



AUDI NEWS

The Newsletter of the International Society of Audiology

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!!

As most of us know, the *Audi News* has been regularly edited by our General Secretary, Dr. Hans Verschuure of the Netherlands. In addition to his other tasks for the ISA, he has spent untold hours gathering material and persuading others to write articles for submission to the *Audi News*. For that effort we have been and continue to be very grateful. At the recent 25th International Congress of ISA in September, Hans indicated that while he was pleased to continue as editor of the newsletter, he would welcome relief if there was someone foolish enough to volunteer for the task!

Many years ago when I was in the army, the most important thing drilled into my head was "never volunteer for anything!" Sometime during the ISA meeting, common sense abandoned me and I responded to Han's cry for help by volunteering to take over the *Audi*

3 into 1: Journals to Amalgamate!!

It is now "official". *Audiology*, *The British Journal of Audiology and Scandinavian Audiology* will join together to become the *International Journal of Audiology*. The new journal, really a continuation of three of the most prestigious publications in the field will be jointly owned by the British Society of Audiology, the International Society of Audiology and the Nordic Audiological

News for a very brief period of time. Hans is happy. My old army buddies stare at me in wonderment. My family thinks I have lost touch with reality. But I hope that you, dear reader, will find this brief interlude into insanity to your liking. Of course, in my naiveté I have imagined the task made easier by your submissions including notes, articles, calendar information and abstracts of your work. Hans could not do it alone, and I certainly can not. This is your newsletter, and unless you contribute, it will be a waste of time and money. Please think about what you do and share it with us. Submissions need be only 200-400 words, a mere dalliance for such brilliant souls as you dear readers. If you are concerned that your English is a bit spotty, never fear. We have an able bodied staff eager to assist you with suggestions and editing. You can submit things to us via

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Society. The journal will be under the editorship of Stig Arlinger, with associated editors Agnete Parving, John Bamford, Jean Marie Aran and Ross Roeser. It will be published by BC Decker with the first issue to appear in January, 2002. *Audiology*, the oldest journal in the field, will have been in continuous

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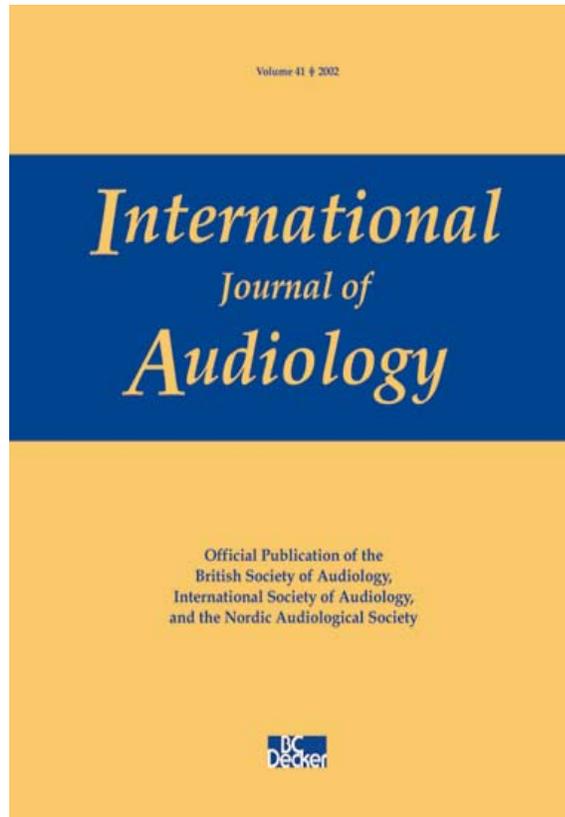
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3 INTO 1: JOURNAL AMALGAMATION!!

publication for 40 years. *Scandinavian Audiology* has been in publication for 30 years and the *British Journal of Audiology* will complete 35 years. In short, these three journals represent well over 100 years of publication of scientific work in hearing, hearing impairment, hearing science and audiology.... And now they will join together as one very powerful and important international journal. The *International Journal of Audiology* will begin with Volume 41, thus reflecting its academic heritage, and assuring libraries, institutions and individual subscribers that it is truly an extension of the high quality publications they have long since recognized. It will be available to readers through a variety of mechanisms. New subscriptions to libraries, institutions and non-members of the owning societies will be available through BC Decker and existing



subscriptions to any one of the previous journals will result in an automatic subscription to the *International Journal of Audiology* if the institution wishes to have that happen. Members of the International Society of Audiology will automatically receive the new journal as a part of their membership benefits. Both the other owning societies will also be contacting their members with information.

WATCH FOR THE NEW JOURNAL!!

JANUARY, 2002

Welcome to our new newsletter!! - Continued

e-mail (gtm98@yahoo.com) or by fax (902 494 5151), but be sure to mention that the material is for the *Audi News*.

What kinds of things are we looking for? That's easy! Our first choice is a summary of activities by your national or regional group. That could include events of the past and of the future. Please share with us what is going on in your part of the world. Our second choice is a report of the work of any individual (member or not) which you believe our readers would find interesting. If you or your colleagues do a study or survey, and the results are not yet ready for publication in our new *International Journal of Audiology* or are to be published in a language other than English, by all means, tell us about it. Our third choice is

an abstract of work done in your area or in your institution, and finally, our fourth choice is a listing of calendar events for your region. If you are not sure if what you have is right—send it in and let us respond.

