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The Science, Salsa and Scenery were Scintillating!

Delegates from 6 continents and 27 countries gathered in Phoenix Arizona 26-30 September 2004 for days and nights filled with science, salsa and scenery. The former World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team had a small winning streak in its final three home games of the season, brief rain showers gave way to a full moon during the Tuesday evening Western Night festivities and the closing banquet menu was a fusion of southwest and traditional cuisine finished by a chocolate flourish that brought smiles to everyone.



Sunday evening's opening ceremony was a cause for celebration: Moe Bergman and Marion Downs led the cheers as James Jerger was presented with the Aram Glorig Award in recognition of his lifelong contributions to Audiology. Having these three giants of the field under one roof for an evening provided a perfect start to a superb gathering.



Ted Glatke
Congress President

Led by David Kemp's overview of the recent history of moving scientific discoveries and technology into the clinical realm, the science presented on Monday brought information about cutting edge research on prevention of hearing loss and repair of damage to structures of the inner ear.

Chaired by Josef Miller of the University of Michigan, the Round Table on Molecular Biology brought delegates into the 21st century. A session of contributed papers chaired by Kathleen Campbell identified translational research efforts that hold much promise for taking knowledge from the molecular level to everyday practice. An evening poster session with wine, cheese and presentations by students who received the first International Congress scholarship Awards to help defray cost of participation, was held in the exhibit area.

On Tuesday, the Round Table on Cognition in Audiology organized by Kathleen Pichora-Fuller of the University of Toronto reminded delegates that we hear with our brains, not our ears. Important information about auditory aspects of aging, interactions of persons with hearing aids and the role of working memory in speech recognition was shared with delegates.

Contributed papers continued the theme of the day, addressing issues related to hearing aids and those "beyond amplification." Delegates and guests headed out to Rawhide, a copy of a 19th century western town for Western hospitality, line dancing, and a chance to get up close and personal with Frosty, a 700 kg Brahma bull.



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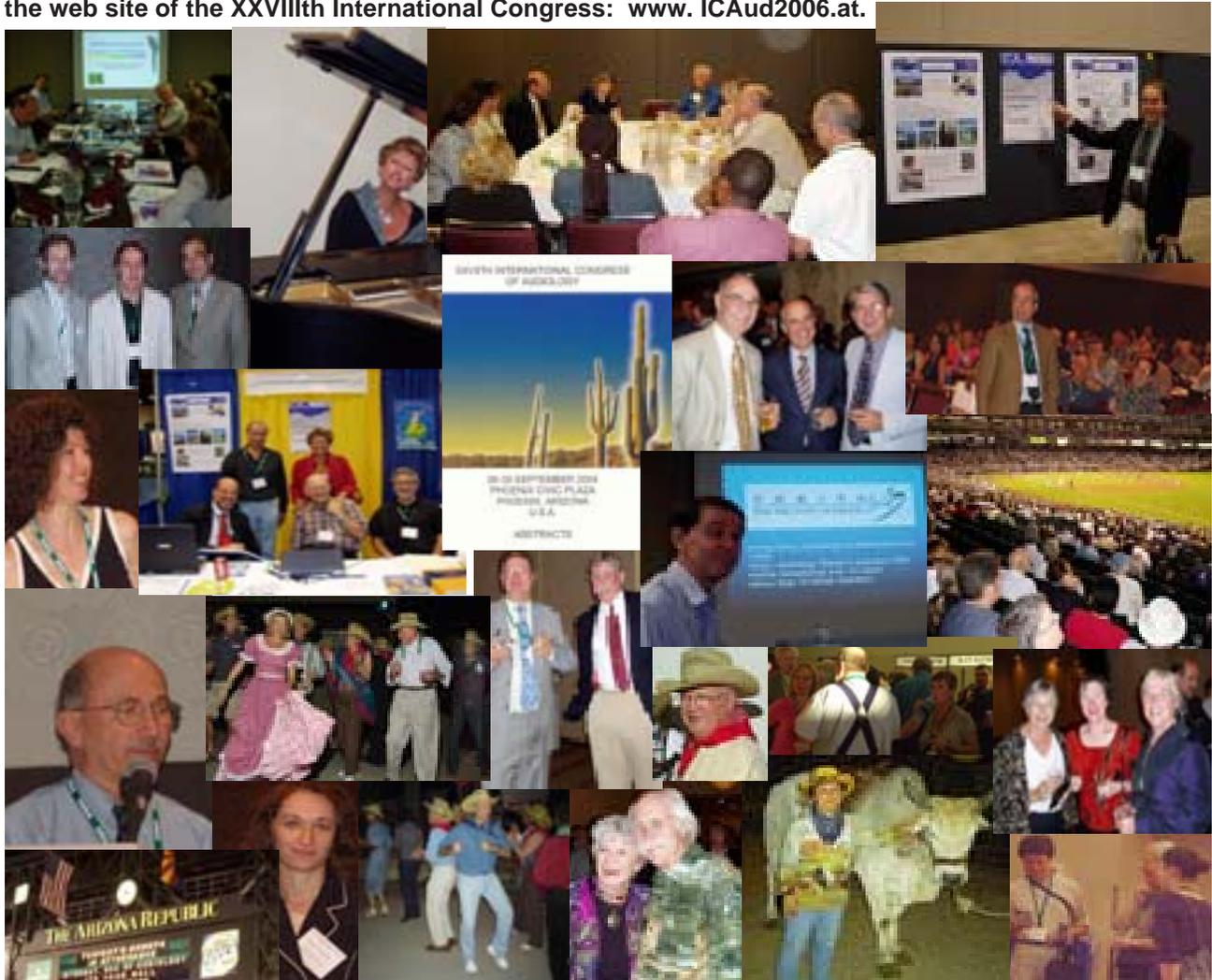


