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The International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH) is an international non-governmental organization representing the interests of more than 300 million hard of people worldwide.

IFHOH is registered as a charitable organization at Vereinsregister Amtsgericht, Hamburg, Germany - Nr. 69 VR 10 527.

IFHOH Journal includes information about IFHOH activities, world news related to hearing loss, articles written by IFHOH members, and much more. It is published four times a year and posted on IFHOH’s website, www.ifhoh.org. The Editor can be reached at journal@ifhoh.org.

All the views expressed in IFHOH Journal are those of the individual writers, and do not necessarily reflect the views of IFHOH.
Dear IFHOH friends,

After wearing two hearing aids since I was five years old until my early 50's, I now wear a hearing aid in one ear and a cochlear implant on the other. Without these aids, my life would have been silent; I have a profound bilateral hearing loss. My professional career and my personal lifestyle have been based on my integration in the hearing world thanks to hearing aids. I have been very lucky in that many of my successive hearing aids have been paid for by provincial government medical insurance (I currently live in the province of Quebec, in Canada). This provincial government medical insurance does not cover all the hearing aids dispensed in the province; I just happen to fall within a category that gets good coverage.

I know from hearing the stories of the people I meet through IFHOH that the situation is far different for the vast majority of persons who are hard of hearing around the world. Many cannot afford to buy hearing aids. This is a major problem in the developing world. I see the same shocking problem in Canada, the U.S. and other developed countries as well, where government-based health care programs and private insurance usually offer little or no coverage for hearing aids.

Having access to hearing aids allows hard of hearing people to participate more fully in everyday life, whether at work or in social life. While it is true that some persons choose not to get hearing aids due to a fear of stigma or because they feel that they can “manage” without them, I believe that for many more the real reason for not getting hearing aids is because they cannot afford to pay for them.

IFHOH is developing a policy paper on hearing aids and your views on this topic are welcome! Please send your comments to humanrights@ifhoh.org.
I went through the early years of my life without really hearing. I was ecstatic to get a hearing aid at age 12 and thought it would change my life. It did but not in the way I had expected. When I returned to school I thought I would be able to sit in the back row in class but was quickly moved back up front by the teacher. I still could not figure out what the other girls said at nighttime pajama parties held in the dark.

It was perplexing to figure out what a hearing aid could and could not do for me. Turned out I really needed a hearing aid for both ears and I got my second one at the age of 21, after I graduated from university and just before entering the workforce. Even then the hearing aid had limits and I was subsequently introduced to an FM system that I truly loved. I was a newspaper reporter at the time and people just thought I was interviewing them because the transmitter looked like a broadcast mike.

Each of us have our own journey with hearing, not hearing, getting hearing aids or cochlear implants and, if we were lucky, discovering other technology such as FM systems. There are some parts to the journey that are personal and some parts that are hurdles that are social conventions; many of these can and should be changed.
What should be changed? Let’s develop our wish list because it is this wish list born of our personal experience that should find its way into the policy agenda of IFHOH and the public. Let’s start with four on our wish list:

- I wish that hearing aids were free for all people of all ages. No one should go without a hearing aid because it costs too much. If a person needs a hearing aid for each ear, that’s what should be provided. The hearing aid should work well in all types of situations.
- I wish that cochlear implants in both ears were free for those who require them. (So often we get letters from individuals around the world asking for funding for them and, alas, if there is no funding at the healthcare level in a country, the person goes without.)
- I wish for quality captioning at meetings and events, and for all television programs and internet productions to be captioned. I also wish for the widespread provision of captions in public places, transit places, theatres, and other facilities.
- I wish that all public address and sound systems for public use were available in audible volume, magnified through loop systems or FM systems.

The foregoing wishes and your wishes can and do find their way into IFHOH’s work. Here’s a summary:

1. We are developing a policy paper on hearing aids which will cover the issues of cost, affordability and availability.

2. We are working with the World Health Organization (WHO) and hearing aid organizations to promote effective, low-cost hearing aids in developing countries.

