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From the Editor's Desk



Carole Willans, Editor

Dear IFHOH friends,

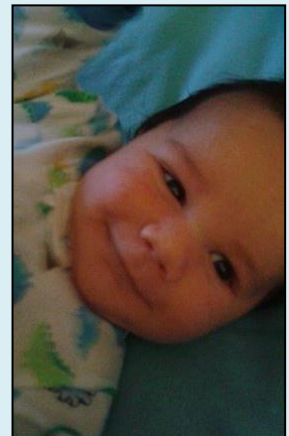
Let me share some good news with you... I am now a grandmother for the first time! My daughter Caroline and her husband Sabri recently welcomed their beautiful baby boy, Emir, who is now just over a month old. Emir was a week old for his first hearing test, and I was relieved to learn that he does not have a hearing loss.

Newborn hearing screening is available in many countries. In Canada, health is the responsibility of each of the 10 provinces (not the national government), so each province has its own program. Emir lives in the province of Ontario, so here is a link to the Ontario program, to give you an idea of the process: [Ontario/childhood/hearing](#). Do let me know what the situation is in your country with respect to newborn hearing screening.

Every year in Ontario, nearly four in 1,000 babies are born with some degree of hearing loss. More lose their hearing later. For example, I lost mine in a childhood accident at age 4. Many of these children may need to learn language differently, so early diagnosis is important. The causes of hearing loss are many, and knowing the cause does not usually change how it will be managed. What is important is accepting that the baby has hearing loss and providing the child the best opportunities to socialize and to develop language skills.

Grandparents have a special role to play when a baby is diagnosed with hearing loss. This includes listening to the parents without criticism, as well as supporting their decisions. Of course, grandparents naturally want to cuddle, comfort, rock, sing and talk to the baby, and this is great to establish a communicative bond. Most of all, all grandparents should be proud and celebrate the milestones... so I am sharing with you... one of Emir's first smiles! (Grandparents always have photos on hand!)

You can send me email at journal@ifhoh.org or follow me personally on Twitter @CaroleWillans.

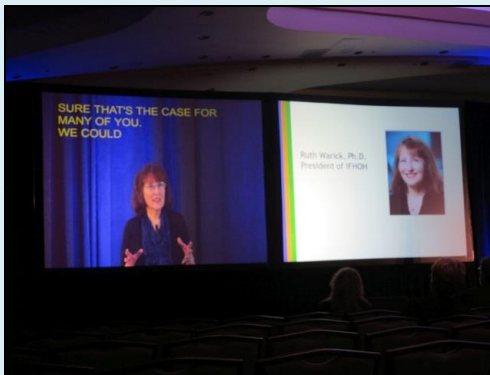


IFHOH President's Message



Ruth P. Warick, IFHOH President

The summer began with the 10th World Congress of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People combined with the the Convention of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) in Washington, D.C. This stellar event drew participants from 21 countries, engaged in discussions on important topics and connecting with others with the same passion and commitment to make this a more hearing accessible and inclusive world. Our thanks goes to HLAA for their tremendous work in hosting this event.



Ruth at Opening of Congress

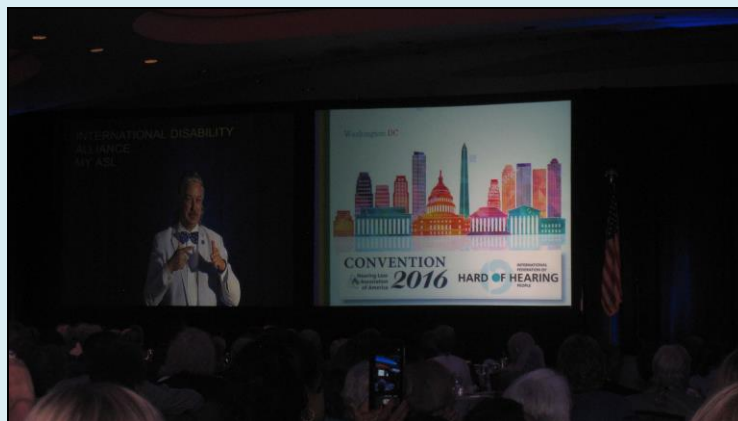


IFHOH/HLAA Congress plenary (photos thanks to Siegfried Karg)

