

REPORT ON THE 15TH DANUBE SYMPOSIUM OF THE ORL DANUBE SOCIETY, 18–20 APRIL 2024, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

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The 15th Danube Symposium of the ORL Danube Society took place in Budapest, Hungary, on 18–20 April, 2024. The ORL Danube Society is an association of Danube countries that, among other things, brings together otolaryngologists to exchange knowledge.

The Symposium was divided thematically into 14 sessions, including sessions on cochlear implants, the middle ear, and otoneurology. In the opening session, Prof. Piotr H. Skarzynski gave a presentation entitled *Stapedotomy: tips, tricks and how to avoid potential complications* in which he shared his 40 years of experience in the field of otosurgery at the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing. His descriptions of how to treat otosclerosis were received with interest and generated a long discussion. He included guidelines on how to safely perform stapedotomy. He recommended the procedure in virtually all forms of otosclerosis, whether in children, adolescents, or adults, and in cases of bilateral or unilateral otosclerosis in the hearing or better hearing ear.

The opening session also included presentations on topics such as *HPV in oncology: what is next?*; *EAS hearing preservation today*; *Hearing reconstruction after surgery for advanced cholesteatoma of the middle ear*, and *Complications after thyroidectomy*.

Other sessions at the conference on topics such as oncology and otoneurology, and a session devoted entirely to the larynx, were also very well-attended.

The session on cochlear implants provoked the most discussion. It included the following presentations: *Hearing*



Prof. Piotr H. Skarzynski giving his presentation at the opening session

solutions for patients with Treacher Collins Syndrome (TCS); Hearing rehabilitation with a CI in postmeningitis deafness; How to consider indications for cochlear implantation in cases where there are discrepancies between subjective and objective audiological measurements; Early hearing rehabilitation with cochlear implantation after pneumococcal meningitis: a case report; Cochlear implantation with the “pull-back” electrode insertion technique controlled by Transimpedance Matrix (TIM); and Cochlear nerve diameter may influence audiological progress in CI users.