

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the current number of the *Journal of Hearing Science*. The issue starts with a review on hearing aid teleconsultation in Brazil, and follows with a study on the reliability of contralateral suppression of click-evoked otoacoustic emissions (OAEs). These are both important topics. Telemedicine seems to be the near-term future of medical care, while contralateral suppression is one of the most researched areas in the field of OAEs. However the main problem with contralateral suppression is the smallness and hence reliability of the effect, which this study addresses.

The second part of the issue is devoted to the abstracts of two forthcoming conferences that are to be held in Warsaw, Poland: the XXV International Evoked Response Audiometry Study Group (IERASG) Biennial Symposium, and the 1st World Tinnitus Congress and XII International Tinnitus Seminar. These conferences cover two very specialized fields, and they provide the opportunity to present new scientific ideas and describe recent technology developments, as well as working out standards in these fields.

Warsaw is an ideal place to hold a global congress – it is in the centre of Europe, with good flight connections to major cities worldwide and excellent congress and hotel infrastructure. The Warsaw metropolitan area is the largest city in Poland, with a population of 3 million, and is a thriving economic, political, and cultural centre. It is worth spending a few days in order to experience its unique atmosphere. The city's diversity means there is something for everyone. I am certain that participants will find it an enjoyable and enriching time.



With kind regards and greetings,
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