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An Invitation to the XXVIIth International Congress of Audiology

On behalf of the Congress Organizing Committee, it is a pleasure for me to invite you to join us in Phoenix, Arizona, USA for the XXVIIth International Congress of Audiology! The Congress welcomes students, clinicians, scientists, educators, engineering specialists, manufacturers, and others interested in hearing and the problems faced by persons with hearing loss.



Ted Glattke

The venue is the Phoenix Convention Center in the heart of the city and only a few minutes' cab ride from the airport. The official Congress hotels, Wyndham Phoenix and Ramada, are very close to the Convention Center, so you will be able to walk to and from events, restaurants and other downtown attractions. Plan on warm days and mild nights.

*The theme of the Congress is:
"Come for the Science,
Enjoy the Salsa,
Stay for the Scenery."*

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The Science

The keynote address by David Kemp will put modern theories of hearing into the context of discoveries of otoacoustic emissions, dancing hair cells, and many other secrets that the cochlea has been slow to reveal. Round Table sessions on Molecular Biology, Pediatrics and Cognition in Audiology will help to move us from today to the future. Your contributed papers will be welcome on any topic related to audiology. We will organize them into traditional and poster sessions. Your colleagues are eager to learn from you and we hope you will submit a proposal. The deadline for abstract submission is July 1, 2004.

The Salsa

Many of my colleagues have told me that an important feature of an international meeting is the opportunity to meet informally with their peers from around the world. The Congress will provide opportunities for you to visit with old friends and make new friends each day. The Congress will open with a reception on Sunday evening, 26 September at the Phoenix Convention Center. On Monday, there will be another informal reception in the exhibit hall. On Tuesday evening, we will travel to the Corona Ranch for music and dancing, good food, and a rodeo performance that will emphasize the horsemanship skills of vaqueros. On Wednesday, we will sample the Wyndham chef's special talents at the Congress banquet and have the opportunity to sample more of the music and cultures that shaped Arizona.

The Scenery

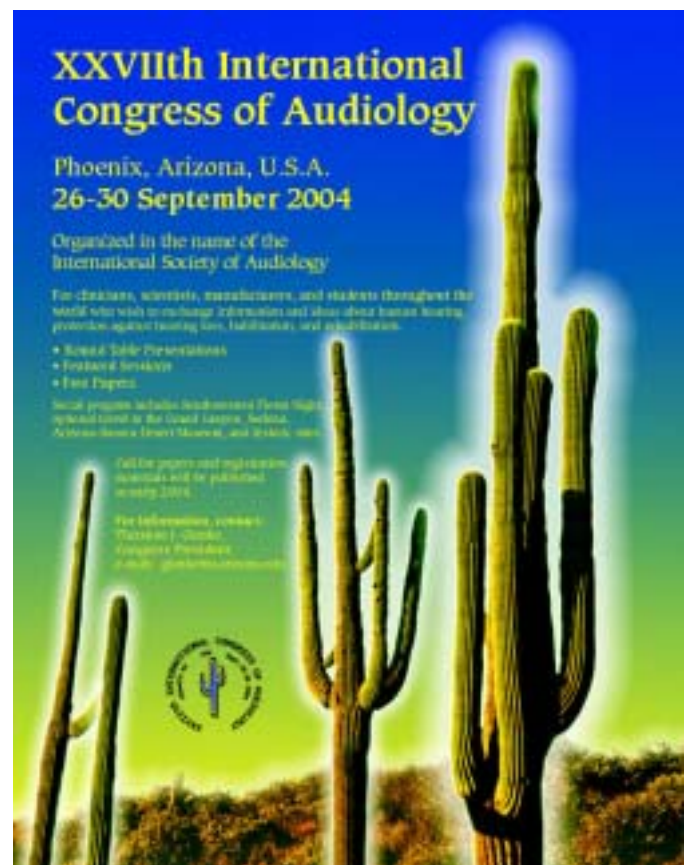
The Congress has arranged for guests of delegates to sample some of the best of Arizona! Your guest can visit Sedona, cliff dwellings, gardens, museums, and other local attractions. You and your guest may wish to take the opportunity to travel to nearby sights such as the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas!

