

# Texas Irlen Association

14th Edition

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## TIA 15th Annual Meeting



It is hard to believe we will be holding the 15th Annual Texas Irlen Association Meeting this upcoming January, 2012. It's only fitting that Helen Irlen will be our keynote speaker and update us on what's happening with Irlen around the world, new research, and exciting work with wounded warriors returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

The meeting will be held on Friday, January 27 to Sunday, January 29, 2012. The meeting will be held in Austin, Texas, at the Embassy Suites Austin Arboretum Hotel, 9505 Stoneleigh Blvd., Austin, TX, 78759. The hotel is close to the Arboretum Mall with lots of restaurants nearby.

Registration and reception will begin on Friday night, January 27, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, January 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The program on Saturday will be from 9-5 and Helen will sign copies of her new book, *The Irlen Revolution* following the meeting. The program will continue on Sunday from 8:30 to noon.

In addition to Helen Irlen's update and information on how treatment for Irlen Syndrome is helping some individuals with traumatic brain injury and other medical conditions, the program will include a number of exciting speakers and such topics as accommodations for Irlen Syndrome symptoms on the new Texas STARR test, international research on Irlen Syndrome, the changes in the new Irlen Screening manuals and Irlen Perceptual Reading Scale forms, as well as changes in the Irlen screening administration. Mathematics and Irlen Syndrome will also be a topic for discussion as well as new medications for ADHD. The STORE will also be available to purchase overlays, IRPS forms, and brochures as well as Helen Irlen's new book.

We have a few slots left in the program to make sure we cover those topics that are of interest to you. Please email us at [info@irlentexas.com](mailto:info@irlentexas.com) with topics you would like to see presented or if you have a topic that you would like to present yourself.

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Irlen continues to experience challenges in Texas. We see some schools discontinuing testing of students for Irlen Syndrome. There are some groups actively providing inaccurate negative information about Irlen as well as indicating there is no credible research. We need your help. What is happening in your district? If you know parents with children who have been helped with the treatment of Irlen Syndrome, please ask them to write a supporting letter addressed to the Texas Irlen Association, 3722 N. Main St., Baytown, TX 77521, or contact Patricia J. Johnson, Ph.D., TIA President, at [info@irlentexas.com](mailto:info@irlentexas.com) or at 877-428-7039. We need your help and appreciate your support.

In addition, a new group called Chromagen are offering a very limited number of colored lenses purported to help individuals with learning and reading problems.



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## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM IRLLEN INSTITUTE

Helen has just announced a new point system for recertification as an Irlen Screener. These new additions should make it easier for Irlen Screeners to obtain recertification. In the past, Screeners had to obtain 6 Irlen Recertification credits (IRC) within a five (5) year

period to be recertified. While the credits needed have been increased to twelve (12) in a five year period, more credits are awarded for activities than previously, as well as additional ways to obtain those credits. Of course, if you were awarded credits previously, they will be increased

to reflect the new credit points. For example, if you attended a screener training and were awarded 6 IRC, that would change to 12 IRC. Below is updated schedule of Irlen Recertification Credits (IRCs) for various activities.

### Irlen Recertification Credits (IRC) \*revised\*

Attendance at an Irlen Conference: (National or International)	6 IRC per day (12 IRC for 2 days)
Attendance at an Irlen Cluster Meeting	6 IRC per day (6 hours) 3 IRC for half-day (3 hours)
Attend Irlen Webinar	1 IRC per hour
Re-attend Irlen Screener Training Course	6 IRC per day (12 IRC for 2 days)
Published article on Irlen	3 IRC per page
Published research study	12 IRC
Research: Conduct & collect pre/post standardized testing scores on Excel spreadsheets	1 IRC for every 10 individuals
Talking with groups about Irlen Syndrome: to educators, health care professionals, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, and other professionals	2 IRC for each hour of presentation
Conference Presentation	3 IRC for each hour of presentation
Conference Exhibit Booth	6 IRC for each day of conference
Plan & Organize diagnostic travel trip	2 IRC per travel trip
Reading <i>The Irlen Revolution</i> and submit one page summation	12 IRC
Post review of <i>The Irlen Revolution</i> online at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com	1 IRC
Spending one day with an Irlen Diagnostician	6 IRC
Spending ½ day with an Irlen Diagnostician	3 IRC
Watch DVD: Screening by Helen Irlen	2 IRC
Watch DVD(s) from approved listing of Irlen Conferences	6 IRC per conference

## 2012 Training Dates

**Patricia J. Johnson, Ph.D.**

**Baytown, TX:** January 19-20, June 7-8, October 25-26, 2012

**Dallas, TX:** February 2-3, June 14-15, September 20-21, 2012

**Dr. Carol Zuccone**

**Houston, TX:** January 13-14, March 2-3, July 26-27, and October 5-6, 2012

**Austin, TX:** January 26-27, June 21-22, & September 20-21, 2012



**TIA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORMS**  
are available for download from our website:  
[www.irlentexas.com](http://www.irlentexas.com)

You can find the link on the bottom right hand side of our home page under Texas Irlen Association.

## Incandescent light bulbs update!

Our Irlen clients are very excited that State Representative, George Lavender (House District 1) sponsored legislation providing for the continued manufacture and sale of incandescent light bulbs in the State of Texas. Governor Rick Perry signed this legislation in June, 2011. As you know, fluorescent light bulbs can exacerbate the symptoms of Irlen Syndrome and contribute to the distortions on the printed page as well as the discomfort and headaches Irlen sufferers experience. Representative Lavender's champion of this cause in an invaluable service for Irlen people.

## Screeener Award

Texas Irlen Association has established an annual Screeener Recognition Award to recognize Screeener(s) who have made a significant contribution to advance public awareness of Irlen Syndrome. Screeeners work tirelessly to diagnose, treat, and promote Irlen. Unfortunately, many of us do not know what they are doing and therefore, many of

these wonderful people go unrecognized and their achievements are overlooked. Years ago, TIA instituted a process which we hope will overcome this shortcoming by establishing the TIA Outstanding Screeener Award to be given annually at the TIA Meeting. Nominations may come from another screeener, Irlen Diagnostician, school district personnel, parent, or potential re

ipient (who knows better what you have done than you?).

Send the following information to Pat Johnson: Name, address, and phone number of the Nominee. Reason why you think this person should be recognized (including specific accomplishments), your name and contact information.



## Upcoming Meetings

July 25-27, 2012

Irlen International Conference in Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Details & Registration information to be posted at a later date



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