



A Newsletter from

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The Learning landscape

Training Opportunities

SCEL Announces Plans for Ninth Annual Summer Workshops

June 8-26, 2009
Metro-Atlanta, Georgia, USA

The Southeastern Center for the Enhancement of Learning (SCEL) will host its ninth annual Feuerstein Workshops in June of 2009, at the SCEL Training Center in Metro-Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Classes are scheduled for June 8-26. Classes in all Levels of IE Standard, IE Basic and LPAD are being planned.

Although it may be necessary to make adjustments in offerings, Dr. Martha M. Wood, SCEL Director, has announced the following schedule for courses and trainers:

Instrumental Enrichment Classes

June 15-19

IE Standard I	Dr. Jan Scott
IE Basic II	Dr. Jeannie Zehr

June 22-26

IE Standard II	Dr. Martha Wood
IE Standard III	Dr. Joyce Swofford
IE Basic I	Dr. Elles Taddeo

Learning Propensity Assessment Device

LPAD Classes

LPAD I and II will be offered concurrently, with some combined sessions for the discussion of the theoretical aspects of LPAD. Each course will run for eight days.

June 8-17

LPAD I and LPAD II
Dr. Lou Falik and Dr. Martha Wood

As always, classes are contingent upon adequate enrollment. Those interested in the training should refer to the page on the SCEL website, www.scel.org, for information on accommodations and for updates and/or changes in course offerings. If it should be necessary to cancel classes due to inadequate enrollment, applicants will be notified by May 1, 2009.

Non-refundable travel tickets should not be purchased until classes are confirmed. Inquiry can be made by emailing info@scel.org for the status of classes or for additional information. Registration fees include all materials, an ICELP diploma, as well as daily continental breakfast, light lunch, and two hospitality breaks. A get acquainted reception is planned for Sunday evening, June 14.

Other Training Opportunities

Summer Training 2009 at ICELP

July 5–16, Turin, Italy

The International Center for the Enhancement of Learning Potential announces the 30th ICELP International Workshops–Europe, headed by Professor Reuven Feuerstein, in Turin, Italy–July 5 to 16, 2009.

For details check the ICELP website at www.icelp.org or the ICELP International Workshop Hotline at: +972-2-569-3304 or by emailing sr@icelp.org.il.

Summer Training 2009 at iRi

The International Renewal Institute announces training opportunities for FIE practitioners: July 27–31, and August 3–7, 2009.

For details, check the iRi website at www.iriinc.us.



Pictured is the 2008 IE Basic Trainer's class in Venice. This was the first class ever offered by ICELP for Basic Trainers. Look closely and you might find Joyce Swofford from SCEL (front row, second from left).

SCEL 2008 Training had International Flavor

During the summer 2008 workshops, SCEL offered four courses: IE Standard I, IE Standard III, IE Basic II, and LPAD I. Having several international practitioners as participants provided an added dimension to the dynamic interaction among trainees.

In addition to repeat participants Tetiana Mykhailenko from Moscow, Russia, and Margaret Carroll from Chadstone Vic, Australia, two new “world travelers” attended our 2008 training. Ambra Tedeschi and Antonietta Mauciani from Rome, Italy, came for LPAD I training, which was led by our international representative from ICELP in Israel, Dr. Lou Falik. We were also pleased to have Marilyn Falik in our training family.

In past years, SCEL Workshops have attracted participants from: Germany, Korea, The



Ambra Tedeschi, from Rome, Italy, practices administering the LPAD during summer classes at SCEL.

Virgin Islands, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, and from our non-continental U. S. state of Hawaii.

International participants have put our “locals” to shame in using the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) rail system. They

managed numerous week-end excursions to such local attractions as Centennial Park, a popular gathering place from the 1996 Olympics held in Atlanta; Stone Mountain Park, site of the historical stone carvings commemorating heroes of the Confederacy during the Civil War; Auburn Street and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, for those interested in the Civil Rights Movement; as well as the world's largest aquarium and several local shopping attractions. It must be noted, however, that the major portion of our participants' time was taken up in “class” and with related activities.

A first for the 2008 Training was the LPAD Internships of Dr. Cynthia Brilliant and Dr. Martha Wood, who assisted Dr. Falik in the LPAD course to complete their certification as LPAD Trainers.

SCEL Happenings

2008 has been an eventful year for SCEL. In addition to the traditional summer workshops, there have been some new assignments among staff members; Dr. Wood has been certified as an LPAD Trainer; and staff members have been "on the road."

"Martha"

Swofford elected as first Secretary of NAFA

SCEL is proud to have Dr. Joyce Swofford, Coordinator for IE Standard Training, serving as the first elected Secretary of the newly organized North American Feuerstein Alliance (NAFA). Joyce was nominated following the organizational meeting in January 2008, and was elected in July, along with James Gilg, President; Jeanne Zehr, President-Elect; and Sandy Garr, Treasurer.

Scott Named Assistant Director of SCEL



Dr. Janice Scott, the first staff recruit when Dr. Martha Wood established SCEL in April 2000, has been named Assistant Director. Since the establishment of SCEL, Dr. Scott has served as Research Coordinator, due to her strong credentials in research and in staff development.

Shortly after joining the staff, Dr. Scott took the introductory IE Standard I course "just to become familiar with the program." That was all it took to get her "hooked on Feuerstein." She is now a Certified IE Trainer and a Certified LPAD Practitioner.

Dr. Scott holds a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Georgia. She taught statistics and mathematics at Clayton State and East Georgia Colleges for many years. Since retiring from Atlanta Public Schools as Director of Testing in late 2007, she has been able to take a more active role with SCEL.