Savings for ISA members

Members of the International Society of Audiology will receive a discount on the Congress registration fee, and America West Airlines will provide discounted airfares. We hope to welcome you in Phoenix! Please visit the Congress Web Site: <http://www.dawsongroup.net/isa> for more information, to submit abstracts, book hotel rooms, and learn about guest packages.

MEMBERS WILL SOON RECEIVE A NOTICE ABOUT THE NOMINATION AND VOTING PROCESS FOR SELECTING OFFICERS AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UPCOMING CONGRESS. WATCH FOR AN E-MAIL FROM HANS VERSCHUURE.

PLEASE BE ACTIVE - SUBMIT A NOMINATION, RUN FOR OFFICE AND ABOVE ALL, VOTE!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Sharon Fujikawa



Greetings for the New Year! I wish you all, prosperity, good health and peace in 2004. This is an exciting year for ISA as we look forward to the XXVII International Congress of Audiology to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. Look for a message from Congress President, Dr. Theodore Glatcke, in this newsletter.

For this Congress, the Executive Board with the help of the Scientific Committee has initiated a student scholarship to pay for registration of students to the Congress. We are grateful to Amplifon for funding three scholarships this year.

Students were to send a description of a project, research or clinical that they will complete prior to the Congress and present in the form of a poster at the Congress. After the December 15, 2003, deadline, we had student applicants from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Projects were innovative, exciting and covered a broad spectrum in the field of audiology. The profession of audiology will persevere and grow if it has a firm research base in both basic and clinical areas. After seeing the offerings, I feel encouraged that the next generation of audiologists will continue and expand the horizons for the profession and ultimately for the hearing impaired people whom we serve. The Scientific Committee is now evaluating the applications and will notify the scholars in February.

Your Executive Board met to plan future directions for the Society. In this age of rapid change, it was obvious that we could not rely on meeting only at the time of the biennial Congresses to do the work of the Society. These meetings have given us the opportunity to refine our goals, evaluate present activities and develop new tasks. Items of discussion included introspection into the long-term goals of ISA and how we can better serve our membership. Topics also reached out into the audiology community including concepts of ethics, interaction with the developing world and the development of model educational guidelines with our members and member societies. The discussions are still on-going but some concrete proposals were developed that will be brought to our General Assembly for discussion and vote in Phoenix. Look in subsequent bulletins for details with more specifics prior to the September Congress.

I encourage you to begin your plans to attend the Congress today. Dr. Glatcke has planned a stimulating program and entertaining events that allow you to network with colleagues from around the world. Mark your calendars for Phoenix, Arizona, USA, September 26-30, 2004. I look forward to seeing you there.

Honors for George Mencher

At their annual meeting, the American Speech-Language Hearing Association recognizes individuals who have contributed to the discipline. In November, 2004, Dr. George Mencher was presented with the Honors of the Association for his lifetime of achievement. This award recognizes distinguished contributions and is the highest honor bestowed by ASHA. It was noted that George had developed and expanded Audiology services in the Province of Nova Scotia and throughout Canada. Furthermore, his achievements in education as a teacher and author were mentioned along with his contributions in the United States, his leadership of the Canadian Association, and his further efforts in international cooperation with many organizations including the International Society of Audiology. George is currently our Assistant Secretary-General and the Editor of this newsletter. At the reception following the Honors Ceremony, George was photographed with ISA member Dr. Robin Morehouse (his first graduate student in Canada) and Dr. Richard Seewald. Dr. Seewald was recognized as a 2004 Fellow of ASHA during the same ceremony.



We want to congratulate George Mencher for this well-deserved honor. George, well done. (Hans V)



THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF AUDIOLOGY HAS A NEW EDITOR: DR. ROSS ROESER

Note: Dr. Stig Arlinger has been Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Audiology* since its inception. As you may recall, IJA was formed by the amalgamation of *Audiology* (the journal of the International Society of Audiology) the *British Journal of Audiology* and *Scandinavian Audiology* (the journal of the Nordic Audiological Society). Dr. Arlinger was elected for two years and given the unenviable task of establishing a modus operandi for the IJA, forming a structure for its Editorial Board, and last, but certainly not least, cojoining publications which had been accepted by the previous journals. Stig has worked diligently on our behalf. He leaves at the end of his term a tired man. But, he leaves behind one of the best journals in the world, a publication with an outstanding record for excellence. We all owe him a great debt. He has made the IJA what it is today! I trust you join me in a huge round of applause for Stig Arlinger and in offering him a wish for a relaxed and deserved rest. But the truth is, Stig is vital to ISA and we hope to see him continue to be active with us for many years to come.



