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Member News

Our English colleague, Dr. Adrian Davis OBE, was given the international award of the American Academy of Audiology at the academy's most recent meeting. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Davis is a past chair of the British Society of Audiology. Moreover, he has been a most important participant in the National Health Service Newborn Hearing Screening Program and in the NHS Hearing Aid Program.

Other award winners at the AAA were Prof. Gail Chermak of Washington State University and Dr. Briseida Northrup, of the University of Texas at Dallas, president of the PanAmerican Society of Audiology.

At the most recent congress, in Brazil, this editor had the great honor of being the recipient of the Aram Glorig Award. In the photo below, President Ieda Russo and General Secretary George Mencher are shown making the presentation. The beautiful award says on it "for a lifelong dedication to Audiology and in recognition of his numerous and valuable achievements for Audiology."



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I responded by saying:

“Dear friends, honored colleagues:

I am truly thrilled to be honored in this way and by this society. You are the finest and most talented people one could expect to know. This fact alone makes the honor greater.

There are two other reasons why this is so special. One is my long and close association with Aram. Many years ago – and I do mean many – I moved to Los Angeles to engage in my doctoral studies. I told my mentor at the university that I needed a job. It seems that it was almost immediate that he found one for me. It was at an organization called the Subcommittee on Noise in Industry Research Center. The director of that center was Aram Glorig. Although I didn’t work there for very long, Aram adopted me. For the ensuing many years, he called me “son.” For the rest of his long life, Aram and I remained close.

The other reason is the award itself. It was at our 1982 Congress, in Helsinki, that our then-president, our late distinguished Danish colleague Ole Bentsen, called together a group of Aram’s friends. It was his idea that we should honor Aram in some way, but not by giving him yet another award. Hence, we came up with the idea of the “Aram Glorig Award for a Distinguished Career in Audiology.” We chose our Swedish colleague, Gunnar Lidén as president of the Aram Glorig Foundation, and I was the secretary-general. We obtained a legal status as a non-profit charitable organization, we raised some funds, and we proceeded to create this award. The first time it was presented was at the 1984 Congress, of which I was president. Aram was there to give it to – whom else? – Marion Downs. Over the next few years, and the next few congresses, the award was given to our very best colleagues. Eventually, the Society took over the program, we transferred our few funds and our legal status to the Society.

And now it has come to me. I am greatly honored and moved by this. Thank you all, and thank you Aram (wherever you are).”

Society News

Our next World Congress of Audiology will be in Moscow, Russia from the 29th of April through the 3rd of May, 2012. Past-president George Tavartkiladze (photo below) will be president of the congress. For information, contact www.ICA2012.ru. Future congresses will be in Sydney, Australia (2014) and Vancouver, Canada (2016).



The society's incoming president is Dr. José J. Barajas P. of Spain. Congratulations, Pepe.

Our general secretary, Dr. George Mencher (below) has provided the following report of our recent activities and congress.



"I am pleased to report to you that the XXXth International Congress of Audiology, held in conjunction with the 25th Brazilian Congress of Audiology, was a tremendous success. This was due to the hard work of the organizing committee headed by our own President Ieda Russo and the President of the Brazilian Society Maria Cecilia Bevilacqua. The members of the Organizing Committee deserve a loud and resounding round of applause from all of us for putting on such a wonderful, educational and beneficial event.

There were 966 participants from over 25 countries presenting in 49 sessions from oral presentations to short courses to posters. Topics ranged from hearing science to hearing health care to cochlear implants to electrophysiological testing to rehabilitation. The social program included a

wonderful choir performing international and Brazilian songs. We visited a 'Futbol' museum and the stadium where the World Cup will be held in four years. The banquet/Carnival was such a great success with Brazilian music and dancing that, at the General Assembly meeting the following day, there was a motion that, no matter where in the world the Congress is held, the Brazilian Association must assume responsibility for the music and social program.

Dr. William Noble and Dr. Kisja-Mia Holgers finished their terms on the Executive Committee of ISA. We thank them both for their hard work and dedication to our Society. Dr. Noble has been responsible for processing the Holland Foundation Student Scholarships for several years and has done a tremendous job for us. Dr. Holgers had been the representative of the Affiliated Societies and during her second term she carried out an information gathering questionnaire that will help us plan for further activities for the Affiliated Societies.

As a result of the election held at the General Assembly meeting, Dr. Robert Cowan is our new President Elect, Dr. Linda Hood is our new representative of the General Assembly and Dr. DeWet Swanepoel is our new representative of the Affiliated Societies. All are to be congratulated on their election. As a fitting end to a distinguished term as President of ISA, Dra. Russo turned over her gavel to Dr. José J. Barajas P., our new president. We thank Dra. Russo for her time as President, but she is still on our Executive Committee as Immediate Past President, so we will reserve our most enthusiastic comments for the future.

I particularly thank Dr. George Tavartkiladze, Assistant Secretary General of ISA, for his support and willingness to 'be there' to help and lead. He is a good friend and always makes significant contributions to ISA on your behalf.

All the members of your Executive Committee work hard for you. Please make their work easier by sending materials to them when they ask, writing an article or two for the Audinews, paying your dues on time, and (above all) letting us know that you are out there and that you appreciate what we are trying to do for you."