Ruth with Chapal Khasnabis (left) and with Dr. Shelly Chadha (right), both WHO technical officers
3. We have developed a cochlear implant paper that supports the provision of two CIs, one for each ear, when needed.

4. We are embarking on a project with the World Federation of the Deaf to gather information about the types of captions used for meetings in different countries as a start to improving the use and provision of this service.

5. We are revising our Accessibility document which serves as a policy tool about loops, FMs, public address systems and other forms of captioning.

These activities are part of the IFHOH work plan adopted by members at our 2014 BGM in April of this year. You can, and should, hold us accountable for working hard to achieve the goals set out. We are counting on it because this is not just a document of words; the goals arise out of our lived experience and make a difference at a very personal level for us. We want a world where no one goes without a hearing aid, a cochlear implant, watches TV without captions or doesn’t hear a public address system.

Do you have additional wishes? Please share by email to president@ifhoh.org by October 20 so that we have them before the IFHOH Board meets October 24-26.

With my best regards,

Ruth Warick
IFHOH President
Email: president@ifhoh.org
Ruth Warick was elected Second Vice-President of the International Disability Alliance (IDA) in March 2014. In July she represented IDA and the International Disability and Development and Consortium at the ECOSOC Second Meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in New York City. She spoke during a panel presentation and at the EOSOC meeting about the inclusion of disabilities in the post-2015 development framework as well as emphasizing goals related to inclusive education, employment, equality and liveable cities, along with data collection and indicators. For a link to the presentation go to: http://webtv.un.org/watch/33rd-meeting-2014-session-annual-ministerial-review-and-general-debate-continued-ecosoc-high-level-segment/3660449000001/#

Note: IDA was the only civil society group given an opportunity to speak during the ECOSOC meeting.

Ruth Warick and others at the Finnish Mission in New York
IFHOH World Congress 2016

June 23-26, 2016

Location: Washington, D.C. (U.S.A.)

Held in conjunction with the annual conference of
the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

HLAA’s contact about the Congress is Nancy Macklin, Director of Events and Marketing, 301.657.2248, Extension 106, nmacklin@hearingloss.org.

The IFHOH BGM will be held on Wednesday, June 22, just before the Congress. Further information will be provided about the BGM by IFHOH in the months preceding it. For more information about IFHOH, visit www.ifhoh.org and CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE! WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/IFHOH/
UN Committee on the CRPD - Important Dates 2014

The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities meeting, scheduled to occur between October 6 to 10, 2014, will be a pre-session with the Country Rapporteurs to identify the disability human rights issues of the Cook Islands, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Turkmenistan, and Mongolia.

If your country is listed in the paragraph above and your organisation is a member of IFHOH and would like our assistance to ensure the needs of people who are hard of hearing are recognised by the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, please do email us at: humanrights@ifoh.org. We can support you to connect with your representative on this Committee.

Why should IFHOH members contribute to our national CRPD consumer and shadow reports to the UN Committee on the CRPD?

Here’s a good example of the benefit of doing so:
The New Zealand Government was interviewed by the UN Committee on the CRPD on September 15, 2014. They were advised by Professor Ron McCallum, past Chair and current member of UN Committee on the CRPD, that he would like to know more about the work that is being done on captioning and that there are lower levels of captioning then would be desirable.

The New Zealand Government delegate responded that her understanding was that 250 hours of television is captioned per week, an increase from 70 hours per week 10 years ago. She also advised that 100% of State owned prime television is captioned and that Able, which is a nongovernmental charitable trust, is working with NZ DPO organisations to decide which programmes are captioned.

She was reported as saying there was some improvement but still a lot of room to progress in that area. This is the first time that the New Zealand Government has admitted publically they have not met the access needs of people who are hard of hearing.

The UN Committee on the CRPD is not afraid to ask the hard questions; probe, discover and make transparent what is really happening. As can be seen from this, it really is our responsibility to grasp the opportunity and ensure international oversight of how our respective countries are upholding the CRPD and meeting the needs of our constituents, people who are hard of hearing.

