Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the first number of the *Journal* of *Hearing Science* for this year. As usual, topics from various fields related to hearing are covered, ranging from electrophysiology and central auditory processing to materials used in otosurgery. Some interesting case studies are also included, and the issue concludes with reports of recent important meetings.

With kind regards and greetings, *Prof. Henryk Skarzynski*, *M.D.*, *Ph.D.*, *Dr.h.c.*