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Wednesday was devoted to Pediatrics, with a Round Table led by Deborah Hayes, a salute to Marion Downs on her 90th birthday year, and special sessions ranging from vestibular evaluation of children to screening for hearing loss around the world that helped to continue the presentation of cutting-edge work. Papers brought from the UK by Adrian Davis and his colleagues helped to round out the part of the day devoted to science. At the General Assembly, George Tavartkiladze was elected as President-elect by acclamation. Sharon Fujikawa graciously turned over the Presidential gavel to Bill Nobel for 2004-2006. Banquet attendees retiring early on Wednesday missed a superb nightcap: Ieda Russo commandeered a piano on the mezzanine level of the Phoenix Wyndham hotel to sing and accompany dancers led by Moe and Hannah Bergman well into the night.

Thursday was a day of parting for most delegates but not before another boost to the cutting edge by Barbara Cone Wesson on ASSRs, a special ISA sponsored session on standards and ethics, visits to new hearing aid technology and a tour around the world. The world tour was highlighted by Jackie Clark's report regarding humanitarian activities of the ISA and striking new successes of South-South Social Enterprises in the provision of low cost hearing aids. The day closed with an invitation to attend the XXVIIIth Congress in Innsbruck, Austria in September 2006. You are encouraged to visit the web site of the XXVIIIth International Congress: www.ICAud2006.at.



NEWS FROM OUR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES:**ISRAELI SOCIETY FOR AUDITORY RESEARCH**

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The Israeli Society for Auditory Research includes a variety of professionals and graduate students in the fields of Audiology, Physiology, Engineering, and Otolaryngology who are interested in the study of hearing. The Society's main activity is an annual scientific meeting held in mid-October dedicated to members' reports and a plenary lecture by a guest speaker.

This year, the annual scientific meeting was hosted by and held at Tel-Aviv University. The plenary lecturer, Prof. Lionel Collet, from Lyon, France, spoke about cerebral auditory reorganization in humans with cochlear damage and the influence of hearing aids. In his talk Prof. Collet presented audiological and psychoacoustic evidence suggesting tonotopic map reorganization following auditory rehabilitation. This was suggested on the basis of frequency discrimination at the cut-off frequency. The results are compatible with cortical plasticity and reorganization following auditory rehabilitation.

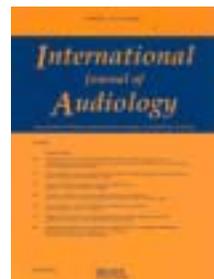
The meeting was attended by about 140 persons who listened to Prof. Collet and 32 other scientific presentations organized along broad topic lines. Each session included talks on molecular-biological, genetic, physiological, and clinical aspects of each topic. The general topics included, among others, middle-ear, central auditory processing, sensorineural hearing loss, with presentations covering each topic's basic research and clinical aspects. This assured a wider exposure of members from all disciplines to the variety of approaches tackling each topic, and also encouraged cross-talk among experts from the different disciplines.

Among the guests in this year's annual meeting was a group of colleagues from neighboring Jordan, who presented their experience with a rare clinical entity, a glomus tumor affecting the middle ear and the tympanic membrane. Attendance of the Jordanian contingent was made possible by support from the Canadian International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO). Further information concerning the meeting to be held next October can be obtained by contacting the author.