Please do email humanrights@ifhoh.org for support and advice as needed because we want to ensure your voice is heard.
Ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as of August 2014

This interactive map is at: http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/maps/enablemap.jpg
August 15, 2014 — Ruth Warick, President of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People and Colin Allen, President of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), call on all governments to ensure broadcasting access through the provision of captions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens worldwide.

It is estimated that 360 to 570 million people globally have significant hearing loss (http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs300/en/) which creates access challenges. Technology often helps access challenges and this is clearly highlighted by access through broadcast media captioning.

Broadcast media is ever present in the dynamic digital world. It can be entertaining, informing and educational. Access to captioning is critical to ensure that Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and adults can be afforded equal access to this ever growing and increasingly important communication vehicle.

In Scotland, during the recent Commonwealth Games, access was enabled through real-time captioning available for all Games attendees and participants and it was also provided on broadcast television. We salute and thank the broadcasters for ensuring this level of access across the United Kingdom.

But this level of access to captioning did not extend to all Commonwealth countries. For example, in New Zealand, people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing were denied access to captioned broadcast coverage of the Games as the broadcaster, NZ SKY TV, did not provide it.

Despite many requests, the New Zealand Government has not introduced legislation requiring broadcasters to provide captioning. But research has shown conclusively that until legislation is enacted, broadcasters will not introduce a reasonable rate of captioning on any medium, whether it be broadcast television or on the web.

As Presidents of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People and the World Federation of the Deaf, we feel that this example highlights discrimination that cannot be permitted to continue. We call on the New Zealand Government and other governments globally, to introduce laws to ensure broadcast access through the provision of captions for citizens who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing across all forms of media whether on television or internet-based such as the web.

For all enquiries, contact Louise Carroll at louise.carroll@nfd.org.nz.
From April 10 to 12, 2015, the European Federation of Hard of Hearing People (EFHOH) will host its international conference in Essen, Germany. The theme will be "The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its implementation for hard of hearing people in the European Member States".

Deutscher Schwerhörigenbund e.V. (DSB), the association for hard of hearing people in Germany, is organizing the conference in the growing metropolis of Essen. The DSB would be happy to welcome you, dear members or other interested persons, to the conference. The patron of the event is Verena Bentele, the Federal Government Commissioner for Matters Relating to Disabled Persons.

Anyone willing to learn about the work of EFHOH is welcome to the member assembly on Friday. On Saturday, there will be a lecture on various topics followed by discussion, focusing on how the requirements of hard of hearing people in these areas can be implemented across Europe. The goal will be to prepare a new declaration that will be distributed to European politicians.

There will also be an opportunity for networking and socializing at the gala evening on Saturday, and a cultural glimpse of the city of Essen during a guided tour, including a stop at the Zeche Zollverein, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
The conference will be in English and German; simultaneous translation will be provided. Also, there will be English and German speech-to-text interpreters during the general meeting and the conference. The international event will include an exhibition offering much information around the theme: “hearing impairment and aids for affected people”. We are looking forward to meeting you in Essen!

PROGRAM SUMMARY:
Friday, April 10, 2015
- General Meeting
Saturday, April 11, 2015
- Series of Lectures
  - Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its meaning for people with hearing impairment
  - Participation of patients in the public health system
  - Accessibility – key positions towards inclusion
  - Vocational training of speech-to-text interpreters
  - En route to an inclusive job market
- Thematic Workshops
  - Drawing up the Declaration of Essen, signature and handover
Sunday, April 12, 2015
- Guided tour through Essen with a stop at the Zeche Zollverein

CONFERENCE INFOMATION:
Conference site - Hotel Franz, Steeler Strasse 261, 45138 Essen
Technics - FM system
Contact - Deutscher Schwerhörigenbund e.V., Head office Berlin
  Sophie-Charlotten-Strasse 23a, 14059 Berlin
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  EFHOH-2015@schwerhoerigen-netz.de
  Contact persons: Mrs. Renate Welker and Mrs. Sandra Markoff
For detailed & continuously updated information visit the congress website: http://www.schwerhoerigen-netz.de/EFHOH
Greetings from APFHD!

