

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

1:30

What is happening? A closer look at the mouth and throat during speech and stuttering. (And a glance at fluency strategies.)

Everyone at StutterFEST knows what stuttering is. However, most core aspects of what happens when stuttering is hidden, inside the mouth or throat. This is a presentation based on preliminary studies of moments of stuttering, and a brief look at how such understanding might elucidate strategies for management of stuttering.

Participants will be able to: 1) give an overview of the principles of articulation and voice production. 2) describe some mechanisms of speech interruption in stuttering. 3) describe some principles of speech fluency strategies.

Disclosures: Dr. Alm has no relevant disclosures.



LUCY REED

SLP & Support Group Leader (U.S.)

MAIN STAGE

1:00

SEAtalk: If It's OK To Stutter, Why Do I Need Speech Therapy?

In this interactive workshop participants will be given the opportunity to discuss their past experiences with speech therapy. We will then explore the ideas of how knowledgeable speech therapists can help people who stutter on their journeys by showing them how to let go, disclose, gain self acceptance, and develop self-advocacy skills.



"SPIT IT OUT"

Documentary viewing

MAIN STAGE

1:20

Join us for a sneak peak of a new documentary focusing on stuttering!

Anyone who is interested in chatting about the latest advances in technology, join Breakout Room #3 for TECH TALK from 1-2pm.

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DR. GERALD MAGUIRE

United States

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

2:00

Embracing our Stuttering Diversity--Emerging Personalized Comprehensive Treatments for Stuttering

Gerald A. Maguire, MD, (Jerry) is Professor and Founding Chair in Psychiatry at American University of Health Sciences School of Medicine in California. Dr. Maguire served as the Founding Chair of Psychiatry at the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine from 2014-2021.

Dr. Maguire is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (DFAPA) and is a member of the American College of Psychiatrists. He is very active in the stuttering support community, having joined the NSP (NSA) as a student nearly 40 years ago and later serving on its board of directors for eight years, including four years as chair. Dr. Maguire has also served as Vice Chair of the International Stuttering Association and is proud to serve as the Chair of Research and Development for the World Stuttering Network. As a person who stutters, Jerry set forth on his mission to become a physician to understand how best to assist his stuttering community. Dr. Maguire has authored over 80 publications (journal articles, books and book chapters) and has delivered hundreds of invited presentations throughout the world on topics related to the neurologic understanding of stuttering and its resultant, comprehensive, interdisciplinary treatments. Dr. Maguire is currently leading trials of the pharmacologic treatments such as Ecopipam and NOE-105 for the treatment of childhood onset fluency disorder (stuttering.)



DR. ERIK RAJ

United States

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

***** Changed to 10:00 am**

Video games and stuttering therapy: Leveling up and moving past obstacles

In 2022, the necessity for incorporating video games into stuttering therapy is apparent. Many instances of communication naturally arise during game play, which could be ideal times to work on stuttering-related goals. The aim of this presentation is to highlight therapeutic examples that point to the power of games.

Participants will: 1) Identify online video games that are appropriate to use in stuttering therapy with school-aged children and adults who stutter. 2) Summarize approaches to using online video games to help school-aged children and adults who stutter become more comfortable discussing their stuttering-related thoughts and feelings. 3) Demonstrate different ways to appropriately use online video games to motivate and excite school-aged children and adults who stutter.

Disclosures: Dr. Raj has no relevant disclosures.



MARY WOOD

Canada

MAIN STAGE

2:00

Mary Wood is a beacon of hope for those gripped in fear. For the past few decades, Mary has presented life altering events that enable stutterers to break free of self defeatism and begin living their best life. Her workshops are often the highlight of stuttering support conferences worldwide.

PAMELA MERTZ

National Stuttering Association

MAIN STAGE

2:40

Stuttering support organizations and simply meeting other people who stutter can change a person's life. Isolation and shame can turn into camaraderie and knowledge that we not the only one. Self loathing can be replaced with positive self talk, by a simple internet search.



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DR. SHAHRIAR SHEIKHBAHAEI

United States

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

3:00

Disrupted iron homeostasis in an animal model of stuttering.

Shahriar SheikhBahaei, Ph.D. is Principal Investigator and Chief of Neuron-Glia Signaling and Circuits Unit at the Intramural Research Program of National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke(NINDS). His research is directed toward understanding mechanisms underlying the generation and control of voluntary motor behaviors in the mammalian brain at the cellular, circuit, and systems levels of neurons and glia interactions. His research also focuses on cellular and circuit mechanisms underlying stuttering as a motor control disorder.



