A Sound Foundation Through Early Amplification

The 7th International Pediatric Conference “A Sound Foundation Through Early Amplification” will be held in Atlanta on October 2–5, 2016. Sponsored by Phonak, the conference is chaired by Prof. Anne Marie Tharpe and Dr. Marlene Bagatto. The Phonak Research Advisory Board serves as the Steering Committee. The Committee has selected speakers from among the world’s most distinguished pediatric audiology experts as well as new investigators and clinicians. “The attendees of this conference can be assured of an exciting forum of speakers from around the world,” says conference chair Tharpe. “This conference gathering will stimulate thoughtful interactions among attendees and speakers on a wide variety of topics related to childhood hearing loss. Topics include the latest in diagnostic procedures, current hearing technologies, integration of various hearing technologies in complex listening environments – all within the context of family-centered service provision for children with hearing loss. Additional conference highlights include a submitted poster session and focused panel sessions to highlight complex topics.

Poster Session:
We invite all participants to submit posters on topics related to any of the above mentioned topics.

For further information and registration go to www.phonak.com/conference and use the early bird rate until May 31, 2016

Surely this is a conference not to be missed!

CEUs have been applied for (approx. 12 hours)

For any questions please contact: phonak.conference@phonak.com

Registration fee
Early bird until May 31, 2016   US$ 310.00
Regular from June 1, 2016     US$ 360.00
Full time students (letter required) US$ 220.00
Guest at the Phonak Evening   US$ 80.00

Registration fee includes: Two and a half days of presentations by the foremost international experts in the field of pediatric audiology, breaks (morning & afternoon), lunches (Monday and Tuesday), welcome reception (Sunday evening), dinner with Phonak (Tuesday night) and a reception during the poster session (Monday evening).

Registration Link:

Conference Hotel:
Loews Atlanta Hotel
1065 Peachtree St NE
Atlanta, GA 30309
https://www.loewshotels.com/atlanta-hotel

Accommodation:
A block of rooms has been reserved at:

Loews Atlanta Hotel
1065 Peachtree St NE
Atlanta, GA 30309
Reservation link: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_el_new&eventID=14685365

Reservation via Loews Reservation Center: Tel: 888-563-9736
(Groups: Phonak Pediatric Conference)
Rate: Single/Double: $ 180 + VAT

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### Program

**Sunday, October 2, 2016**

6:00 – 8:00 pm Welcome Reception

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**Monday, October 3, 2016**

**Conference Opening**

8:30 am Welcome & Introductions  
Anne Marie Tharpe (USA) & Marlene Bagatto (CAN)

8:45 am Introduction of Keynote Address  
Anne Marie Tharpe (USA)

8:50 am Conference Keynote Address  
Music, Hearing Loss and Cochlear Implants: The Next Frontier  
Charles Limb (USA)

**Session I: Back to the Basics: Current Approaches in Infant Hearing Assessment**

9:30 am Technology Advances to Meet the Needs of Pediatric Electrophysiologic Assessments  
Yvonne Sininger (USA)

10:05 am Coffee Break

10:35 am Auditory steady-state responses and clinical practice – an update  
Susan Small (CAN)

11:10 am The Strategic Application of OAEs in Infants and Children  
Carolina Abdala (USA)

11:45 am Aided cortical: bridging the gap between early hearing device fitting and behavioural assessment  
Kevin Hodgetts (UK)

12:20 am Session Discussion

12:30 am Lunch

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**Session II: The School-Age Child**

1:30 pm Understanding listening-induced fatigue in school-age children with hearing loss  
Ben Hornsby (USA)

2:05 pm There’s a brain between those cochleae: Cognitive factors that impact speech understanding in children with hearing loss  
Dawna Lewis (USA)

2:40 pm The Path to Self-Determination  
Cheryl DeConde Johnson (USA)

3:15 pm Coffee Break

3:45 pm Supporting Children and Families Around the World: The Work of the Hear the World Foundation  
Richard Seewald (CAN)

4:20 pm The evolution of wireless systems in pediatric settings  
Evert Dijkstra (CH)

4:50 pm Session Discussion

5:00 pm Poster Session with Hors d’Oeuvres

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**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

**Session III: Hearing Technologies**

8:30 am Announcements & Introductions

8:35 am Influences of auditory experience on the outcomes of children with hearing aids  
Mary Pat Moeller (USA)

9:10 am Teacher’s pet or social butterfly: have it all with modern hearing aid signal processing  
Christine Jones (USA)

9:45 am Hear Well or Hearsay? Do Modern Wireless Technologies Improve Hearing Performance for CI Users?  
Jace Wolfe (USA)

10:20 am Coffee Break

10:50 am Establishing a Sound Foundation Through Electroacoustic Verification  
Marlene Bagatto (CAN)

11:25 am SoundRecover2: Description and Verification Protocols for Adaptive Nonlinear Frequency Compression  
Susan Scollie (CAN)

12:00 am Technology for UHL Panel: Discussion BAHA, CI, CROS, FM

12:55 am Lunch

1:55 pm A Conceptual Framework of Parent-to-Parent Support  
Sheila Moody (CAN)

2:30 pm Session Discussion

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**Session IV: Implantable Hearing Technologies**

2:45 pm Optimizing outcomes with electric and acoustic stimulation (EAS)  
René Gifford (USA)

3:20 pm Coffee Break

3:50 pm Prescription and verification considerations for Pediatric bone conduction users  
Bill Hodgetts (CAN)

4:25 pm Session Discussion

7:00 pm Phonak Dinner

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**Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

**Session V: Case Conference**

9:05 am Perspectives on Hearing Aid Fitting Challenges  
Case Study Panel – Discussion

**Session VI: A Look Toward the Future**

10:00 am Auditory Brainstem Implantation in Children  
Craig Buchman (USA)

10:35 am Coffee Break

11:05 am Next-Gen Newborn Hearing Screening  
Cynthia Casson Morton (UK)

11:40 am Audiology in the age of Cloud and Apps  
Francois Julita (CH)

12:15 am Session Discussion

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12:25 am Endnote  
Anne Marie Tharpe (USA)

12:55 am Closing Remarks  
Angela Pelosi (CH)

1:00 pm End of conference