

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to read the current number of the *Journal of Hearing Science* which includes a review paper on novel trends in the molecular genetics of hearing loss, an issue that is becoming increasingly important for hearing scientists and practitioners. Other interesting papers discuss hearing loss and very low birthweight, computer-aided voice pitch therapy, and the problems that arise when muscle artifacts interfere with the recording of auditory evoked potentials. There is also the case study of a patient whose vocal folds were found to have bilateral sulcus vergeture as well as bilateral fibrous masses.

The issue concludes with reports of recent important meetings – the 9<sup>th</sup> International Tinnitus Conference and the 12<sup>th</sup> European Symposium On Pediatric Cochlear Implants (ESPCI).



With kind regards and greetings,  
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