Stig Arlinger

On January 1, 2004, Dr. Ross Roeser, former Editor of *Ear and Hearing*, and an extremely well known and established researcher and scientist took over the reins of the IJA. We welcome Ross, his expertise, and his ability to guide the IJA in the future. Below is his first editorial. I trust you join me in wishing Ross the best of success with the IJA and in offering him help if he calls. (GTM)



Ross Roeser

Editorial by Ross Roeser

It is an honor and a privilege to be selected for the Editor-in-Chief position of the *International Journal Of Audiology* - a journal that I feel has already gained an international reputation and will become the premier publication for audiology and hearing science literature in the world. As the new editor, my first official act is to recognize the significant contributions of our retiring Chief Editor, Dr. Stig Arlinger. Dr. Arlinger assumed the Chief Editor role two years ago on very short notice. He quickly established the logistics of an effective and efficient manuscript system and recruited an outstanding Editorial Board. The first two years of IJA have been an outstanding success, largely due to the stellar efforts of Dr. Arlinger. Next year he is planning a well-deserved gradual retirement from his position at the Linkoping University Hospital, but in no way will that mean he will discontinue being a productive audiologist. Having visited his facility and home last summer during a trip to Sweden, I know he has plans to continue as an active contributor in his areas of clinical and scientific interests.

I am pleased to inform readers that all of the current Associate Editors have volunteered to carry on in their roles with the journal. The continuing IJA Associate Editors are world-wide authorities in their areas of expertise and it is gratifying to know they have confidence in the journal and me to continue in their valuable roles. A new editorial staff member will be Dr. Jackie L. Clark. Dr. Clark, who is a Senior Audiologist and Faculty Member at UTD/Callier Center, will assume the position of IJA Managing Editor. Her responsibility will be to oversee the day-to-day operations of the journal. Already, Dr. Clark has begun to establish protocols and procedures that will streamline the manuscript flow and tracking systems used for submissions.

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO DR. MARION DOWNS ON JAN 26, 2004!!!

The IJA now has a web site: <[HTTP://www.internationaljournalofaudiology.org](http://www.internationaljournalofaudiology.org)>. The website is under development and new features are being added each day. Among the features planned are:

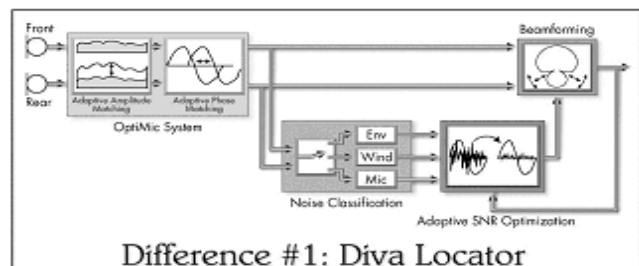
- Posting instruction for contributors (saving valuable pages in each issue)
- Providing links to the sponsoring society websites and other hearing-related society websites
- Providing profiles of each editorial board member
- Providing book and software reviews
- Allowing authors to track the progress of their submissions

The addition of the IJA web site as a dynamic communication vehicle for readers and authors will allow the journal to maintain the fast pace of the ever growing need for current information in audiology and related sciences.

The goal of the editorial board is to be proactive in seeking and encouraging experts of leading research and clinical programs to submit their work to the journal. The editorial board has the mission of keeping readers informed and up-to-date about the major areas in audiology world-wide. Supplements are desirable to journal subscribers because they are a value added benefit; they are of special interest to editors because they provide an opportunity for the most knowledgeable experts available to provide their work and views in a single volume focused on one topic. I am pleased to announce there are already several supplements in the planning stages for the journal and they will be announced as plans materialize.

As readers of IJA, I encourage you to become actively involved in the journal. Feel free to contact me or any of the editorial board members with comments and suggestions of what we can do to make the journal a publication better suited to meet your needs.