A highlight of the IFHOH biennial general meeting (BGM) on June 23 was the passing of the *Washington Declaration 2016*. You will find an article on this Declaration, with a link to the full text, on page 8 of this issue. We are advocating for qualitative, affordable hearing aids and for cellular phones with telecoil compatibility with hearing aids and cochlear implants. Earlier this summer, a press release was sent to the media as part of our on-going campaign to raise awareness about this issue.

IFHOH's biennial meeting opened with electronic greetings from Shelly Chadha, Technical Officer on Prevention of Deafness and Hearing Loss, Blindness and Deafness Prevention of the World Health Organization (WHO). Her on-going work and support is much appreciated. With her support, we have been working on a submission to enter into official relations with WHO.

We also had in-person greetings presented by Colin Allen, President of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and President of the International Disability Alliance of which IFHOH is a staunch member. Colin took time out of a busy schedule to attend our entire biennial meeting and to attend parts of the Congress. He addressed delegates at the closing banquet, reflecting on the cooperation between our organizations on the many topics of which we have mutual interest and agreement in advancing.



Colin Allen, President of the World Federation of the Deaf and President of the International Disability Alliance brought greetings to the IFHOH BGM and Congress

One of the topics of mutual support by IFHOH and WFD is captioning. We jointly developed a members' survey, receiving opinions about the status of captioning in our communities. A preliminary workshop on the findings was presented at the Congress and a committee will be reviewing for policy directions. Already we know that many persons go without captioning access, whether from the global north or the global south. The survey results confirmed this loud and clear.

At our BGM we presented an operational plan for the coming two years and have our work cut out for us. Under the category of hearing and human rights issues we will:

- Promote hearing loss issues on World Hearing Day of March 3
- Host a major conference with our German members in Berlin October 6-7, 2017 on International Hearing Loops and Hearing Technology
- Follow-up on the Speech-to-Text Project to improve captioning
- Advocate for qualitative, affordable hearing aids with t-coil capability worldwide as part of a position paper on hearing aids and technology presented to the 2016 BGM
- Review and revise the current Accessibility paper

- Develop a Phase Two of the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* Project and continue to implement the second part of Phase One of the Project.



Networking at the World Congress 2016: Bowen Tang (IFHOHYP Vice-President),
Aïda Regel Poulsen (EFHOH General Secretary) and
Louise Carroll (IFHOH General Secretary)

In this issue you will find more information about the International Hearing Loops and Hearing Accessibility Conference. Please mark the dates of October 6-7 on your calendars. Our thanks goes to Dr. Harold Seidler and Renate Welter and their team of Deutscher Schwerhörigenbund for the hard work they are already putting into this event. They have secured an excellent venue for the conference.

Please also begin planning for World Hearing Day on March 3 to join in with the World Health Organization and partners to increase awareness about hearing loss prevention and rehabilitation. During the first week of July, I was pleased to attend a two-day meeting discussing themes and endeavors to create greater awareness, an essential step to bring about better programs and services. Stigma and isolation are still problems encountered as having a hearing loss continues to be a misunderstood hidden disability and continues to be underserved.

Share with your members the wonderful video produced as part of IFHOH's project on the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*. The video and manual are available on our website and further information is contained in this issue on page 11.

I want to congratulate the union of the Associations for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of Slovenia for their successful bid to host the 2018 Biennial General Meeting of IFHOH, in conjunction with the EFHOH annual general meeting with a conference. Please reserve the dates of April 13-15, 2018 to go to lovely Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Welcome to Patrick Gift Egessa of Uganda who was elected for the first time to the IFHOH Board in the position of member-at-large at the BGM, and thanks to returning board members for continuing to volunteer their time and energy: Avi Blau of Israel, Louise Carroll of New Zealand, Heikki Niemi of Finland, and Marcel Bobeldijk of the Netherlands. I also wish to thank Carole Willans of Canada for continuing to serve as *IFHOH Journal* editor.

