The link between NVST ECSF EFS

Outline

• What is the NVST?
• Why high standards of care and specialisation
• NVST - ECSF - EFS
• Benefits of a National Association
• Conclusion and take home message

What is the NVST?

• Nederlandse Vereniging voor Stottertherapie
• founded in 1987
• membership organization
• one to two year specialisation
• brings together 70 SLT-fluency specialists
• representative to third parties

Rationale for founding the NVST

• founders joined strenghths and inspiration
• the best possible care for PWS
• need for a professional framework

Goals of the NVST

1. to improve the knowledge and understanding of stuttering, to monitor the quality of diagnosis and treatment of stuttering

2. to protect the socio-economic interests of its members

The board

• Anneke Busser, president
• Angélique Dreijer, secretary
• Else Rozema, treasurer
**Policy NVST 2013 - 2017**

Policy-plan guideline for clinical practice based on:
- recent developments in healthcare
- goals of the association

developed and endorsed by all members:
- policy, mission, vision

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**NVST: Mission & vision**

**Mission:**
The Dutch Association of Stuttering Therapy monitors and promotes the quality/level of fluency therapist professionals and their socio-economic status.

**Vision:**
The members of The Dutch Association of Stuttering Therapy are being recognized as SLT-Fluency Specialists who develop and provide the best care regarding stuttering diagnosis and treatment.

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**Join strengths...**

- high standard of care  
  > ECSF and NVST
- 2014 Associate Partner

*What is the practical value for the fluency specialist and the PWS?*

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**WHO ASKS FOR “QUALITY”?**

- market forces
- transparency and hallmarks of good therapy
- natural need for specialisation

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**specialisation**

passion for our work and PWS

Currently available therapy for Dutch PWS
- SLT - Kwaliteitsregister Paramedici
- NVST recognized fluency specialist
  - no recognition of specialisation by NVLF
- non-scientific and commercial approach
  - no register

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**society recognizes practical value of specialisation**

ECSF and NVST collaboration
- recognition of specialisation
- minimal and equal standards of competence

EFS helpful for national recognition of fluency specialists
inspiration

NVST ECSF

10 years Dutch specialisation course:
2005 - 2010 Opleidingsreglement NVST
revision, transparancy, accreditation
small organisation
2011 revision or ECSF course?

NVST ECSF

2014 Associate Partner
ECSF course is integral part of the Dutch recognition program for stuttertherapists
application for the EFS register
involvement 70 specialists / mentor / research

BENEFITS

Policy 2013 - 2017 NVST goals & healthcare
- guideline for board and members
- membership > committee

Wat are benefits of being united?
How are we organized?
committees

Organisation of the NVST

BEING UNITED

committee
Facilitate the education and registration in the EFS of all our members. This committee contacts the ECSF and EFS directly.
The NVST membership has also the privilege to deliver one-hour sessions of therapy.
BEING UNITED committee
our products show our high standards to the outer world
Clinical Guideline Stuttering
Intensive Group Therapy
aftercare website  www.stotters.nl

BEING UNITED committee
continuous education of our members
- application of all our members in the EFS
- accredited courses,
- scientific reading
- intervision/peer groups in which therapists discuss their methods of clinical management

BEING UNITED committee
our socio-economic status improved
- health insurances
- recognition of specialisation
- specialist wages

BEING UNITED committee
www.nedverstottertherapie.nl
public relations

BEING UNITED committee
www.stotteren.nl
neutral information about stuttering
NFS
NFS - Demosthenes - NVST
awareness campaigns

CONCLUSION
• the EFS makes our quality visible
• good quality of treatment (ISA)
• united & a professional framework
CONCLUSION

specialisation and certification is of highly added value to the implementation of the Clinical Guideline Stuttering

Associate Partnership with the ECSF meets those goals on a European level quality and positioning

SHARE STRENGTS AND INSPIRATION !