International Journal of Audiology To Be Published By Taylor and Francis



The IJA Council has announced that effective January 2005, the IJA will be published by Taylor and Francis, one of the largest and best known international publishing houses. The change from the current publisher to the new one was the result of a tendering process initiated by the completion of the original contract. Further, there have been ongoing discussions with the current publisher which have resulted in financial pressures being placed on all three of the owning societies of the IJA. Ross Roeser, Editor, has indicated that he has significantly reduced the backlog of papers created when the British Journal of Audiology, Scandinavian Audiology and our own Audiology combined to form the new publication. However, the current high standard set by IJA has resulted in a very good submission record. This has been extremely encouraging and as a result, the IJA will be published 12 times a year (instead of 10) starting in 2005. This is an exceptional value for ISA members who did not see a dues increase this year but who will receive two extra journals as a result of these events. There will not be any obvious change in the layout, color or design of the journal. The bad news is that your January issue may be a week or two late as the changeover in publisher takes place. However, all anticipate this will be a one time event and that future issues will be on time.



PAST PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

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Another successful Congress has come and gone and with it we have a new President, Bill Noble of Australia. He is highly motivated to continue to lead ISA into the 21st century with continuing projects and new initiatives. During the meeting of the Executive Committee an Ad hoc committee was formed to explore the relationship between ISA and the Congresses (ICA). As you know, currently the organization of the Congresses is separate from ISA, although ISA puts forth the historic format for the Congress, determines the round tables, offers the expertise of the scientific committee, offers a loan for start up and any other assistance the Congress President may request. In the last few congresses there has been a payment to ISA of 10% of the net profits. The Congress organizer is financially responsible for the meeting and will absorb any deficit (a matter that has not been a factor thus far) or reap any additional profit. A few of us felt that this relationship needs to be explored and potentially updated if necessary. The charge to this Ad Hoc committee composed of myself, Bob Cowan and Ted Glattke, is to present a report to the Executive Committee exploring the history of the Congresses, the current status, to describe meetings of other like societies and to present recommendations for the future. This document will be ready by the next Congress in Innsbruck. Any information, commentary or suggestions from ISA members or Congress participants will be welcome and may be sent to me at: sfujikaw@uci.edu.



As Past-President, I will be representing ISA on the Technical and Scientific Committee of the A. Charles Holland Foundation. This Foundation established by Amplifon funds educational programs in hearing, scholarships for students in audiology and otology and sponsors programs in developing countries.

In my closing address to the General Assembly I made some observations about factors I believe will improve ISA in the future. Some may not be ready for implementation at the present but I offer them as suggestions for your consideration:

- Use of management firm/staff
- Open door policy for affiliation
- Simplify election process
- Continually improve membership process, including continual updating of membership list.
- Define process for Congresses

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve ISA as president. It was and continues to be one of the most memorable periods of my professional life. I encourage all ISA members to volunteer time for the betterment of the professions and ultimately for those with hearing loss. The experience not only builds hearing health care but is personally fulfilling as well.



NEW ISA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTED AT CONGRESS



Member-At-Large
Ieda Russo



President-Elect
George Tavartkiladze



President
Bill Noble



Past President
Sharon Fujikawa



Member-At-Large
Juan Jose Madriz



George Mencher
Assnt Secretary General



Hans Verschuure
Secretary General

William (Bill) Noble of Australia became the 22nd President of the International Society of Audiology during the General Assembly meeting in Phoenix Arizona. Sharon Fujikawa symbolically passed the gavel at the Wednesday meeting. Bill is a Professor at the University of New England in Armidale, New South Wales. He received his training at the University of Manchester, England. He is best known for his research. His interests focus primarily on two elements: 1) the psychosocial effects of hearing impairment and 2) tinnitus. Recently he has worked with Stuart Gatehouse in the area of auditory spatial perception. Bill has served as President Elect of ISA for two years. wnoble@pobox.un.edu.au

Sharon Fujikawa of the United States, after successfully completing her term as the 21st President of ISA, moved to the Executive Board position of Immediate Past President. Sharon plans to continue being very active in ISA. She has agreed to Chair a special committee to look into ways to improve the ISA Congresses. Furthermore, in her role as Past President, she will sit on several ISA committees. Sharon lives in California where she is a Professor and Audiologist at the University of California (Irvine). sfujikaw@uci.edu