Thanks for past service on the board goes to Hanh Duong Phuong of Vietnam; fortunately for us she continues as President of the Asia Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing and Deafened (APFHD). I also want to thank Eija Isaksson of the Finnish Federation of the Hard of Hearing for serving as Chair of the IFHOH Nominations Committee.



**Ruth Warick (holding the Swiss IFHOH umbrella)
with Hanh Duong Phuong (photo credit: Siegfried Karg)**

We also salute members of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People who held their annual meeting in conjunction with the IFHOH Congress in Washington. Avi Blau and I were pleased to attend their AGM. In this issue (at page 13) we introduce to you their board members: Glenn Storsletten of Norway, Daria Panicheva of Russia, Bowen Tang of Canada, Victor Rehn of Finland (President) and Astrid Fejrø of Denmark. The young are our future.



**Participants at a joint board meeting of IFHOH, APFHD, IFHOHYP and EFHOH
Front row (l. to r.): Neeta Bhattarai, Louise Carroll, Bowen Tang
Middle row: Avi Blau, Ruth Warick, Hanh Duong Phuong
Back row: Aida Regel Poulsen, Victor Rehn**

I also thank you for your support and encourage you to contact me with any ideas or suggestions.

With best regards,
Ruth

Dr. Ruth Warick, President of IFHOH
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*Editor's Note: On July 26, 2016, the IFHOH President published a **special message to the IFHOH membership** - Read it [here!](#)*



WASHINGTON DECLARATION 2016

Hard of hearing persons from around the world support the need for technological innovation that promotes hearing accessibility.

In a motion passed at the biennial meeting of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People held in Washington, D.C. at the end of June, 2016, hard of hearing persons called for new developments to ensure for the compatibility of hearing aids with cellular phones and assistive listening devices.

"IFHOH believes, that for the foreseeable future, the proven technology of the Telecoil must be included and activated in hearing aids and cochlear implant processors. Cellular (mobile) phones and other sources of sound should be compatible with the Telecoil. New wireless technologies should work in parallel to the Telecoil," according to the Washington Declaration 2016.

As noted in the motion, hearing aids are very important to enhance accessibility and the participation of hard of hearing persons in society. "Hard of hearing persons require access to quality hearing aids, cochlear implants and new technologies that are affordable, professionally approved and compatible with the Telecoil", stated IFHOH President Dr. Ruth Warick.



For more information and to view the motion in its entirety: www.j.mp/WasDec2016.



SOME THOUGHTS ON IFHOH WORLD CONGRESS 2016

Marcia Dugan Memorial Fund Report

Author: Michele Nealon

Date: July 9, 2016



I write this article on the flight from Washington D.C. to my home in Sydney, Australia. As I do so, my mind is buzzing with thoughts about the enormous amount of information received in a few short days at the IFHOH Conference and BGM.

Before embarking on my journey to attend the conference, I will admit that the work of IFHOH was a bit of a mystery to me. Coming away, I am much clearer about the aims of the organisation, the people involved and the strength and breadth of IFHOH as an organisation.

First and foremost, IFHOH represents those of us who are Hard of Hearing (or HOH's) working collaboratively with organisations such as the International Disability Alliance, EOSOC, UNESCO and the World Health Organisation to advocate for the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities as it applies to people who are Hard of Hearing. In turn, IFHOH can offer member communities the opportunity to develop a shared vision for Hard of Hearing advocacy and priorities. While participating in the biennial meeting, what became clear to me was that the issues that are faced the world over are more similar than they are different.

