

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the last number of the *Journal of Hearing Science* for 2016. This issue features three interesting review papers. The first is devoted to sudden sensorineural hearing loss in children, a type of hearing impairment which is very difficult to handle. The current literature gives a few hints about how to help such patients but unfortunately there is still much work ahead of us. The next review analyses the literature on wideband immittance measurement in neonates. Wideband immittance is now considered a very promising method and a lot of research has been done to evaluate its properties. Nevertheless, there is still a pressing need to establish normative data for different age groups. The final review summarizes knowledge of cochlear implantation in patients with renal dysfunction.

Other papers in this issue describe development and standardization of low frequency word lists in Hindi, and the effects of exposure to traffic noise on the hearing of traffic police. Another paper is a case study that shows the results of high frequency (up to 16 kHz) distortion product otoacoustic emissions (DPOAEs). It compares two recording systems and points out that, even in the same person, there are significant differences between DPOAE measurements from each system. This difference might be important if a patient is tested in different clinics with different equipment.

The issue concludes with a report of the 33rd World Congress of Audiology, which was held in Vancouver, Canada, in September 2016. This important conference is the biennial meeting of the International Society of Audiology (ISA). Among other noteworthy events, this year's meeting featured a special session of the International Evoked Response Audiometry Study Group (IERASG). The next meeting of IERASG will be held in May 2017 in Warsaw, Poland, and the organizer is the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing. I look forward to meeting some of you there.



With kind regards and greetings,

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