

# World Voice Day

The **World Voice Day** has been recognized as a public education campaign and has received the support of the major national government authorities – Ministries of Health, Education and Culture.

Also the World Voice Day campaign has received all over the world a major support from the media that has given great visibility to the Voice. The same happens with voice professionals who have understand and give their suport to the Worls Voice Day.

Below some of the main initiatives that under sponsorship of the European Laryngological Society – ELS and other national and local Otolaryngology Societies, will be developed in european countries.

## 1 Voice Screenings

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Voice Screenings for public in general and professionals of voice, free of charge in several hospitals.

## 2 “Voice Day at School”

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Considering that teachers are the professional group who suffer the most with vocal abuse and also the need of catching the attention of children to the importance of voice and the correct way of using it, we will go on this year with the project “**World Voice Day at School**” that has started in Portugal last year as a result of the collaboration of the Faculty of Medicine of Lisbon and the Ministry of Education.

Through the Ministry of Education every school was invited to organize its own “**World Voice Day at School**” putting together teachers and students.

Last year the “**World Voice Day at School**” has exceeded the expectations by the creativity of schools that allowed to reach not only the students and the teachers but also parents, families and the population around the school who was invited to participate in the different events –workshops, conferences, musical shows, theaters, etc.

## 3 World Voice Day and the Town-Halls

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This year we started a new project with the Town-Halls that in many cases give support to amateur groups of theatre, singing and music. Through the Town-Hall Cultural Departments these groups were invited to perform concerts and theatres in several places. With this project we hope to get closer to the general public in small cities and even in villages.

## 4 World Voice Day Festival

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During the week-end of April 18-19, at the main building of the University of Lisbon, it will take place once again a special event – the **World Voice Day Festival** where Workshops, Master Classes and Conferences will alternate with Concerts – lyrics, corals, jazz, pop among others.

In Spain the main event following the huge success of last year will be the **Voice Marathon** that will take place in Madrid

## 5 “1<sup>st</sup> World Voice Day Concert”

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The “**1<sup>st</sup> World Voice Day Concert**” will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 10:00 pm at the Lisbon Opera House (Teatro Nacional de S. Carlos, photo enclosed). This Concert will be realized every year in a different country changing its style - music or theater.

In this Concert - “**Gala of Fado**”, the most prestigious Fado singers will be accompanied by portuguese guitar, guitar and two jazz pianists.

The Concert will be broadcasted live by the national portuguese television (RTP) for Portugal and also through Eurovision, satellite and Internet to the entire world (site: [www.rtp.pt](http://www.rtp.pt)). This will be the major international event of the **World Voice Day** commemorations. In 2010 it will take place in Madrid.

## 6 Site

More details are available at the ELS site [www.elsoc.org](http://www.elsoc.org)  
and also at our site [www.diamundialdavoz.com](http://www.diamundialdavoz.com)

Best regards,

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