

THE 3rd SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETING

Thursday, January 26, 2023

6:00PM-7:00PM (US Central Time)

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Title: Creation, Development and Benefits of Support Groups for People Who Stutter

Presenter: Ran An, Ph.D. and Jia Bin, Ph.D. student

Abstract: Support groups are becoming a vital part of the recovery process for many people who stutter. A growing number of speech-language pathologists are encouraging their clients who stutter to join support groups. This session will present how the first few support groups for Chinese-speaking people who stutter worldwide were initiated, created, and developed and how the support groups benefit this overall under-resourced community. The purpose is to share the first handed experience and increase awareness of the importance of support groups for people who stutter in different social contexts.

Presentation time: 1 hour (40 -45 minutes of presentation and 15-20 minutes of discussion)

Learner's outcomes: After this session, the attendees will be able to...

- 1) Recognize the importance of support groups for people who stutter.
- 2) Describe the approaches to creating and developing a support group.
- 3) Describe the benefits of support groups for people who stutter.



Ran An, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Speech-Language Pathology programs at the University of Scranton. She earned her Ph.D. degree in Communicative Disorders at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. She researched world languages at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for two years as a visiting researcher. Her current research interests include fluency disorders and child language disorders, focusing on underrepresented populations such as women and bilingual and multilingual populations. She is the leader of the Scranton Family Chapter of the National Stuttering Association and the founder and coordinator of the support group of Chinese-speaking women who stutter.



Jia Bin, M.A., is a doctoral student and a research assistant at Spartan Stuttering Lab at Michigan State University. Jia earned her Master's degree in Secondary Education at Oakland University and her Master's Degree in Communicative Sciences and Disorders at Michigan State University. She has been a language teacher in China, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Jia's passion for helping others communicate has led her to become open about her experience of stuttering and active in the global stuttering community. Jia has served as the central north regional chapter coordinator of the National Stuttering Association. She is also a founder of a Chinese podcast, "Stammer Talk," and hosts online support sessions for the Chinese stuttering community.