DHRUV GUPTA & DR. NAOMI RODGERS

MAIN STAGE

Friends

3:00

FRIENDS: Helping YPWS & their Allies – Virtually & In-Person

Speakers will discuss how they have organized and helped Kids, Teens, Young Adults, Parents/Guardians over the past two years with virtual programming (groups, community sessions, conferences).



ALEX PICONE & KUNAL MAHAJAN

MAIN STAGE

Improv Performers (U.S.)

3:40

SEAtalk: Improv: Overview and Benefits to the Stuttering Community

We will present an overview of improv and the benefits of it to the stuttering community. We will demonstrate this through a live performance at the end of the presentation. (Alex & Kunal have successfully led many improv groups and have rolled out an improv program at their company. They have trained and performed at UCB and Magnet Theatre in New York City.)



STUT-L REUNION

BREAKOUT ROOM #3

Open to attendees of Stut-L

3-4pm

Meet up with former attendees of Stut-L!

Anyone who is interested in chatting about the latest advances in gaming, join Breakout Room #3 for GAMING TALK from 2-3pm.

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JEAN FRANCOIS LEBLANC

ABC (Canada)

MAIN STAGE

4:20

L'Association bégaiement communication: A journey of support & growth

My involvement with l'Association bégaiement communication (ABC) gave me an opportunity to strengthen and grow our association, as well as travel the world and get involved in organizing an international congress on stuttering and cluttering.



DR. TIM SALTUKLAROGLU

University of Tennessee

MAIN STAGE

4:40

SEAtalk: Make no mistake - How drawing can help ease anxiety about stuttering

I will show how my simple form of drawing that involves 'making no mistakes' helps me deal with stuttering-related anxiety. The mindset of making no mistakes contrasts with how I grew up thinking about speaking and has sparked my creativity and confidence. I will show some drawings.



WORLD FRIENDING WITH LUCY BREAKOUT ROOM 2

Lucy Reed

4:00-5:00

Like speed dating but without the romance! Join Lucy Reed as she hosts several breakout rooms where participants shift every 5-6 minutes to meet new people 1:1 for a chat. Short intervals take off the pressure! If you decide you want to chat more afterwards, plan to meet up in a breakout room.

Anyone who is interested in chatting about stuttering communities on Facebook, join Breakout Room #3 for FB TALK from 4-5pm.

Community

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THAT MAKES BELONGING MATTER.

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MICHAEL SUGARMAN

MBA and retired Medical Social Worker

MAIN STAGE

5:00

SEAtalk: Whole Person Care and Peer Support

Michael will share what is being done in behavioral health regarding peers and therapy. Empowerment, Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills as they relate to wellness will be discussed.



JAMES HAYDEN

Author, "Dear World, I Stutter"

MAIN STAGE

5:20

SEAtalk: The Lessons I learned from Being Bullied

I open with 2 instances of bullying that I experienced as a child. From there, I explain how the lessons I learned from those experiences impact how I handle instances of micro and macro bullying that I've experienced as an adult.



BOOK CLUB

Bring your favorite book(s)!

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

5-6pm

Different from your typical book club where everyone reads the same book, the StutterFEST Book Club encourages you to discuss a favorite book of yours that impacted your life, entertained you and or kept you reading! Hear from others as they discuss their faves. Books do NOT have to be related to stuttering, but they can!



MEET UP WITH FRIENDS

Always available

LOUNGE ROOMS 5-50

Need a moment away from structured presentations? Would you like to meet up with friends and just chat? Message your friends and have them meet you in any breakout room from #5 to 50 to catch up!

Anyone who is interested in chatting about the latest advances in Zoom, join Breakout Room #3 for EXPLORING ZOOM from 5-6pm.

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NATHAN MALIPEDI

MAIN STAGE

Stuttering Scholarship Alliance

6:00

SSA provides scholarships to persons from underserved communities who stutter so that they can get the speech therapy they need. We also offer scholarships for speech therapists to receive training.



JHOAN GALLEGO

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

World Stuttering Network (Spanish)

6:00

Jhoan Gallego kicks off the afternoon Spanish session! Join others from Spanish speaking countries across the world to talk about what's going on in the stuttering community.

Spanish



GEORGE & HANNAH LADAY

MAIN STAGE

The History of National Stuttering Awareness Week

6:40

National Stuttering Awareness Week in the United States came about in 1988 through the efforts of two National Stuttering Project members. Paul Castellano, with the help of Barbara Hubbard, worked tirelessly for 18 months to get this act passed through the United States Congress.