For the next two years, some of the priorities for IFHOH and therefore its member countries include:

- Advocating for qualitative, affordable hearing aids with t-coil capability worldwide.
- Continue to develop and deliver training on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as it applies to people who are hard of hearing.
- Promotion of hearing loss issues on World Hearing Day - March 3rd.
- Continue to provide a leadership role in the International Disability Alliance.
- Expand IFHOH's network to other parts of the world

For us HOH's, the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (UNCRPD) is a critical piece of legislation with goals including the right to a full and independent life, to accessibility and to habilitation and rehabilitation. Within this Convention signed by 160 member states, we can rightly advocate for our place of equality in society. If you live in a country, as I do, that is a signatory to the UNCRPD I urge you to not only request but demand the access that your Government has committed to.

So much of what we need to do is raise awareness amongst the general public. IFHOH has agreed to support the World Health Organisation in promoting World Hearing Day on

March 3 each year. What about your country, your organisation? Will you be looking to raise awareness on March 3? It's never too early to start planning.

I came away from the IFHOH Convention 2016 encouraged, enthused and armed with additional information and knowledge to advocate not only for my own inclusion in all aspects of society but to advocate for my fellow Australian HOH's. If your country did not send a delegate to the IFHOH biannual general meeting, I would encourage you to do so in 2018. You too would benefit from the clarity and opportunities to share stories with others from across the globe. Change will come when we all advance together, in one direction and find inclusion for all.

My travels would not have been possible with the funding provided by the IFHOH Marcia Dugan Memorial Fund. I am grateful for the hospitality and friendship extended to me by a number of the members of IFHOH who were present at the Convention and I look forward to maintaining those relationships in the future.

In gratitude,
Michele Nealon



Call for Proposals - IFHOH Congress and BGM 2020

Member organisations of IFHOH in good standing are invited to submit a proposal to host the IFHOH Congress and Biennial General Meeting in 2020. Following the IFHOH BGM, a two-to-three day Congress should be held. Interested organizations of IFHOH should complete a proposal, providing the following information:

- Name of organization:
 - Address:
 - Phone and fax numbers:
 - E-mail:
 - Main contact:
 - Congress proposal and organizational plan
 - Committee and volunteer plans
- (Please attach 2-3 pages of the plan for the BGM and Congress, as well as 200 word biographies of at least two of the main organizers.)

Please submit your proposal as soon as possible or by November 1, 2016 to the IFHOH General Secretary at general.secretary@ifhoh.org. Enquiries about your submission should be directed to this e-mail address.

IFHOH HUMAN RIGHTS CRPD VIDEO



Louise Carroll
IFHOH General Secretary

IFHOH has released a video on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and how it applies to uphold the rights of people with hearing loss. The IFHOH CRPD video is available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=G35rLmCobrY and we encourage you to use it when educating your members about the CRPD.



The development of this video has been a global collaboration. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to video participants Ms. Aida Regel Poulsen (Denmark), Ms. Neeta Keshary (Nepal), Mr. Muhammad Akram (Pakistan), Ms. Darja Pajk (Slovenia) and Mr. Patrick Gift Egessa (Uganda).

We also wish to acknowledge and thank the Oticon Foundation (Denmark) for their funding of the video.

The CRPD video links and the popular IFHOH CRPD Toolkit are available at: www.ifhoh.org.

Contact: Louise Carroll
Email: humanrights@ifhoh.org



EFHOH News



Marcel Bobeldijk, EFHOH President, with Celia Willoughby and Juha Hietala at the European Disability Forum (EDF) AGA in Dublin

Dear EFHOH friends,

Here is some information on what is happening at the European level.

EFHOH AGM 2016

The EFHOH Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2016 took place April 1-2, 2016 in Paris, France. The French federation of hard-of-hearing people, Bucodes SurdiFrance, a group that brings together 42 associations from all over France, was very proud to host this event and the congress that follows it. The EFHOH AGM was held on Friday April 1 (afternoon) and the Conference took place on Saturday April 2. The Congress centre was located in the eastside of Paris in a quiet district, near the famous Père Lachaise cemetery. The theme of Saturday's Conference was *Getting Informed about Hearing Loss*. Presentations and discussions centred on issues of direct interest to hard of hearing people, their daily life, and how we can all take up the challenge together to improve daily living. Conference topics focused on living with hearing loss: who are hard of hearing people, how do they manage hearing in noisy places with hearing aids, how do they live with cochlear implants, how do they get access to information, how do they manage to use a telephone, and so on. For more information you can check the EFHOH website at: <http://www.efhoh.org/>.

