

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the current number of the *Journal of Hearing Science*. The issue starts with a review of the contemporary tele-audiology literature. Tele-medicine is a field which has developed rapidly over the last few years, stimulated by stunning progress in computer and Internet technologies. It has made its way into practically all medical specialties but has enormous potential in audiology. Today there are tele-audiology solutions not only for such basic tests like pure tone audiometry, but also tele-ABR (auditory brainstem responses) or even tele-fitting of cochlear implants. This is very likely the future of audiology for it allows patients to consult a specialist without having to travel large distances.

Other papers in this issue focus on ipsilateral suppression of transient evoked otoacoustic emissions, the relationship between musical training and temporal processing of speech and non-speech cues, and risk factors for hearing in a neonatal intensive care unit. There is also a case study of a very rare condition – cavernous hemangioma of the tympanic membrane and external ear canal.

The issue concludes with a report from the 28th Congress of the Union of European Phoniaticians. The scientific program covered most aspects of phoniatics, including voice, speech, language, and swallowing disorders. Phoniatics is an important aspect of otorhinolaryngology as the conditions it treats often involve hearing impairments as well.



With kind regards and greetings,
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