New Staff Appointments

In addition to the appointment of veteran SCEL staffer Jan Scott to Assistant Director, two relative newcomers have also taken on added responsibilities. Lois Collins was named SCEL's first Office Manager last June, and Martha Wicker became our Webmaster in September.

Lois Collins joined the SCEL team in 2007 when she first participated in our Summer Workshops. Her special talent for "getting things done" and her commitment to the goals and objectives of SCEL led to her appointment in 2008 as SCEL's first Office Manager. Lois has added invaluable support for ordering materials, keeping records of training, planning for lodging accommodations and meals during training, and most importantly, serving as our official hospitality chairperson.



Lygia Filgueriros from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Martha Wood and Joyce Swofford from SCEL, are pictured in front of the Felix Pindemonte Bed and Breakfast in Jesolo Beach (Venice), Italy.

SCEL made another welcome addition to the staff when Martha Wicker came on board as Webmaster. Martha is recently retired from Clayton State University where she was Director of the University Center for Instructional Development. She comes with a wealth of experience in using technology to enhance learning.

On the Road Again

In addition to two trips to Chicago for organizational meetings of NAFA, SCEL staffers traveled to Venice, Italy, for the ICELP International Workshops; to Albany, New York, for a meeting of the National Urban Alliance; and to Hawaii and Walled Lake, Michigan, for on-site training.

Venice: The most ambitious road trip made by members of the SCEL staff this year was the trip made by Dr. Martha Wood and Dr. Joyce Swofford to the ICELP International Workshops held in July at Jesolo Beach, Italy—just outside of Venice. Joyce completed the first course to be offered specifically for certification of IE Basic Trainers and Martha took LPAD Basic to complete her certification to teach all of the IE courses—both Standard and Basic, and both levels of LPAD.

Both took part in the annual meeting of Authorized Training Center Directors from around the world. SCEL has been represented at this meeting every year except one since being organized in 2000.

A delightful Saturday boat trip to Venice by Martha and Joyce featured time with friends, including Lou and Marilyn Falik, James and Gwen Kinard, Todd Lambet, Jeannie Zehr, Sandy Garr, Liz Price, Kate Bellanca, Jim Bellanca, Meir Ben Hur, and Joyce Roseau.

On-site Training: Dr. Elles Taddeo, Coordinator for IE Basic Training, has conducted two on-site training sessions for Basic II. The course in Hawaii was for the Voyager Charter School, while the one in Walled Lake was for therapists at Lepak and Associates.

ICELP Certifies Dr. Wood as LPAD Trainer

Dr. Martha Wood, SCEL Director, attended the first formal class offered by ICELP in 2006 for those who had been accepted as candidates to become LPAD Trainers. Dr. Wood was one of only three candidates accepted from the United States. The class was offered at the ICELP International Workshops in Paris in 2006. Class participation was the first step in the certification process.

Dr. Wood was first certified as an LPAD Practitioner in 1996 in California when she took LPAD I training with Dr Lou Falik. It was the beginning of what has become a significant professional relationship with Dr. Falik and his wife Marilyn. Following her LPAD I training, with Dr Falik's encouragement, Dr. Wood continued training for LPAD II and observed on the occasions when Dr. Falik taught LPAD for SCEL. (For several years SCEL offered the only LPAD training in the United States.)

Since becoming an LPAD practitioner in 1996, Dr. Wood has administered the LPAD to individual clients and also designed and implemented a Semi-



nar for Math Anxious College students at Clayton State University. The course had as one of its components the use of Group LPAD instruments to assess readiness for college mathematics.

Following the 2006 class work in Paris, Dr. Wood completed the other requirements for LPAD Trainers Certification, which culminated in the internship at SCEL in 2008.

NOTE: Because of her long term commitment to the LPAD, Dr. Wood regularly receives inquiries from individuals who are interested in arranging for an assessment. A number of these—mostly parents—have brought their children to Atlanta for the LPAD, but there is a great need for referrals to practitioners in other parts of the country. To address this need, SCEL has established an informal LPAD Practitioner's Roster. Experienced LPAD practitioners who would like to receive referrals for LPAD assessments are encouraged to register your contact information with SCEL through info@scel.org.

News From the North American Feuerstein Alliance (NAFA)

Wood, Scott, and Swofford Participate in NAFA Meetings

SCEL was represented at two informal preliminary planning meetings to organize a Feuerstein network in North America. Both

meetings were held in Chicago. SCEL Director Martha Wood and Joyce Swofford attended the first meeting in July 2007, and Wood and Jan Scott attended the second in January 2008.

This network of educators and professionals soon formed the North American Feuerstein Alliance (NAFA). Rick Younkin and Vivian Cross were designated temporary co-chairs, plans were made for incorporation, and the group drew up a preliminary draft of Bylaws. Wood and Scott edited the preliminary draft, while Wood was asked to serve as interim membership chairperson and Scott served on the interim research committee. All three SCEL Trainers attended the

official organizational meeting of NAFA in Albany, NY, in March, 2008.

NAFA Membership

Membership applications can be found on this website (www.scel.org). Cost of membership is \$50 per year. We encourage you to join this organization and benefit from the networking opportunity.

Current NAFA Officers are:

James Gilg, President
Jeanne Zehr, President-Elect
Joyce Swofford, Secretary
Sandy Garr, Treasurer

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COMING UP

We would like to feature "News from our Alumni" in the next issue of Learning Landscapes. Many of you have shared tidbits of information about your activities, which would be of interest to other Feuerstein practitioners, but we don't feel we can share them without your permission. We would love to have updates from those who have trained with us at SCEL or onsite. Send your information to info@scel.org and title it "Alumni News".