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BALTIMORE, Oct. 5 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- 3,000 special-education teachers, educators, speech-language pathologists, healthcare professionals and researchers from the US and around the world are expected to attend the [International Dyslexia Association](#) 60th Annual Conference, Nov. 11-14 at the Swan & Dolphin resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The IDA conference is widely regarded as the premier professional development conference in North America discussing dyslexia and related learning disabilities.

The four-day program includes 150 one- and two-hour educational sessions, and ten full- and half-day symposia. Research findings from [Florida Center for Reading Research](#), will be presented in a full-day symposium chaired by Barbara Foorman, Director of FCRR, and Elizabeth Crawford, Director of Intervention Projects. Topics include *Reducing Risk for Later Reading Disabilities*, *Individualizing Reading Instruction in Early Elementary Classrooms*, and *Assessment for Instruction in Reading and Supports for Teachers to Guide Instruction in Reading*.

The RTI Action Network, [National Center for Learning Disabilities](#), will present effective strategies, positive outcomes and essential components for implementation of *Response-To-Intervention (RTI)* programs in another full-day symposium, including policy issues, implementation procedures and assessment guidelines.

Sessions focusing on the emotional, social and self-esteem consequences of reading disorders--on both schoolchildren and adults--as well as screening and management of *ADHD* as a coexisting condition with dyslexia and the impact *ADHD* may have in reading acquisition. Fluency, English language learners, critical reading skills, phonemic and phonological awareness and written expression are among the many topics on reading and language acquisition.

Dana Buchman, noted fashion designer, parent of a dyslexic child and author of *A Special Education*, will give the keynote address at the Conference opening event Wednesday, November 11.

Conference presenters include internationally-known names in dyslexia research and practice-based education, including *Dr. Charles Perfetti*, co-Director of the Pittsburgh Science of Learning Center; *G. Reid Lyon*, Ph.D., former Chief, Child Development & Behavior Branch, National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, now Distinguished Professor of Education Policy & Research, SMU; and *Joseph K. Torgesen*, Ph.D., Director Emeritus of the Florida Center for Reading Research. *Louisa Moats*, Ph.D., *Barbara Wilson*, M.S.Ed., *Louise Spear-Swerling*, Ph.D., and *Suzanne Carreker*, M.S., will present a half-day symposium on *Standards for the Training of Reading Specialists* on Friday, November 13.

The Conference offers continuing education units (CEUs) for professionals in Education, Speech &

Language, Counseling and other areas. More than 100 exhibitors are part of the Conference, including publishers, schools and multi-sensory learning programs.

IDA is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization dedicated exclusively to the study and treatment of the specific language disability known as dyslexia. The association has 10,000 members worldwide, 48 Branches in the United States and Canada, and global partnerships in thirteen countries. IDA members include individuals with dyslexia, their families, educators, diagnosticians, physicians, researchers and other professionals in the field of dyslexia and learning differences. For more information call 1-800-ABCD123 or log onto www.interdys.org.

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