

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the current number of the *Journal of Hearing Science*. The issue starts with a wide-ranging review on objective assessment of infant hearing. It gives an overview of established methods – immittance measurements, auditory brainstem responses, auditory steady state responses, and otoacoustic emissions – as well as outlining some emerging concepts such as the use of chirp stimuli. The invaluable aspect of all these methods of examining infants is they do not need the cooperation of the patient. Indeed, there are many ways in which it is generally better if the testing of hearing is done totally objectively, so from this perspective these approaches are the future of audiology. The other papers in this issue deal with very different but very current areas of audiology: anatomy of the auditory cortex based on MRI imaging, monitoring the quality of audiology education, and contralateral suppression of otoacoustic emissions.

The issue concludes with reports from recent conferences related to some specific areas of audiology like the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Laryngological Society, the 10<sup>th</sup> International Tinnitus Research Initiative Conference, and the 19<sup>th</sup> BFE European Conference on Neurotherapies.



With kind regards and greetings,

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