



AudineWS

The Newsletter of the International Society of Audiology

December 2012

(#68, Vol. 12, Issue 4)

Editor: Sanford E. Gerber, Ph.D.

(send news to the editor: seg49@comcast.net)

We again have a biography of one of our leading contemporary scientists, Dr. Charles I. Berlin.

Charles Berlin received his Ph.D. in speech-language pathology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1958. In 2009, the university honored him with its Legacy Laureate Award, which is given to Pitt graduates who are recognized for their outstanding personal and professional accomplishments. From 1962 to 1967, he engaged in post-doctoral study in hearing science at The Johns Hopkins University, which further defined his broadly-based career in Communication Sciences and Disorders. He then served as the first director of the Kresge Hearing Research Laboratory in the Department of Otolaryngology at Louisiana State University. He continued in that role until his retirement in 2002. There, he was Kenneth and Frances Barnes Burlington Professor of Hearing Science.

His accomplishments are so many and so wide, that we can only list them here. While still at Johns Hopkins, he was part of the team that was first to record electrocochleography, objective recordings from the inner ear in humans. In the early '60s, he was among the first hearing scientists to study genetically deaf mice, an area which is now burgeoning. He pioneered many studies in dichotic listening. At LSU, he discovered and described "ultra-audiometric" hearing, a condition in which hearing is normal above

the usual frequencies but grossly abnormal in the standard audiometric range.

In essence, he was exiled from New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina. However, not one to fully retire, he continues as Research Professor of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery and Communication Sciences at the University of South Florida, while remaining as Emeritus Professor of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

In March of 2011, Dr. Berlin was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Auditory Society. And, of course, he still is one of the premier jazz pianists.

(Editor's note: I have known Dr. Berlin for more than 50 years. Yes, Chuck, we are that old.)

Society News

ISA Secretary-General George Tavartkiladze reports the following. Six months have passed since the XXXI World Congress of Audiology, which was held in Moscow. As president of that congress, I am pleased to report that we got hundreds of very positive comments mentioning that the Moscow Congress was a tremendous success.

As a result of the election held at the General Assembly, the new Executive Committee of Dr. Robert Cowan (President), Dr. Linda Hood (President-Elect), Dr. George Tavartkiladze (Secretary-General), Dr. George Mencher (Assistant Secretary-General), Dr. Lena Wong (Representative of the General Assembly), and Dr. DeWet Swanepoel (Representative of the Affiliated Societies).

I thank Dr. José J. Barajas de Prat, our president, for his hard work and his dedication to the society. His vision of the society's future has significant influence on ISA's further development. I also thank Dr. George Mencher for his daily activities and great contributions to the society over many years. And, it is my pleasure to welcome our new president Dr. Robert Cowan. I am sure that together we will continue activities started under the presidency of Dr. Barajas. I also welcome Dr. Linda Hood, our president-elect, and Dr. Lena Wong as our new representative of the General Assembly.

Moreover, special thanks to Dr. Ross Roeser, chief editor of the IJA. During the last several years, the prestige of our journal has increased tremendously.

I mention also the activities carried out by the ad-hoc common Humanitarian Audiology and Tele-Audiology Long Distance Learning, carried out under the leadership of Jackie Clark and DeWet Swanepoel, respectively. The Coalition for Global Hearing Health Conference, which was supported by ISA, was really successful.

Now, some information on our recent activities. As it was decided by the General Assembly, we are finishing the revision of our by-laws. The moment this work is finalized, we will inform you and ask that you review the suggested changes. After that, the revised version will be presented to our lawyer. We are also preparing for the audition procedure and will inform you of the results. This year's special research grant will be announced by ISA, and we will inform you of the results.

Dear members: While informing you of the activities of the Executive Committee, I also ask that you be more actively involved in ISA life.

The Aram Glorig Award

At the biennial World Congress, the International Society of Audiology presents the Aram Glorig Award to recognize a person who has had "a distinguished career in audiology." The Glorig Foundation was established at the International Congress of Audiology (ICA) in Helsinki in 1982. It was the idea of ISA's late president Ole Bentzen (Denmark) to honor Dr. Glorig's many, many years of service to the society and to the profession. Dr. Glorig was one of our founders. Dr. Bentzen gathered a group of people whom he knew to be Dr. Glorig's friends and colleagues, and they decided that he would best be honored if an important and prestigious award was given in his name. The original organizing group included Don Henderson (U.S.), Frank Martinson (Nigeria), Gunnar Lidén (Sweden) as president, and Sanford Gerber (U.S.) as secretary-general.