NICO PALOMINO FLOREZ

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

Grupos de Apoyo Mutuo (Peru)

6:20

Nuevos retos de los Grupos de Apoyo Mutuo

Los GAM se han diversificado a lo largo de los años, los niños, adolescentes, jóvenes, adultos y familiares encuentran un espacio complementario a las terapias individuales. Debido al conocimiento de las necesidades de sus miembros, los GAM contribuyen directa o indirectamente en actividades de investigación, capacitación, entretenimiento y trabajo.

Spanish



JOHN RODRIGUEZ

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

Podcast (Columbia)

6:40

Mi historia de vida con la tartamudez

Mi presentación es mi propia historia de vida donde quiero contar las "penurias", desaciertos, aventuras y retos con la tartamudez en mi vida personal, academica, profesional de quien, en este momento de su vida, esta en el proceso de aceptar (Abrazar dicen algunos) la tartamudez.

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TAGUE ZACHARY

Comedian

MAIN STAGE

7:00

Enjoy the Comedy of Tague Zachary. Followed by 20 minutes of improv comedy with OPEN MIC!!!



Spanish

WILBERT MENDOZA HUAMANI

Peru

BREAKOUT ROOM 4

7:00

La tartamudez me hace más empático

Se puede ser más empático y comprender mejor a las personas que no pueden expresarse con libertad plena y saber de esa manera como se sienten emocionalmente y que sepan que no están solos, que somos muchos más y que es una bendición tener tartamudez por que te hace mas sensible en tanto y cuanto sepas que no eres menos que nadie.



Spanish

LUIS E. RUBIANO

Columbia

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

7:20

Mi testimonio

El testimonio de lo que he vivido con un hijo que presenta disfluencia al hablar.



Spanish

JOAQUIN DENNIS RAMIREZ ROSALES

Lima, Peru

BREAKOUT #4

7:40

Joaquin y su relación con la tartamudez

Hablare sobre mi pasión, sobre mi carrera y mi relación con la tartamudez.



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with Lucy Reed

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

7:00

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HEATHER GROSSMAN & CHAYA GOLDSTEIN MAIN STAGE

American Institute of Stuttering

8:00

American Institute for Stuttering is a non-profit organization offering expert speech therapy and community support for people of all ages who stutter. For over twenty years, AIS has helped thousands of individuals from over a dozen countries worldwide speak freely and live fearlessly.



SPOKEN WORD

Take all the time you need

BREAKOUT ROOM #3

8:00-9:00

Like Open Mic, but with an artistic flair! Use poetry or storytelling to express yourself during Spoken Word.

MARK BAER STUTTER PROUDLY

MAIN STAGE
8:40

SEAtalk: Stutter Proudly: Raising Awareness and Reducing Stigma Through Art

The presenter will a) showcase some of their efforts to reduce self and societal stigma around stuttering; b) discuss the benefits and potentials in utilizing creativity / art towards reducing these stigma; and c) encourage others to tap in to their own creative energies -- towards whatever purpose they are drawn.



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NINA G

Comedian

Join Nina G for some laughs!

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9:00



ROBERT O'BRIEN

The Laughter Lab

Part 1: The laughter lab is an interactive workshop that uses improv to help people who stutter find their voice. Built on three pillars—focusing on saying yes, cultivating laughter and celebrating mistakes—it promotes ease around speaking spontaneously. The session will be co-facilitated by Dan Dumsha of Tightrope Theatre, Wendy Duke, a speech pathologist with Columbia Speech and Language Services Inc and Robert O'Brien an author and educator with a stutter. Audience participation will be voluntary, though highly encouraged.

MAIN STAGE

9:20

Part 2: The Mighty Mindset- Reframing how we think about stuttering.

This presentation will begin by examining the typical stuttering mindset (fear, avoidance). Then reframe it by looking at how we can become more empathetic, to become our own best friends. It will conclude by looking at how we can share this new "mighty" mindset with other stutterers/communities.



STEFF LEBSACK

SEAtalk

Power of Support: How Stuttering Support Groups Have Helped Me Through Lung Disease

Stuttering Support Groups are an excellent way for people who stutter to connect, make friends, and feel less isolation in their individualized stuttering journey. As an SLP, I expected my involvement within Stuttering Support Groups to be professional- referring clients that wanted support, getting involved in a local chapter to support stuttering research initiatives and keeping up with current trends in stuttering news. I ended up experiencing so much more than I bargained for, and Stuttering Support Groups, as someone that was fluent, changed my life. As someone living with a chronic lung condition, I found my identity more in Stuttering Support Groups than in Lung Support Groups and was taught more about living and resilience than I could have ever imagined.

