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The 12th International Brain & Voice Symposium was held on 26–28 August 2016 in Salzburg. The conference was organized to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Austrian Voice Institute. Dr. Josef Schlomicher-Thier and Dr. Matthias Weikert were the hosts and organizers of the meeting, which attracted participants from all over the world. Notable experts on voice disorders took part: Robert Sataloff, Markus Hess, Per Ake Lindestad, Craig Zalvan, Peak Woo, Eugenia Chavez, and Krzysztof Izdebski. Lectures and round table discussions allowed participants to exchange knowledge and experience.

One current topic was the diagnosis and treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease; another was phonosurgery, with a special emphasis on outpatient phonosurgery procedures. There were interesting lectures on voice therapy and an osteopathic approach to treating voice disorders.

There were a range of workshops and courses for physicians and voice therapists. Two of the most interesting were on phonosurgery applied in medical consulting rooms and on functional trans-nasal endoscopy of the esophagus for

diagnosis of latent reflux and swallowing disorders. During the workshop participants had the opportunity for group training and to discuss the results of the exercises with each other.

Delegates from the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing in Poland presented two reports. One free paper discussed “Long-term follow-up in injection laryngoplasty in patients with unilateral vocal-fold paresis”, by Beata Miaskiewicz, Agata Szkielkowska, Paulina Krasnodebska, and Elzbieta Włodarczyk. A second report, on “Use of Dx-pH system in differential diagnosis of voice disorders” by Elzbieta Włodarczyk, Beata Miaskiewicz, Agata Szkielkowska, and Anna Domeracka-Kolodziej, was presented during the round table discussion on “How to avoid long-term use of PPI, new insights in diagnosis and therapy of LPR”.

The conference was interesting and inspiring, extending our knowledge and providing new possibilities for diagnosing, treating, and rehabilitating patients with voice disorders.