

CONFERENCE ON “CURRENT POSSIBILITIES FOR DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF PATIENTS WITH HEARING LOSS”, LUTSK, UKRAINE, 21–22 JANUARY 2013

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A conference on “Current possibilities for diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients with hearing loss” took place in Lutsk on 21–22 January 2013. It was organized with the cooperation of the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing, the Center of Hearing and Speech “Medincus”, and the Association of Poland-born doctors in Volyn.

The conference was opened by Krzysztof Sawicki, Consul of the Republic of Poland. Specialists from the Institute and the Center “Medincus” gave eight lectures from different areas of otorhinolaryngology, audiology, and rehabilitation: partial deafness treatment (Piotr Skarzynski), rehabilitation of patients with cochlear implants (Agnieszka Pankowska), fitting procedures for cochlear implants (Agnieszka Majchrzak), application of objective measures to cochlear implant fitting (Adam Walkowiak), complex care of foreign patients (Irina Pierzynska), surgical treatment of middle ear diseases (Roman Barylyak), tinnitus treatment (Lucyna Karpiesz), and application of telemedicine for medical consulting, cochlear implant fitting, and rehabilitation (Piotr Skarzynski).

From the hosts’ side, Alexander Shchuruk presented treatment possibilities in the Lutsk Regional Clinical Hospital. He emphasized how important, in terms of gaining knowledge and experience, were the courses organized by the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing in Kajetany, which doctors from Lutsk had attended.

The next day, the Institute’s team, together with the accompanying doctors from Association of Poland-born doctors in Volyn, visited a kindergarten for hearing-impaired children. Among the children there were patients of the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing users of cochlear implant or auditory brainstem implant. During a discussion moderated by Agnieszka Pankowska, we talked with teachers about rehabilitation of children with cochlear implants and hearing aids. Afterwards, there was a meeting between the Institute’s team and the Consul of the Republic of Poland during which Piotr Skarzynski presented activities of the Institute, in particular initiatives in Ukraine and other countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.