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Stern Center's Dr. Blanche Podhajski Speaks at the International Dyslexia Association's Annual Conference

Williston, VT - Dr. Blanche Podhajski was a featured speaker at the International Dyslexia Association's 59th Annual Conference recently held in Seattle.

Podhajski, along with Dr. Nancy Mather of the University of Arizona, presented "Preparing Teachers to Provide Appropriate Reading and Spelling Instruction to All Students." The presentation included a product preview of *MAP: Mastering the Alphabet Principle*, to be published February 1, 2009 by Paul H. Brookes Publishing. MAP is a computer based course which originated at the Stern Center as TIME for Teachers, a program to help teachers prepare children for reading success.

"We are thrilled that *MAP* will now be available anywhere to help teacher preparation as well as in-service programs in schools and individuals," Podhajski explained. "We are delighted to be hearing from people across the country who are intending to use it to help college faculty deliver best practices in literacy instruction."

The Stern Center for Language and Learning is dedicated to literacy for all. Many people who struggle with reading, writing, and mathematics do not learn the same way as those who easily achieve literacy. Stern Center professionals evaluate and teach all kinds of learners, including those with learning disabilities such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorders. The Stern Center is committed to helping individuals identify their learning strengths as well as their needs and to finding solutions that allow everyone to learn. More information available at www.sterncenter.org.

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