EUROPEAN DISABILITY FORUM

With Celia Willoughby (Irish Hard of Hearing Association) and Juha Hietala (our new EFHOH Board member), I attended the EDF AGA 2017 in Dublin, Ireland (see photo at beginning of this article). You can read more about this event in Juha's article published in the EFHOH newsletter of June 2016: [EFHOH Newsletter June 2016](#).

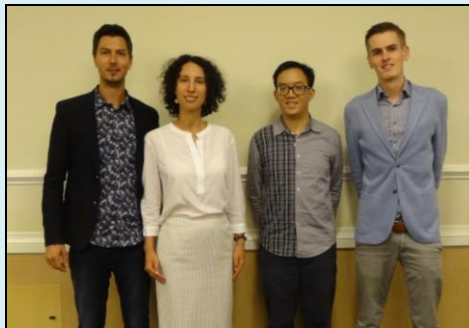
HOW TO CONTACT EFHOH

Remember... you can follow EFHOH via Facebook and Twitter. The addresses are:

EFHOH	@efhoh
Marcel Bobeldijk	@marbob32
Lidia Best	@best_lidia

Meet the New IFHOHYP Board!

The International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People (IFHOHYP) is an international non-governmental federation for national and regional youth organizations dedicated to hard of hearing young people throughout the world. Its greatest priority is improving the quality of life of hard of hearing youth worldwide and advocating for their rights at all levels of society. The work of IFHOHYP is guided by the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Here are their newest Board members!



L. to r.: Glenn Storsletten (Board Member, Norway), Daria Panicheva (Treasurer, Russia), Bowen Tang (Vice-President, Canada) and Victor Rehn (President, Finland)



Astrid Fejrø (Secretary, Denmark)



4th IFHOH Hearing Loops and Hearing Technology Conference

October 6 - 8, 2017
Berlin, Germany

The German association Deutscher Schwerhörigenbund (DSB) is pleased to invite you to Berlin in October 2017.



Four years after the previous Conference held in Eastbourne, England, DSB will host the **4th IFHOH Hearing Loops and Hearing Technology Conference**. We look forward to seeing you in Berlin on October 6 - 8, 2017.

This important conference will be a showcase of the latest technological developments benefitting hard of hearing and deafened persons worldwide. Participants are expected to come from around the globe for the event.

International experts will give presentations on innovations and advances in technology and tools and about 15 exhibitors will provide a great deal of information on technology, hearing aids, cochlear implants and individual equipment as well as hearing loop systems (survey, registration, service and maintenance). Last but not least, technical innovations will be explored (e.g., iOS connection, WLAN, Bluetooth), including their respective benefits and/or disadvantages. It is our intent to bring you in close contact to experts and to increase your knowledge about how to manage your hearing loss in the best way possible.



Photos of 3rd IFHOH Hearing Loops and Hearing Technology Conference held in Eastbourne, U.K.
(photos from Listen Technologies)

You surely will enjoy Berlin, the capital of Germany. It is not only a metropolis with about 4.3 M inhabitants. Here you will encounter living history, e.g. at Brandenburger Tor, where Europe's East and West were reunited 25 years ago. Berlin is a cultural center with a full spectrum of theatres and museums. Twenty-five minutes from the Center Potsdamer Platz you can relax on one of the pure bodies of water that exist around Berlin. It is a lively city. For example, it enjoys urban districts such as Prenzlauer Berg with numerous cafes, a restaurant scene, shopping facilities, entertainment and pulsating nightlife - all of which are waiting for you. Wouldn't you like to stay here a few days more?



In the Best Western Plus - Hotel Steglitz International, the conference hotel, you will be very comfortable. The hotel is close to transportation. You will find bars and restaurants in the hotel, as well as a shopping center within walking distance. The IFHOH Loop Conference will be taking place on the hotel site.

