

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the second number of JHS for 2018. The contents are far-ranging, starting with a study of music-induced hearing loss in school age children. Next there is a paper on audiometric testing in children with intellectual disabilities, and a case study on use of the Vibrant Soundbridge middle ear implant, with the new incus short process coupler, which appears to perform well in treating chronic obstructive inflammation of the external ear canal. I am particularly interested in the paper that follows on the Adhesive Bone Conduction system called “ADHEAR”. What is the future of this approach? Will this new treatment option for conductive hearing loss be a substitute for surgical treatment?

The final section of the journal is devoted to abstracts from the 15th International Conference on Cochlear Implants and Other Implantable Auditory Technology, 27–30 June 2018, Antwerp, Belgium. Over more than 20 years, implants have become a mainstay for treating deafness, and the technology behind them has become amazingly advanced. The conference has had a long tradition, taking place every 2 years since 1987. JHS is very pleased to present the abstracts from this conference, the biggest regular event related to auditory implants. We are grateful to the President of the conference, Prof. Dr Paul Van de Heyning, for choosing JHS as a platform for the abstracts. I hope you find them interesting and useful.



With kind regards and greetings,

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