Folks... this is your newsletter. If you support it we will have a rich source of information about what is going on all around the world. We will have colleagues to contact, science to read and understand, places to visit and things to learn. The International Society of Audiology is the oldest Audiology society in the world. Our constituency is the world, and you are our members. Our only interest is in supporting you in your work, and in sharing with you what others are doing. We are not bigger or better than you. We are—you. GTM

NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR DUES SAVES MONEY

Effective 2002, the International Society of Audiology will introduce the possibility of paying your dues for two years, AND saving a considerable amount of money by doing so. Dues for the one year, 2002, have been set at \$65 USD or 72 Euros. However, now instead of just paying one year's dues, you can pay two year's dues (2002 and 2003) at only \$55 USD per year for a total of \$110 (122 Euros). This represents a 15% savings at \$20 USD or 23 Euros!

What do you get for your dues??

- The International Journal of Audiology (8 times per year)
- Audi News—The ISA newsletter
- The Hearing International Newsletter (quarterly)
- Organization of biannual congresses
- Organization of lectures, workshops and meetings in cooperation with affiliated societies
- Participation and representation at international meetings such as the World Health Organization, and the Council of International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS)

TO: SEIMENS HEARING INSTRUMENTS — “THANKS!”

The Editor and the Executive of the International Society of Audiology would like to express appreciation to Seimens Hearing Instruments for their support of this newsletter. It is through their generosity that we are able to continue to bring you this publication. The next time you visit a Seimen's booth or see a Seimen's representative, please pass on words of appreciation

World Health Organization: Guidelines for Hearing Aids And Services For Developing Countries

The World Health Organization convened a meeting in mid July at their headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland to discuss the provision of hearing services and hearing aids in the developing world. Specifically, the purpose of the meeting was:

- 1) to raise awareness of the size of the problem of deafness and hearing impairment in developing countries;
- 2) to propose the solution of providing sufficient appropriate and affordable hearing aids for developing countries;
- 3) to launch the *WHO Guidelines for Hearing Aids and Services for Developing Countries*;
- 4) to stimulate manufacturers & service providers to address the problem on a large scale.

The 45 attendees represented programs, manufacturers, societies, NGOs, agencies, and governments or organizations which produce, fit, distribute, pay for or use hearing aids. Dr. Andrew Smith, who organized the meeting, ensured that all reviewers comments and suggestions were considered and, consequently, the final draft of the Guidelines is an excellent document offering realistic guidelines to manufactures and service providers active in the developing world. A future issue of this newsletter will specifically focus on the guidelines and offer detailed information. Copies of the Guidelines may be obtained by writing Dr. A.W. Smith, Prevention of Blindness & Deafness (PBD), WHO, Geneva, Switzerland (smithaw@who.ch)

The International Society of Audiology in cooperation with The Audiological Society of Australia and The New Zealand Audiological Society invite you to Melbourne, Australia

Dear colleagues,

It is my great privilege and pleasure to invite you to attend the 26th International Congress of Audiology. This is the first congress to travel "down under" and on behalf of the ISA and Audiological Society of Australia (ASA), we look forward to welcoming you to Melbourne in March 2002.

The years since the last meeting in The Hague 2000 have heralded significant developments in hearing technology and in the development of a global audiology community through the activity of the ISA, AAA and more locally, the strong collaboration of the ASA and New Zealand Audiological Society (NZAS).

The International Congress will provide a unique forum and opportunity for physicians, audiologists, habilitationists, educators, hearing scientists and hearing aid dispensers from across the globe to meet and exchange ideas and current knowledge in the field. The ISA Scientific Committee has selected three major themes for in depth round table discussions: implantable technology, speech perception and psycho-physics, and the prevention, screening and rehabilitation of hearing problems in the elderly. In addition, free paper and poster sessions will be structured to address both scientific and clinical aspects of audiology. A special theme will be on "developing audiology" in Asia Pacific.

The scientific program will be further enhanced by the inclusion of a "consumer-focus" day providing an opportunity for involvement and discussion with consumers in conference sessions. In addition, while the International Congress will run from Sunday 17th March through Thursday 21st March. On Friday 22nd, the ASA and NZAS will host a joint National Conference as a satellite. The Congress will include an extensive trade exhibit featuring new products and developments from all major international manufacturers of hearing instruments, audiological equipment and related supplies.

Melbourne is a safe, cosmopolitan city, offering world-class conference facilities, accommodation, transport, shopping, restaurants and entertainment. During your stay, we have planned a varied and exciting social program for delegates and accompanying persons, so don't forget your camera, your sunscreen and your dancing shoes! Melbourne is also your gateway to a unique continent, and we hope you may take the extra time to enjoy the endless wonders of Australia and New Zealand during and after your visit. We look forward to welcoming you to sunny Australia.



XXVI International Congress of Audiology

17 - 22 March 2002

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

A diverse scientific program of symposia, round tables, and free papers on a wide range of audiological practice, plus consumer forum and extensive trade exhibition.

*Round Table discussions on:
Implantable technology
Speech perception and psychophysics
Prevention & rehabilitation of hearing problems in the elderly*

Free papers and posters are welcomed on topical issues in hearing research, clinical practice and service delivery

To obtain further information regarding the XXVI International Congress of Audiology please contact the congress secretariat:

A limited number of Sponsorship and Exhibition packages are still available. Please contact the secretariat for further details.

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