

Dear Colleagues,

On the occasion of the recent 10th EFAS (European Federation of Audiology Societies) Congress we presented participants with abstracts and associated congress materials in the form of a new periodical, the *Journal of Hearing Science*. The inaugural issue followed discussions with groups of various specialists in different countries and the canvassing of ideas at several international meetings. From these interactions, we realized that there was substantial room for better exchange of scientific ideas on issues connected with hearing. I have in mind here the widest understanding of this topic, encompassing the theoretical, experimental, as well as clinical approaches.

In this second issue of the journal, I thank the outstanding group of specialists who agreed to support this initiative. They comprise the eminent Editorial and Advisory Board that you see listed on the inside cover.

Proof of the need for action in this field has come from numerous submissions of new articles that the journal has already attracted. At this point I now turn to our readers for comments and advice regarding their expectations of the new journal. We will endeavor to comply, to the best of our abilities, in subsequent issues. I also invite you to share your opinions and to send us information about meetings and courses you are organizing, in fact all initiatives that are of interest to our society. In promoting this aspect, I have pleasure in informing you, on behalf of the editorial team, that in 2012 all announcements of international meetings will be published free of charge.



With kind regards and greetings,

Prof. Henryk Skarżyński, M.D., Ph.D., Dr.h.c.