The first Glorig Award was presented at the Santa Barbara Congress in 1984. Since then, it has been awarded at every succeeding meeting to a deserving colleague. The several recipients of the Glorig Award and the place it was given are:

1984	Marion Downs	Santa Barbara (USA)
1986	Jan Sekula	Prague (Czechoslovakia)
1988	Moe Bergman	Jerusalem (Israel)
1990	Gunnar Lidén	Tenerife (Spain)
1992	Ronald Hinchcliffe	Morioka (Japan)\
1994	W. Niemeyer	Halifax (Canada)
1996	Antonio Antonelli	Bari (Italy)
1998	Lilly Tell	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
2000	Jean-Marie Aran	The Hague (Netherlands)
2002	Graham Clarke	Melbourne (Australia)
2004	James Jerger	Phoenix (USA)
2006	Stig Arlinger	Innsbruck Austria)
2008	Hans Vereschuure	Hong Kong (China)
2010	Sanford Gerber	Sao Paulo (Brazil)
2012	David Kemp	Moscow (Russia)

What an impressive list of persons and places! We should congratulate ourselves.

As you see, the latest winner was David Kemp, famous for his work with otoacoustic emissions. David is the first non-member to be selected, and clearly he richly deserves the award for his academic and clinical contributions to our discipline. He gave a wonderful presentation at our Moscow meeting, in which he reviewed the events leading up to the development of OAEs as a clinical tool and then looked at what the present and future hold in store. Congratulations to David Kemp.

The selection of the recipient is made by the Scientific Committee of ISA, and confirmed by the Executive Board. The Aram Glorig Award is presented at the business meeting of the society during our World Congress. The award is usually a surprise to the winner and to the assembled membership. It is important, therefore, that all members be sure to attend the session where it is presented.

Who knows: you might be the winner. If not, we are still sure that you will want to be there to share the excitement and to congratulate the next winner of the Aram Glorig Award.

Humanitarian News

Dr. Jackie Clark, chair of the ISA Humanitarian Committee, reports that eleven issues of the *Journal of Community Ear and Hearing Health* have been published since its launch in 2004. The aim of CEHH is to promote ear and hearing health in low- and middle-income countries by facilitating continuing education for all levels of health worker and providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, experience, and information in order to encourage improvements in the delivery of ear and hearing health care and rehabilitation.

Clinical News

Researchers at Harvard University have found that common pain-relieving medications (e.g., Tylenol or Advil) have an adverse effect on hearing. They say it is possible that these effects damage hearing by decreasing blood flow to the inner ear.

Dutch workers have shown that cognitive behavioral therapy results in patients no longer finding the noise threatening.

Research News

Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco and at the University of Sheffield have been able to reduce hearing loss in gerbils with the use of human embryonic stem cells.

A Belgian colleague reports that comatose brains, at early stages, can distinguish among sound patterns. How this progresses predicts whether a coma patient will survive and awaken. Similar work by Swiss scientists showed that those whose discrimination improved by the second day survived and awakened. Those whose discrimination deteriorated by the second day did not survive.

Affiliates News

Congratulations to ISA member Edilene Boechat, who will become president of the Brazilian Audiology Association in 2013.

Meetings

March 27-April 3, 2013. BIAP, Venetta, Malta. Contact: laurentchp.demanez@chu.ulg.ac.be.

April 3-16, 2013. American Academy of Audiology convention, Anaheim, CA. Contact: www.audiology.org

May 3-4, 2013. 4th International Conference of the Coalition for Global Hearing Health. Nashville, TN (USA). Contact: <http://cfghh.squarespace.com/>

June 9-13, 2013. International Electrical Response Audiometry Study Group, 23rd meeting, New Orleans, LA (USA). Contact: cgfowler@wisc.edu.

June 19-22, 2013. 11th EFAS Congress. Budapest, Hungary. Contact <http://www.efas2013.eu/>

December 4-7, 2013. V Iberoamerican Congress of Cochlear Implants and Related Sciences, Cancun, Mexico. Contact: asoda@prodigy.net.mx.

March 26-29, 2014. American Academy of Audiology convention, Orlando, FL. Contact: www.audiology.org.

May 3-8, 2014. XXXII World Congress of Audiology, Brisbane, Australia. Contact: www.isa-audiology.org.

ISA EXECUTIVE

President: Robert Cowan (Australia)

President-elect: Linda Hood (USA)

Past-president: José Juan Barajas de Prat (Spain)

Secretary-general: George Tavartkiladze (Russia)

Asst. secretary-general: George Mencher (Canada)

Representing affiliated societies: DeWet Swanepoel (South Africa)

Representing the General Assembly: Lena Wong (Hong Kong)

Editor, International Journal of Audiology: Ross Roeser (USA)

Editor, Audinews: Sanford E. Gerber (USA)

Website: Viktor Koci (Austria)

H. DEFINITION HEARING

WIDEX[®]

HIGH DEFINITION HEARING