George Tavartkiladze of Russia is our President-Elect. He will become President at the 2006 ISA Congress in Innsbruck. George is a well known clinical and research auditory electrophysiologist, but we know him best for his work in building the Russian Society of Audiology. As a founder and driving force, he has helped create a national society which is now one of ISA's affiliated members. George had previously served on our Executive Board as a Member-At-Large, elected as the representative of the General Assembly. In his working life, he is Director of the Moscow Research Centre for Audiology. geotav@caudio.msk.ru

Juan Jose Madriz Alfaro of Costa Rica has been elected the new Member-At-Large from the General Assembly. Juan Jose had previously served as a voting member of the General Assembly and prior to the rewriting of our by-laws, he had served as the Official representative of Costa Rica on the Governing Council. He has also been a representative of the Pan American Society of Audiology at our General Assembly. Juan Jose has a private practice in audiology and he is head of the Audiology Division of the Children's Hospital in San Jose, CR. Juan Jose is probably best known for his country wide demographic study of the incidence and prevalence of hearing impairment in the children of Costa Rica. j13madriz@yahoo.com

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Ieda Russo of Brazil was re-elected as Member-At-Large from the Affiliated Societies. In the past, Ieda has served as a voting member of the General Assembly representing her country. In her current role as Member-At-Large, she has worked with the sub-committee developing the Code of Ethics, attended several Executive Board meetings and played a very major role as our contact in South America. She has been very active in the Brazilian Academy of Audiology, having held virtually every major position. Ieda is a Professor at the Catholic University in Sao Paulo.

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Johannes (Hans) Verschuure of the Netherlands continues his six year term as General Secretary of ISA. Elected for a second term in 2000, Hans continues to guide us through a period of rapid growth and expansion. He represents us in Geneva at the World Health Organization, answers literally hundreds of letters and phone calls from members and interested persons, deals with the day to day activity of a large international society, tolerates the slings and arrows of the complainers, and generally does a wonderful job as our formal office. Hans lives in Rotterdam where he is a clinician and professor at Erasmus University. His particular area of interest is hearing aid technology. jverschuure@erasmusmc.nl

George Mencher of Canada continues his six year term as Assistant General Secretary of ISA. Elected in 2002, George has assumed responsibility for the membership process and the *Audinews*. He also serves with Hans Verschuure on the IJA Governing Council as a representative of ISA. George retired after nearly 25 years as Director of the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres, but continues to teach as a Professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. George is a Past President of ISA and a Past Congress President. gtmisa@yahoo.com

Antonio Quaranta of Italy completed his cycle as President-Elect, President and Past President with the closing of the Congress in Phoenix. Antonio leaves the Executive Board knowing that he was greatly appreciated for his work and his contribution. Antonio is also a Past Congress President. An ENT/Audiologist by training, Antonio could always be counted on to provide sound council and advice to the members of the Executive Board. His quiet demeanor belies a very active and participatory individual. He will be missed. On behalf of the members of the International Society of Audiology, may we wish him success in the future and make it very clear that we want him to continue his activity with ISA. ant.quaranta@tiscalinet.it



NEW EDITORIAL COMMITTEE TO ASSIST WITH THE *AUDINEWS*!!

Readers may recall that in the last issue the editor put out a wanted poster (Dead or Alive!) for folks to help with the production of the *Audinews*. Well...it must of been being so close to the old west in Arizona or something like that, cuz we got some excellent folks to step forward to be on the production staff. Sanford Gerber is now in charge of gathering information about other national and regional societies. Christi Wise will produce a regular section on the Humanitarian Audiologists. Dave McPherson is to coordinate a Grand Rounds section, while Mark Krumm is to coordinate a research review section. Christa Themann will develop a human interest column. Finally, Bill Carver has become our unofficial photographer. The work of Christi, Sandy and Bill is evident throughout this issue. Other efforts will be seen in the near future. Anyone else with ideas and/or the willingness to work is very welcome! Articles should be between 500-600 words, pictures in Jpg format, and authors should include a picture of themselves. gtm

HUMANITARIAN AUDIOLOGISTS COMMITTEE PAGE

Editors Note: The Humanitarian Audiologists Committee has requested space in the *Audinews* for regular announcements and articles of humanitarian interest. The articles are to be collected edited and coordinated by Christi Wise, an ISA member living in Australia (wiseaudiologist@yahoo.com). This is our first effort to present their area for exchange of ideas and information. Please provide feedback to Christi and/or the *Audinews* editor (George Mencher at gtmisa@yahoo.com) so that we can modify this section and make these pages meaningful to you.

The International Society of Audiology and its Humanitarian Audiologists Committee are not responsible for the accuracy of reports, requests and/or the information submitted to this section of the *Audinews*. Contact with any person or organization referred to in this section is entirely at the discretion and responsibility of the reader.

