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The society wishes all of its members a Merry Christmas, a happy Chanuka, a joyous Kwanzaa, and the best new year ever.

Member News

ISA Past President Pedro Berruecos (Mexico) participated in the XV Symposium of the International Association of Physicians in Audiology (IAPA) in Krakow, Poland where he gave the inaugural address. Also, he was awarded as Honorary Member of the Polish Society of Audiology and Phoniatriy.

Society News

ISA President José Barajas participated in the recent meeting of Hearing International (HI), held in Shanghai, China. He is a member of the HI board, and made two presentations at the meeting. He reports that the sessions dealt with different strategies for newborn and infant hearing screening, early intervention, and rehabilitation. Also, there were round tables on genetic hearing loss, hearing problems associated with aging, and with central auditory processing problems.

The reports from the HI centers in southeast Asia demonstrated the hard work and devotion to hearing care in this part of the world. Pres. Barajas congratulates Prof. Bu and his colleagues for a most worthwhile meeting.

Humanitarian News

ISA Humanitarian chair Jackie Clark sends us some potentially distressing news. "It came somewhat as a surprise when hearing healthcare professionals learned that the World Health Organization (WHO) Medical Officer to oversee the Program for "Prevention for Blindness and Deafness" concerns is not only vacant, but will not be filled if the necessary 3 years salary for the post with the administrative support is not secured by the end of 2010. Many hearing health care professionals consider this to be a crisis situation, and have rallied to immediately locate donors who can provide part of the necessary funding. It is

feared that the absence of the PDH within WHO will lead to a gap in promoting and/or creating policy and even less action to help those underserved individuals with hearing and vision and loss." ISA is quite concerned about this and will continue to monitor the situation.

Clinical News

Recently, researchers reporting in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that hearing loss among teens increased 31% from 1998-2004 to 2005-2006. Moreover, they found that mild and worse cases increased 77% for the same period. Another recent study found that, among teen-age girls, the prevalence of mild or worse hearing loss nearly doubled from 1985 to 2008.

The report from the Guidelines Development Conference on auditory neuropathy has been published and sent to ISA members. The chairs of the conference were Deborah Hayes (of Denver) and Yvonne Sininger (of Los Angeles) and the report was edited by Jerry Northern. The monograph is titled "Identification and Management of Infants and Young Children with Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder."

Research News

On another part of the ear, it was recently reported that children from poor households had an 8% higher incidence of ear disease than children living above the poverty level.

In a recent issue of the Archives of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Drs. Nancy Young and Tina Tan of Northwestern University reported "Early simultaneous bilateral cochlear implantation may increase the chances of successful implantation and improve the ability to achieve binaural hearing in children with post-meningitic deafness..." We hope so.

The Tinnitus Research Initiative announces the publication of a book called "Textbook of Tinnitus" edited by Aage Møller. The Initiative reports that "The goal of the book is to provide a multidisciplinary comprehensive coverage of the diagnosis and treatments of the different forms of tinnitus. An order form can be found on the TRI newsletter (<http://www.tinnitusresearch.org/en/news/pdfs/TRI%20Newsletter%201410.pdf>).

The University of Sao Paulo – Bauru (in Brazil) published a volume of abstracts on their 20 years of research, especially on cochlear implants. Some of these abstracts are in English, but most (of course) are in Portuguese.

A recent issue of Science News reports that "deafness can enhance sight." They report that, in a recent study using deaf cats, "brain regions typically used for hearing get co-opted to enhance vision ..."

Affiliates' News

We hear from Joanna Lam of the Hong Kong Society of Audiology that, since 2008, they have had a Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

program. It aims to enhance audiologists' professional knowledge and also to encourage audiologists upgrade their professional techniques. The society has organized several seminars and workshops, and these are not only for its own members.

We have heard also from the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA) that they will co-host our 2016 ISA congress with the Canadian Association of Audiologists. Also, CASLPA has released a new position paper on Universal Newborn Hearing Screening. CASLPA is seeking to ensure equal access to screening to all babies born in Canada.

We have an invitation from Prof. Henryk Skarzynski, president of the EFAS 2011, inviting us to the 2011 meeting in Warsaw, Poland (see calendar below). A special feature of this meeting will be the congress of young scientists and students.

Meetings

March 1-4, 2011. New Zealand Audiological Society, 12th Annual Asia-Oceania ORL-HNS Congress, Auckland. Contact: <http://www.asia-oceania2011.org/about/>.

March 9-12. German Society of Audiology, Jena. Contact: <http://www.uzh.ch/orl/dga2011/index.html>

April 6-9, 2011. American Academy of Audiology, Chicago. Contact: www.audiology.org.

April 15-16, 2011. Spanish Association of Audiology (AEDA), Badajoz.

April 17-20, 2011. 26th International Meeting in Audiology of the Brazilian Academy of Audiology, Maceió. Contact: aba@audiologiabrasil.com.br.

April 27-30. Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA), Montreal. Contact: <http://www.caslpa.ca/Events/conference.asp>

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

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

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

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

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

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