You can follow us on Facebook: [FB/EuropeanFederationOfHardOfHearingPeople/4th Hearing Loops](https://www.facebook.com/FB/EuropeanFederationOfHardOfHearingPeople/4thHearingLoops) We are looking forward to welcoming you in 2017.

Renate Welter,
Vice-President of DSB

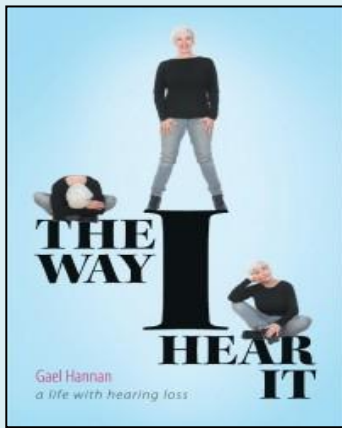


A New Book: The Way I Hear It

By Gael Hannan

Hearing loss isn't funny. It changes lives in shocking ways, especially for people who have never had a problem understanding what's being said, even from another room.

It's even shocking to someone like me, who grew up with it, in realizing that without hearing loss, I might have married someone else. I *know* this because at least one other man in my past was interested in a permanent relationship—although maybe I didn't hear him correctly.



I didn't write *The Way I Hear It: A Life with Hearing Loss* as a how-to, self-help book packed with wisdom. Who am I to say, "Do it this way and life will be wonderful." We all share the same challenges and benefit from similar communication strategies, and the book pokes into the many corners of our hearing loss life: relationships (dating, marrying, parenting, friends), on the job, technology, communicating, and the things we like to do such as dining, working out, traveling.

In her foreword to *The Way I Hear It*, Dr. Marilyn Dahl, former president of IFHOH, writes: "I wish this book had been available to me when I first struggled with acquired hearing loss as a young adult, and assumed I was the only young person with a hearing loss."

"Gael examines every aspect of the life with hearing loss....and she does so with great humour and that quirky little twist so typical of her approach. This helps to take the sting out of it for the hard of hearing reader, who has experienced and likely agonized over the same situation."

Who should read *The Way I Hear It*? People with hearing loss. Our family and friends (because yes, our demand for constant repeats and clarification can be crazy-making). Hearing health professionals, students and those who teach them. We all need to understand each other better.

No, hearing loss isn't funny. But *The Way I Hear It*, based on solid research and personal experience, will make you laugh. As the T-shirt says: 'If you can't laugh at yourself, I'll be happy to do it for you.'

Editor's Note: **Gael Hannan** is a Canadian writer, actor and public speaker who grew up with a progressive hearing loss that is now severe-to-profound. She has recently released a book, *The Way I Hear It* - an insightful journey into life with hearing loss at every age. After exploring the frustrations of communicating with hearing loss, she offers advice on how to bridge the gap between consumer and professional in order to get the best possible hearing health care, as well as tips for effective communication, poetic reflections and humorous, poignant stories from the people the author has met in her advocacy work throughout North America. *The Way I Hear It* is available from FriesenPress.com and all online booksellers in both print and e-book format: Amazon, Kobo Store, Nook Store, iTunes Bookstore, Barnes & Noble, Indigo/Chapters:



GaelHannan/book. The photo above shows Gael during her performance at the IFHOH Congress in June, 2016 in Washington, D.C. (photo credit: Siegfried Karg).

Book Review: Wired for Sound

*A Classic Book about the Cochlear Implant - Reviewed by Siegfried Karg**

Beverly Biderman: *Wired for Sound: A Journey into Hearing*, revised and updated, with a new postscript. Journey into Hearing, Trifolium Books, 2016, 202 pages.

The first edition of the book published in 1998 was already a classic. For the new edition (unfortunately still available only in English) the text was amended and brought up-to-date. Furthermore, it is now available as an e-book (as of January 27, 2016). The significance of this book can only be understood if you go back 18 years to a time when the cochlear implant (CI) was still a completely new technical invention.