Project Deaf India

Project Deaf India (www.projectdeafindia.org) is trying to prevent deafness, and where it does exist, to provide a better education for the poor deaf in the country. The program has two primary goals:

1) To reduce the highest incidence of deafness in just one city in India by Rubella vaccination of teenage girls. This will not only drastically reduce hearing impairment, but also the other factors often seen in Rubella syndrome. Indian villages do not have vaccination programs. Our team is working in the city of Pune, near Mumbai, where there are 200,000 preadolescent teenage girls. The MR vaccine, syringes, needles, database, etc. will cost \$1.00 per subject, making a total cost of \$200,000 USD.

2) To start an Early Detection of Hearing Loss and Intervention program in the city of Mysore. At present, deafness is diagnosed at 4-6 years of age in India. By then most communication skills are lost with the result that hearing impaired children/adults are a burden to the nation. They are discriminated against and beg on the streets. Therefore, an early detection program is a solution for them. The cost of OAE/ABBR machines, the salary of audiologists and the establishment of a database with follow up will cost approximately \$100,000. Intervention (i.e. surgery, hearing aids, cochlear implants) will be provided by the All India Institute Of Speech and Hearing.

A ten minute video on Prevention of Deafness in India is available upon request, as well as a shorter version at www.projectdeafindia.org. If you have any interest in assisting us with these projects or need further information, you are welcome to call.

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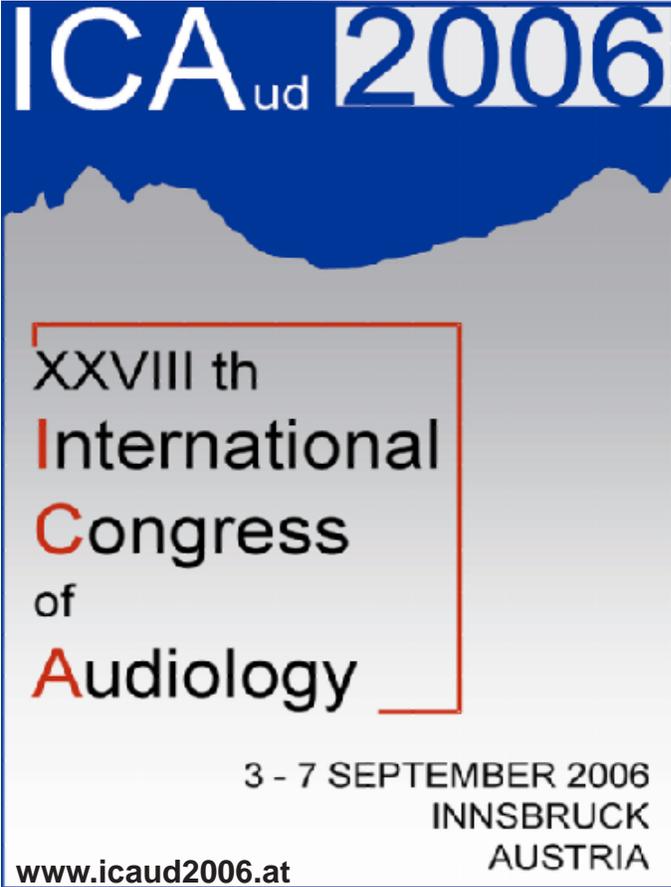
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Help Needed to Conduct Survey

Travelling abroad?? The ISA Humanitarian Audiologists group is in need of helping hands to conduct a 40 question survey assessing the hearing health resources and needs around the world. The intentions of the survey are to more effectively target development assistance and results would be available for use on future projects. Please contact Christi Wise at wiseaudiologist@yahoo.com for a copy of the survey or with any questions.

Audiologist Needed in Nairobi

Giants Hearing Centre is a non-profit hearing aid clinic in Nairobi in need of a full time audiologist. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Twenty four working holidays are earned after every year and a return ticket is supplied after every two years. If interested, please contact Mrs. Chaggar at ghc@africaonline.co.ke.



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ISA Humanitarian Website—Up and Running!!

<http://www.isa-audiology.org/human.html>

Take a look—A wonderful job has already been done on the website, which continues to be a work in progress as we get more links and information to add to it. The site includes a message board for members to post or search for information, including preparing yourself and your team for an upcoming project and new product information. You are urged to use this bulletin board to connect with volunteers or team leaders. We have already received several emails of willing audiologists for short term volunteer work abroad. We also welcome suggestions or comments on the website, which can be posted on the message board.

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