Our colleague, Dr. De Wet Swanepoel, represents the several affiliated societies on the ISA board. He reports that they have formed "a core group to compile a list of suggested mechanisms through which this communication and Web presence and interaction can be improved." We look forward to a document on this topic soon.

Humanitarian News

The Coalition for Global Hearing Health will hold its first conference in Washington, DC on the 14th and 15th of June, 2010. Principal speakers will be Dr.

Bolajoko Olusanya and Dr. Andrew Smith. The conference will consider epidemiology, technology, sustainability, and strategies for successful programs.

A prominent member of our Society, Prof. Ted Glatcke, has undertaken a wonderful project to mass produce a solar powered hearing aid for Mexico. This handmade aid costs \$49.00. The solar panels can recharge the batteries for up to eight hours and cost \$19.00. A recharge will last for up to two years. Glatcke points out that "This could save the Mexican people hundreds of dollars. In Mexico, there are about five million people who need hearing aids, but only 48,000 people have them." Congratulations, Ted.

Clinical News

In a recent report, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated data on identifying infants with hearing loss. The news is very good, indeed. They show that 660,639 infants were screened in the U.S. in 1999. In 2007, however, 3,345,629 infants were screened. That is almost five times as many as the earlier figure.

Consider this. In the city where I live, a case having to do with a deaf child is coming before the courts. The child got a cochlear implant in one ear when she was two years old, and the other ear was implanted when she was five. Her (unmarried) parents have joint custody. Her father is deaf; her mother is not. When she is with her father, she doesn't wear her implant and uses sign language. Her mother is suing to require implant use all the time, and to prohibit the use of sign language. What do you think?

Also, in my city, we have seen a billboard advertising a local football team as playing in "Deaf Valley." I suppose they think that noise-induced hearing loss is desirable.

Research News

The New York Times (April 25) reports that Dr. Edward M. Marcotte and his colleagues at the University of Texas, Austin have found genes for deafness in plants. Science is really quite wonderful, isn't it?

In a recent issue of "Pediatrics", Judith Lieu and her colleagues in St. Louis reported that children with *unilateral* hearing losses had poorer scores on language comprehension than their normal-hearing siblings.

Meetings

The First Conference of the Coalition for Global Hearing Health, Washington, DC, June 14-15, 2010. Contact: <http://coalitionfor-globalhearinghealth.org/>

The annual convention of the A.G. Bell Assn., Orlando, FL, June 25-28, 2010.

The 28th International Congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP), Athens, Greece, August 22, 2010. Contact: www.ialpathens2010.gr.

The British Society of Audiology (BSA), September 8-10, 2010, Manchester. Contact: jan@thebsa.org.uk.

The Birmingham School of Audiology (City Hospital) Clinical Audiology Course, September 20-21, 2010. Contact: nehachande@swbh.nhs.uk.

13th Annual Canadian Academy of Audiology Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Oct. 5-8, 2010. Contact: caaconference@canadianaudiology.ca

American Speech-Language-Hearing Assn. annual convention, Nov. 18-20, 2010, Philadelphia, PA. Contact: www.asha.org/events/convention

The 10th European Symposium on Pediatric Cochlear Implantation, Greece, May 12-15, 2011. Contact: www.espci2011.com/en/.

EFAS is the European Federation of Audiology Societies. The 10th EFAS Congress, Warsaw, Poland, June 22-25, 2011. Contact: www.efas2011.org.

The 22nd Biennial Symposium of the International Electric Response Audiometry Study Group, Moscow, Russia, June 26-30, 2011.

The 13th International Symposium on Cochlear Implants in Children, Chicago, IL, July 14-16, 2011. Contact: www.ci2011usa/

The XXXIst World Congress of Audiology, Moscow, Russia, April 29 – May 3, 2012. Contact: www.ICA2012.ru.

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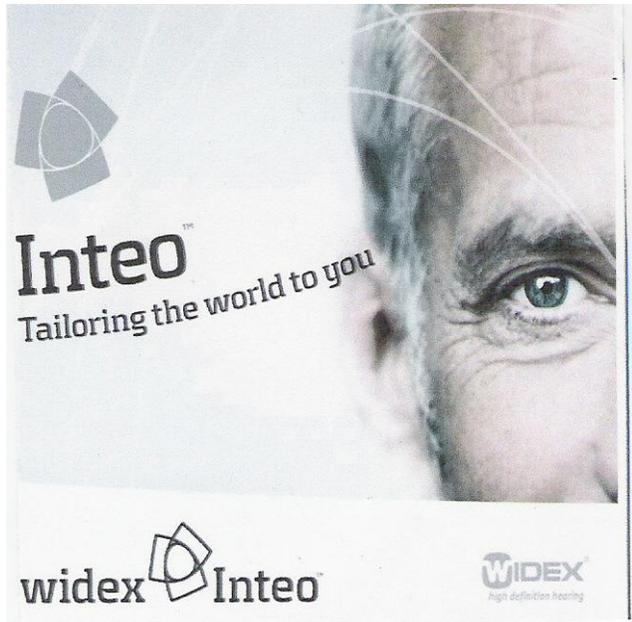
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