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UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:

Audiology 2004: Pediatric Audiology and Genetics (Sponsored by ASHA)

A Conference For Audiologists Working With Infants And Families, February 14-15, 2004: Disney's Contemporary Resort; Orlando, Florida . This conference will bridge developments in genetics and hearing loss with everyday clinical practice. Interdisciplinary faculty includes: Jill Elfenbein, Michigan State Univ; Judith Gravel, Hunter College and Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Linda Hood, Kresge Hearing Research Laboratory and LSU; Jeffrey Simmons, Boys Town National Research Hospital; Thomas Friedman, Laboratory of Molecular Genetics, Section on Human Genetics, NIDCD; Andrew Griffith, Section on Gene Structure And Function, and Hearing Section, Neuro-Otology Branch, NIDCD; Anil Lalwani, NYU School of Medicine; Heidi Rehm, Harvard Medical School Center For Hereditary Deafness; Annie Steinberg, Univ of Penn School of Medicine. Earn up to 1.2 ASHA CEUs and enjoy a warm winter getaway. To register, call the Action Center at (800) 498-2071, or go to www.asha.org/about/events/aud-conf/audconf2004.htm

American Academy of Audiology: 16th Annual Convention Salt Lake City, USA, March 31-April 3
Multi-faceted meeting with extensive exhibitor's area. Member's papers, special workshops, invited speakers and a wide variety of themes in Audiology. Social program extensive. CEUs available. ISA will have a display booth. Visit: www.audiology.org

Brasilian Academy of Audiology 19th International Meeting Bauru City, Brasil, April 29-May 2
Faculty includes Musiek, Soli Glatke (USA), Estabrooks (Canada), Pallares de Garcia and Neustadt (Argentina), Barajas (Spain), Oramas (Colombia), Flores (Mexico). Free papers from national and international attendees round out the program. Visit: www.audiologiabrasil.org.br or e-mail to audiologiabrasil@uol.com.br

Audiological Society of Australia, XVI National Conference and Workshops

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, May 17th – 20th 2004. Email audiology@conferencestrategy.com.au or visit www.conferencestrategy.com.au

International Conference On Newborn Hearing Screening, Diagnosis and Intervention (NHS 2004) Villa Erba, Cernobbio (Como Lake), Italy, May 27-29, 2004

Organizers: Ferdinando Grandori (nhs2004@polimi.it) & Deborah Hayes (hayes.deborah@tchden.org)
Topics: Neuromaturation and plasticity, language development, cognition and deafness, genetics, speech development, physiologic measures of audiological function, Newborn hearing screening, audiological assessment, etiological evaluation, information systems for EHDI programs, outcomes of EHDI programs, Auditory Neuropathy, Intervention strategies for infants and families, amplification, cochlear implants, aural habilitation, language outcomes with cochlear implants, medical and surgical intervention for hearing loss. Pediatric hearing health services, family-directed services for deaf and hard-of-hearing infants, family counselling, Web-based resources for parents and professionals, impact of deafness on family systems, perspectives of parents and the deaf community.
Important Dates: January 20, 2004: Deadline for abstract submission; February 4, 2004: Notification of acceptance; February 28, 2004: Notification oral or poster presentation; March 15, 2004: Deadline early registration and Hotel reservation. There are Satellite Events associated with this meeting. Visit: www.agbell.org/italyconference; www.auditory-verbal.org/AVIconf.asp; www.phonak.com/conference; and www.hearing-siemens.com for further information

5th Asia Pacific Regional Meeting of International Society for Neonatal Screening

Shanghai Everbright Convention Centre, PR China, September 14-17, 2004 (Language: English)
Topics to be included: Country Reports, Economic, ethical, legal and social issues in screening, Methodology, Quality assurance, Screening for genetic metabolic diseases,. Challenges of diagnosis and treatment. Deadline for Abstracts: April 15, 2004. Visit: registration@newbornasia.com

Report Of The Meeting Of The Executive Board Hans Verschuure, Secretary-General, ISA

The Executive Committee has met at regular intervals since the Melbourne Congress in 2002. In 2003 we had two meetings, one in combination with the EFAS congress in Hersonissos on Crete and one recently in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. You have read about the first meeting in an earlier report. This is a report on the second meeting.



The meeting was split up in two parts, one part dealing with current affairs and the second with long-term ideas.

