

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the first number of the *Journal of Hearing Science* for 2015. The issue starts with a review paper on dizziness and the risk of falls in the elderly. This important topic is continued in an original paper which focuses on balance problems in Down syndrome children. Other interesting papers in this issue relate to the development of phonemically balanced word lists in Kannada, a classical language of south India; evaluation of how well cochlear implants patients use the telephone; and cortical auditory evoked potentials in prelingually deaf adults.

The issue concludes with reports from recent conferences. As you are no doubt aware, one of the first big meetings of the year was the Midwinter Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO). This year is an odd-numbered year, which means it's time for important biennial conferences on audiology and otorhinolaryngology: the Congress of the European Federation of Audiology Societies (EFAS), which I plan to attend, and the Symposium of the International Evoked Response Audiometry Study Group (IERASG). I encourage you to attend one of these conferences, and perhaps we may even have the chance to meet and, among other things, talk about JHS.



With kind regards and greetings,

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