The Asia-Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing and Deafened (APFHD) was founded on March 1, 2012 by representatives from 10 Asia-Pacific countries, namely Bangladesh, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam.

APFHD is the only network in the Asia-Pacific region to represent persons who are hard of hearing and deafened with an aim to protect and promote rights of the hard of hearing and deafened.

On August 31, 2014 APFHD held a very successful BGM in Bangkok, Thailand. The following are the members of its new Executive Committee (EC):

1. Ms. Duong Phuong Hanh, Vietnam President
2. Mr. Muhammad Isaque Mia, Bangladesh Vice-President
3. Ms. Neeta Keshary Bhattarai, Nepal Vice-President
4. Mr. Muhammad Akram, Pakistan General-Secretary
5. Ms. Maria Filomena C. Gaya, Philippines Treasurer

We look forward to collaborating with the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH) and its member organizations in the near future so that “Together We Can Change the World”.

Yours sincerely,

Duong Phuong Hanh
APFHD, President
BANGKOK APPEAL ON COMMUNICATION FOR THE HARD OF HEARING AND DEAFENED – –


In line with the principles of Article 9: Accessibility of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as well as Goal 3: Enhance access to the physical environment, public transportation, knowledge, information and communication of the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, 2013-2022, we, on behalf of the hard of hearing and deafened in the Asia-Pacific region, would like to appeal for the following actions to be taken by relevant partners, including the United Nations agencies, the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) and other international development partners, government agencies in charge of disability, non-governmental organizations, the business sector and other potential partners:

1. TEXT (Captioning) is available for meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences where persons who are hard of hearing and deafened in Asia and the Pacific participate locally as well as internationally.

2. Assistive devices, particularly hearing aids and cochlear, are available, and usable for the hard of hearing and deafened in Asia and the Pacific. Necessary measures are taken by each government to make hearing aids available at low cost or free for the hard of hearing and deafened.

3. Communication support, such as signage and/or subtitle is provided at public facilities and services, for example, government buildings, hospitals, as well as private entities like banks. Moreover, the hard of hearing and deafened are equipped with the skills to help themselves in times of disaster. Warning devices are supplied free for the hard of hearing and deafened.

Presented and unanimously adopted
Bangkok, Thailand, August 31, 2014
APFHD Executive Committee
IFHOH recently received the news that Mr. Tomoyoshi Shintani is the new President of the All Japan Association of Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened People (AJAHLP), also popularly called Zennancho.

Mr. Shintani kindly provided the following information to the Editor of IFHOH Journal, at her invitation.

It is a great pleasure to have an opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tomoyoshi Shintani, and I was elected as president of Zennancho on July 27, 2014. Former president Mr. Tadashi Takaoka has assumed the role of an adviser of Zennancho. I have been late-deafened since around 40 years old and now I am maintaining daily communications with the help of a cochlear implant.

On January 20, 2014, Japan finally ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities after a long year's movement of social system reform around the issues of persons with disabilities.

Zennancho is willing to exert its best effort and co-operate with all the organizations of hard of hearing in the world as well as IFHOH to have inclusive society come true.

Tomoyoshi Shintani, President
All Japan Association of Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened People
The World Health Organization (WHO) is developing policy and practice guidelines on rehabilitation services for people with disabilities. In preparation for these guidelines, a survey is being conducted to better understand the views of stakeholders in relation to the feasibility and acceptability for those services, and the values assigned to the outcomes of the services. The study’s title is: *Policy and practice guidelines on rehabilitation services for individuals living with disability - Assessment of views and perspectives of stakeholders.*

Your input would be appreciated. The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete. If you are willing to participate, please follow this link: [http://rehabservices.limequery.com/index.php/survey/index/sid/136627/newtest/Y/lang/en](http://rehabservices.limequery.com/index.php/survey/index/sid/136627/newtest/Y/lang/en)

The survey includes access to a useful glossary of words/terms related to rehabilitative services.