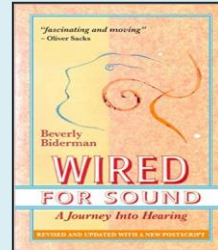
Even though today CIs are successfully implanted in deaf-born babies starting at the age of 6 months, at that time you could hardly imagine something like that. The Deaf community, using sign language to communicate, was up in arms against the cochlear implant and tried to prevent the spreading of it by all available means.

Beverly Biderman, a hard-of-hearing computer scientist at the University of Toronto, Canada, first had her CI implanted at the age of 46, and through it experienced "*A Journey into Hearing*" - which is also the subtitle of her book. In her very readable scientific book she deals with the different aspects, as well as possible dangers, which you

might encounter with the CI. At the same time, she carefully examined the "horror stories" which were brought up at that time against the CI by the Deaf Culture and was able to refute most of them. By no means does the author withhold the fact that this technical miracle does not solve all hearing problems. Especially in difficult hearing situations with a lot of reverberation or background noise, or too big a distance to the speaker, the CI reaches its limits. Here additional assistive listening devices have to be used.



Beverly Biderman



The author mentions the FM-radio transmitting technology again and again. Actually here an update would have been necessary, because in 1998 the Audio-Frequency-Induction-Loop-Systems- Technology ("hearing loops") already existed for hearing aids, but not for cochlear implants. Today however, CIs from all manufacturers come equipped with an induction coil (telecoil), thereby ensuring that the CI can be wirelessly "coupled" to hearing-aid-compatible land-line phones and cell phones (mobile phones), or to hearing loops in large venues without any additional personal equipment.

Anyone who, like the author, wants to carefully study the topic of CI before having surgery, should under no circumstances forgo this book. In addition to the cited bibliographical material the author provides references to self-help-organizations and professional organizations. For the new edition she has reviewed all the quoted websites and in addition has written a new in-depth postscript which raises critical questions as well. People with a strong hearing loss and late-deafened people, as well as parents of deaf-born children, and also ENT-doctors, audiologists, and hearing health care providers should definitely read this book. It should not be missing in any scientific library because there are probably only a few people like the author who have successfully had a cochlear implant for 23 years, not only for one ear, but in the meantime, for both ears.

Siegfried Karg, Winterthur, Switzerland

** The original book review was published in German in the magazine "Spektrum Hoeren" Nr. 4, Juli /August 2016, p. 61 (Median Verlag Heidelberg, Germany).*

Editor's Note: To purchase or preview *Wired for Sound: A Journey into Hearing* (2016, second edition), click [here](#) in the U.S., [here](#) in Canada, or any Amazon site internationally.

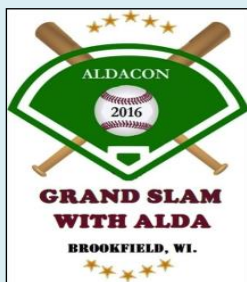
Calendar of Events

September 14-18, 2016 - ALDAcon 2016

Location: **Brookfield, Wisconsin, U.S.A.**

Website: www.alda.org

Contact: info@alda.org



The Association of Late-Deafened Adults, Inc. (ALDA) is holding its annual conference, known as ALDAcon, in mid-September. This event is held by and for a diverse group of people who have various degrees of hearing loss. All events will be fully accessible through sign language interpreting, real-time captioning and the availability of assistive listening devices. The conference will have dozens of exhibitors, offer a wide variety of workshop presentations, and feature keynote speakers at each meal.

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October 24-25, 2016 - Coalition for Global Hearing Health

Location: **University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines**

Registration: <http://cghh.usu.edu/index.cfm>



Registration NOW Open
7th International Conference of the
Coalition for Global Hearing Health
Working Toward Global Access to Care for Hearing Health

<http://cghh.usu.edu/>

Invited Speakers: Drs. Philip Newall, Suchitra Prasansuk,
William Martin, and Sujana Chandrasekhar

University of Santo Tomas; Manila, Philippines
24-25 October 2016

Pre-Conference Workshops by Notable Faculty, 23-October



May 25-27, 2017 – Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Conference

Location: Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney, B.C. (near Victoria), Canada

Information: <http://www.chha.ca/conference/>

Contact: conference@chha.ca



October 6-8, 2017 – 4th IFHOH Hearing Loops and Hearing Technology Conference

Location: Berlin, Germany

Information: [FB/EuropeanFederationOfHardOfHearingPeople/4th Hearing Loops](#)



This important conference is organized by the German association DSB in collaboration with IFHOH. See article in this issue at pages 14 and 15 for more details.