MAIN STAGE

10:00



SPORTS TALK

Nothing but sports

Are you a football fan? Basketball? Cricket? Lacrosse? Rugby? Golf? Join this breakout room to chat about what is going on in worldwide sports.

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

9-10pm

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PROUD STUTTER PODCAST

BREAKOUT ROOM 2

with Maya Chupkov

10:00-11:00

Join the group as a guest on a special edition podcast episode of Proud Stutter! Share your story, ideas, thoughts and wishes for the world. No preparation needed.

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BINGEWORTHY TV TALK

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

Netflix, Hulu & whatever else gets you glued to TV

11:00

Meet others who are hooked on a series, obsessed with a movie or just have a favorite show they want to share. Look beyond the ratings and hear what others think is worth watching. ★★★★★

12 AM

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URI SCHNEIDER

MAIN STAGE

Schneider Speech

The Future of Therapy is Flat: How to Level the Field for People Who Stutter

Yes, the world is getting smaller, as we are a more connected planet. Yet, too many people unable to gain access to get what they need. In a world of inequality, scarcity of resources and barriers of access hold people back. We will explore the future of stuttering therapy. What have we learned? What is emerging now? What can we look forward to tomorrow?

Together, we can identify the free and low-cost ingredients to help all people who stutter be their best. The future, starts today.

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TRANSCENDING STUTTERING PODCAST

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with Uri Schneider

12:40

10 Takeaways from 10k Podcasts: Global Impact and Personal Transformation

Podcasts continue to advance and enrich the stuttering community. Podcasts are free audio bites, filled with diverse stories and experiences, and offering open-access for people who stutter around the world – wherever and whenever they want!

Let's highlight 10 nuggets to showcase the best of the best. What is making social impact? What is life-changing for people who stutter – and friends, family and allies?

*Extra: we will reveal another unexpected angle from one podcast host perspective.

2-4 AM

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OPEN CHAT ROOM

MAIN STAGE

Everyone is welcome!

2-4am

Did you make it to the last few hours of StutterFEST?!? Congratulations! If you would like to chat with those who are still logged on, join the Open Chat Room. All topics related and unrelated to stuttering are welcomed. This room will not have a host, but will be monitored for appropriate behavior.



SHUT DOWN!!

The World Stuttering Network (WSN) thanks you!

We are truly thrilled to have you join us for StutterFEST 2022! It is our honor to have so many PWS, support organizations, professionals, and scientists come together to share what works! THIS is how progress in the community is made.

When EVERYONE who has interest in stuttering comes together to talk, report what works, problem-solve challenges, and speak freely without fear of judgement, our world will change. We are taking big steps towards reducing stigma, celebrating verbal diversity, tackling bullying, sharing resources and learning what is new in the stuttering community. Thank you for being part of the conversation!

Continue to join in discussions on our Facebook group: World Stuttering Network.

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WSN Mission Statement

The World Stuttering Network (WSN) is a non-profit organization facilitating interactive discussion with individuals leading, involved in, or interested in stuttering support groups or advocacy. Through engaging social media dialogue, live online events and easily-accessible written resources, members are provided opportunities to make connections and bring forth collaborative efforts to benefit the global stuttering community. With dynamic, ongoing assessment of needs, the WSN creates and maintains initiatives that fuel the growth and development of the worldwide stuttering support community at no cost to members. The WSN offers resources & individualized support for those interested in creating and enhancing stuttering support groups and advocacy programs, whether on a local, national or international level. The mission of the WSN is to bring the world stuttering support community together while championing the efforts of each unique support organization.

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Our vision is to connect all support group leaders (SGLs) and advocacy programs regardless of affiliation. We aim to share ideas, encouragement and best practices for supporting people who stutter.

WSN is a place to learn how to create, build & enhance your own stuttering support group or network. We will help establish support group systems in countries where none exist. We will collaborate with stuttering advocacy organizations and extend the reach of programs to international audiences.

WSN Non-Discrimination Policy

World Stuttering Network (WSN) does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, the appointment to and termination from its Board of Directors, hiring and firing of staff or contractors, selection of volunteers, selection of vendors, and providing of services.

Disclosure Statement

The World Stuttering Network is a non-profit organization with no relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose. StutterFEST is a FREE event open to people who stutter, their friends and family, professionals and all those interested in learning more about stuttering.