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**Safeguard Policies Update**

The World Bank has announced that it is conducting a public consultation on a first draft of its Environmental and Social Framework, building on the decades-old safeguard policies and making them more efficient in their implementation.

The draft standards include the assessment and management of environmental and social risks and impacts; labor and working conditions; community health and safety; indigenous peoples, cultural heritage, etc.

September 18, 2014 - London, UK - Stagetext and Digital Theatre announced that starting this date six acclaimed theatre productions, Ghosts, Much Ado About Nothing, Long Day’s Journey into Night, A Doll’s House, Far from the Madding Crowd and Into the Woods are available with the option of captioning.

To celebrate this exciting new partnership and the launch of the captioned productions, Stagetext announced a captioned online global watch-a-long of Much Ado About Nothing on September 25, at 7.30pm. This was an online global watch-a-long, whereby people around the world pressed play at the same time and Tweeted along with the action.

Stagetext provides and promotes the use of captioning so that deaf, deafened and hard of hearing people can have access to what is being said or sung at arts and cultural events. For theatre productions and digital arts, the captioning is pre-prepared and for unscripted events, such as talks and tours in museums and galleries, Stagetext provide live subtitles. Info: www.stagetext.org

Digital Theatre works in partnership with leading performing arts companies to capture live performance authentically onscreen and makes productions available to a worldwide audience in High Definition. Info: www.digitaltheatre.com

For more information, and to purchase productions, visit
http://www.digitaltheatre.com/browse/captioned-performances

A scene from Much Ado About Nothing
November 17-22, 2014 - IFHOHYP STUDY SESSION
Location: Strasbourg, France
Website: http://www.ifhohyp.org/?p=402

The International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People (IFHOHYP) has invited young people aged 18-30 to take part in a Study Session on "Tune Up your Organisation: Fight for your Rights", organised in cooperation with the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, France. The aim of the study session is to empower young hard of hearing leaders with competencies needed for organisational development in order to enable their sustainable participation and disability rights work on local, national and international levels. IFHOHYP will also hold its annual general meeting the following day (November 23.)

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1st World Congress on Ear and Hearing Care
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India
12th-14th February, 2015

Location: New Delhi, India
Website: www.sh2030worldcong.org
Contact: secretariat@sh2030worldcong.org

The theme of the Congress is Action towards Better Hearing, focusing on sustainable community ear and hearing care.

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April 10-12, 2015 - EFHOH Conference & AGM
Location: Essen, Germany
Website: http://www.efhoh.org/

Deutscher Schwerhörigenbund e.V. (DSB), the association for hard of hearing people in Germany, invites all EFHOH members and interested hard of hearing people from all over Europe to Essen. The theme will be "The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its implementation for hard of hearing people in the European Member States".
July 28 – August 2, 2015 – XVII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf

Location: Istanbul, Turkey
Website: www.wfdcongress2015.org
Contact: wfdcongress2015@gmail.com

The main theme of the XVII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf will be **Strengthening Human Diversity**. This congress is organized every four years in different cities of the world and contributes to making important decisions for national policies and for the United Nations with respect to deaf people.

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June 23–26, 2016 – IFHOH World Congress

Location: Washington, D.C. (U.S.A.)

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HLAA’s contact about the Congress is Nancy Macklin, Director of Events and Marketing, 301.657.2248, Extension 106, nmacklin@hearingloss.org.