News Bytes

News Bytes

ROBERTO WIRTH AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE



Roberto Wirth, President of the Assistance Center for Children who are Deaf and Deafblind (CABSS) was awarded an Honorary Degree in Humanistic Studies in recognition of his success and deep philanthropic work by John Cabot University in Rome, Italy. The American University is one of the most prestigious in Europe. 146 students from 26 nations attended the graduation ceremony held on May 16, 2016, at Villa Aurelia. Roberto Wirth, deaf from birth and apart from being the President and the General Director of the prestigious Hotel Hassler, located at Trinità dei Monti in Rome, is also the President of CABSS, a non-profit organization that was founded in 2004 with the mission of supporting deaf and deafblind children, 0-6 years of age and who provides the only early intervention programs of its kind in Italy. In 2015, he published his autobiography, "*Il silenzio è stato il mio primo compagno di giochi*", a passionate account of a man born profoundly deaf and who had to fight against the prejudice he experienced from others and some members of his own family.

WORLD BANK APPROVES NEW ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL FRAMEWORK



On August 4, 2016, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved a new Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) that expands protections for people and the environment in Bank-financed investment projects. The safeguards review included the most extensive consultation ever conducted by the World Bank. It concludes nearly four years of analysis and engagement around the world with governments, development experts, and civil society groups, reaching nearly 8,000 stakeholders in 63 countries. The framework is part of a far-reaching effort by the World Bank Group to improve development outcomes and streamline its work. The ESF as well as other associated documents are available at <http://consultations.worldbank.org/consultation/review-and-update-world-bank-safeguard-policies>.

OTICON: USING PUPIL SIZE TO MEASURE STRESS OF HEARING IN NOISY ENVIRONMENT

Straining to hear in noise is stressful for everyone but especially for people with hearing loss. Hearing aid manufacturer Oticon says it is the first company to apply proven "pupillometry" science — a measurement of pupil dilation — to the development of revolutionary hearing aid technology that

both reduces listening effort and conserves energy so that people recall more of what they've heard.
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RAYOVAC: DECISION TIME FOR HEARING INDUSTRY AWARD

Hearing care professionals from across Europe are in the running for a top industry award after nominations flooded in from hundreds of grateful patients. With the Audiologist of the Year competition now closed for entries, judges now have the difficult task of deciding who will be crowned this year's winner. The award, now in its ninth year, is run in partnership between Rayovac, Spectrum Brands Inc., Audio Infos, and the European Hearing Instrument Manufacturers Association (EHIMA).



An independent panel of hearing professionals from across Europe is tasked with the selections. Judges will first select a winner from each of the 10 countries taking part, before deciding who from that group will take the European title. Country winners will be announced in September. The overall European winner will be revealed at the upcoming EUHA Congress in Germany this October. To keep up with the latest news, you can like Rayovac on Facebook

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IFHOH JOURNAL

The deadline for submissions for the next issue is September 29, 2016.

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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The International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH) is an international non-governmental organisation representing the interests of more than 300 million hard of hearing people worldwide. IFHOH is registered as a charitable organisation at Vereinsregister Amtsgericht Hamburg, Germany (Nr. 69 VR 10 527) and is also an International Non-Governmental Organisation having special consultative status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). IFHOH is a member of the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and works closely with the UN system using the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as a tool for change.



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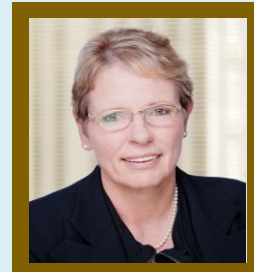
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