The most important subject was the long-term discussion on the future of the ISA. We came to a number of conclusions that will be presented to the General Assembly in Phoenix in September 2004 (For information about the Congress see www.dawsongroup.net/isa):

1. Our goal should include, in addition to current issues, serving as an advocate for all professionals in the field of Audiology.
2. We should continue to work on best-practice and ethical issues in Audiology. This should include matters of identification, diagnostics, (re)habilitative services, continuing education and professional conduct. We will look for contacts with affiliate societies on these issues.
3. We need to become more democratic and should involve the membership more than we have up to now. We will try and do so by a direct contact with our membership through e-mail and internet. A list of all e-mail addresses of the membership will be drawn up and members will be approached more often. The web site should contain relevant information on recommendations on different issues, possibly job listings, congress surveys, educational material etc.
4. The organization of the congresses should be considered more carefully and be well geared to the audience. Feedback from the audience is required. Furthermore in the organizational structure a better profile for posters should be achieved as well as more emphasis on instructional courses, tutorials and technical courses. It was decided to finish a guidebook for organizing a congress before the Phoenix meeting.
5. The organization of educational workshops involving other groups should become a priority.
6. The exchange of ideas and material between the developing and developed world should receive more attention. As such, the work of the Humanitarian Committee should be pushed as will be our work with WHO.
7. More emphasis on exchange of information from different parts of the world with special attention on book titles and syllabi should become a priority.

In order to achieve these goals, it is necessary to start an office with secretarial help. A start will be made this year. Some of these issues require a change of statutes or bylaws. They will be proposed to the General Assembly in Phoenix after consultation of our Swiss lawyer. Continued on Page 8

To clear up any confusion or misconceptions:

A phrase was omitted from the article "Tinnitus" a report by Dr. William Noble which appeared in the last issue (Fall 2003) of *AudineWS*. The omission could have misled some readers. The original text read (with the confusing passage corrected and italicized): Noticeable tinnitus is observable in about 10% of the population to age of 50, and increases to at least 15% among those older. Of those with noticeable tinnitus, *a small but significant proportion, representing about 1-2% of the population as a whole*, find it intolerable and distressing. A review paper on tinnitus by Preece et al., is in *Geriatrics and Aging* (2003).

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For current affairs it was decided

1. To set up a nomination committee for all election procedures in the Society. The first task of this committee will be the organization of the election of the General Assembly members for the Phoenix congress and for the election of the members of the Executive Committee. The Nomination Committee is chaired by the Representative from the General Assembly on the Executive Committee, which at present is George Tavartkiladze from Moscow, Russia. Further members have been approached to serve on the Committee.
2. To take membership issues fully into our own hands. The membership list is now available and payment of the membership fees for 2004 and the following years will preferably be done through the internet. Payment will be possible by using VISA and MASTERCARD. George Mencher has already realized these actions.
3. To publish a brochure for use at Congresses.
4. To continue the work in the Humanitarian Committee and the Committees on Ethics, Curriculum and Standards for Practice. These groups will report in Phoenix.
5. To press the issue of affiliated membership. A letter has been sent to all possible interested societies. If you know of a society that has not been approached, please, let us know. You can also help by pressing the issue of affiliation with your national Society.
6. The requirements for becoming an honorary member will be changed: over 70, retired and been a member for more than 10 years.
7. Various sponsoring issues have been discussed.

We hope this short list gives you an idea of what is going on in the society. Don't hesitate to share with us your ideas on these issues. Come to Phoenix and discuss them with us.

2004 MEMBERSHIP DUES

THE ISA HAS TAKEN OVER ITS OWN MEMBERSHIP LISTS. WE HAVE TRIED TO CONTACT MEMBERS BY E-MAIL OR POST TO ENSURE A TIMELY REMINDER OF DUES OWING FOR 2004. A FOURTH AND FINAL NOTICE WILL BE SENT OUT SHORTLY. FAILURE TO PAY (\$65 USD FOR 2004 OR \$110 USD FOR 2004-2005) WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND ALL ASSOCIATED ISA BENEFITS INCLUDING CANCELLATION OF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF AUDIOLOGY, HEARING INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER, AUDINEWS AND THE MEMBER'S DISCOUNT AT THE XXVII WORLD CONGRESS IN SEPTEMBER.

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