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NEW APP FOR SMART PHONES - LET ME HEAR AGAIN

Dr Sharon Baisil MD has developed an advanced communication app to help individuals with hearing loss who use smart phones. The app is called as LET ME HEAR AGAIN. Within 2 weeks after its global release, it was awarded the prestigious App of the Month Award from MIT in the USA: http://appinventor.mit.edu/explore/august-congratulations--0.html. This animated video explains its features: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEtm35oN8Lk

ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES IN iOS 8.0, THE NEW OPERATING SYSTEM FROM APPLE THAT COMES WITH THE iPHONE 6

The new tools fall under a sweeping section called Accessibility. They are meant to make your phone easier to hear, see, and navigate. Though they are designed with disability in mind, the accessibility features are also of interest to those without disabilities. A lot of people, for example, would prefer to see a light flash rather than hear a phone ring. Info: The Most Helpful iOS 8 Features for the Visually Impaired and Hard of Hearing
RAYOVAC SET TO UNVEIL EXCITING NEW PRODUCTS AT THIS YEAR’S EUHA CONGRESS

2014 has seen another year of fast-paced technological advancements in the hearing industry and at this year’s International EUHA Congress (October 15-17, 2015), hearing aid battery manufacturer Rayovac, is set to unveil its own pioneering new product updates for the future. Delegates visiting Rayovac’s stand E05 at EUHA in Hanover, Germany, will have the opportunity to see first-hand, the latest innovations from the company, including, new powerful implant batteries, superior new packaging and innovative new marketing programmes. Rayovac’s team will also be on hand to showcase advancements in both its mercury-free and wireless expertise.


NexTalk® ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF ACCESS®

NexTalk® Inc. announced on September 29, 2014 the launch of its latest communication software program, ACCESS. Offered in three configurations, ACCESS HOME®, ACCESS Business® and ACCESS EDUCATION®, it is designed to enable communication between the deaf community and businesses, schools and corporations. The ACCESS servers are a new communication platform. Consumers, businesses, schools and companies all log onto the system with their respective versions of the software, allowing them to communicate with each other using a variety of options, including Video Remote Interpreting, Texting, Text Relay, TTY calls, Video Calls, Messaging and Chat. Info: www.nextalk.com

HHTM CELEBRATES ONE MILLION PAGE VIEWS

Hearing Health and Technology Matters (HHTM) passed a major milestone this September when it drew its one millionth page view since its launch less than 3-1/2 years ago. During that time, the blog has attracted 500,000 unique visitors from more than 200 countries, and every year, traffic to HearingHealthMatters.org has increased faster than the year before.
Since 1946, Bernafon has been passionate about developing quality hearing systems that enable people with hearing difficulties to enjoy authentic listening experiences. With Swiss Engineering, precision technology, and our commitment to individual service, we strive to exceed our customers’ expectations. Our aim is to provide extra value to our partners every day. Bernafon representatives and employees in over 70 countries fulfill our vision to help people with impaired hearing communicate again without limitations.

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At Widex, we combine years of understanding with a natural curiosity in finding solutions to individual hearing loss. Our uncompromising approach to innovation has led to such advances as the world’s first fully digital in-the-ear hearing aid, as well as our own revolutionary wireless technology. But hearing aids are more than the technology inside them. Not only should they help people hear better, they should be comfortable and easy to wear. We concentrate just as much on design of hearing aids as on technology to create a near-natural hearing experience. We also believe in clever solutions and that things can always be done better. Our entirely CO2-neutral headquarters in Denmark is testament to this commitment. We listen to and work closely with professionals and users alike as we build on more than five decades of leading research and development in overcoming hearing loss. In our continuous search for unique and clear solutions to complex problems, we strive to give people with hearing loss the same opportunity to communicate as those with normal hearing.
The deadline for submissions for the next issue is December 19, 2014. Contributions are welcome!

The preferred length for articles is one page (400 to 500 words). Short and long articles, from 25 to 1,500 words, may also be accepted. News bytes and announcements of coming events are appreciated, including photographs and illustrations. Please send pictures in jpeg format and files as rich text or word documents. Many thanks!

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IFHOH Board: (front row) Duong Phuong Hanh, Ruth Warick, Avi Blau (back row) Louise Carroll, Niklas Wenman, Marcel Bobeldijk

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