

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

International Accessibility Conference
On Hearing Loops and Hearing Technology
Future Loops

6th to 8th October 2017 in Berlin, Germany

Friday 6th October 2017

As of: 22.08.17

Times	Room Ballsaal (Simultaneous translation English, German)	Room Lankwitz (Lectures in English)
10.00 - 11.00	OPENING CEREMONY & EXHIBITION OPENING	
	<p>Dr. Ruth Warick, <i>President IFHOH, Canada</i> Dr. Harald Seidler, <i>President DSB, Germany</i> Verena Bentele, <i>Federal Government Commissioner for Matters relating to Persons with Disabilities, Germany</i> Elke Breitenbach, <i>Senator for Integration, Labor and Social Affairs in Berlin, Germany</i> Gerhard Sicklinger, <i>Humantechnik GmbH, Germany</i></p> <p>Keynote Speakers:</p>	
11.00 - 11.30	<p>Audio Inductive Loop Systems AILS – A point of view from the perspective of those affected Peter Dieler, <i>Median Klinik, Germany</i></p>	
11.30 - 12.00	<p>Hearing Systems go online - from Telecoil to Internet Horst Warncke, <i>Oticon GmbH, Germany</i></p>	
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch break	
13.00 - 14.30	TECHNOLOGY	EVERYDAY LIFE
13.00 - 13.20	<p>2,4 GHz Initiative of the hearing aid manufacturers Dieter Fricke, <i>GN ReSound Deutschland, Germany</i></p>	<p>Assistive Listening and Communication Devices at School – results from the HODA Study Anna Kain Wyatt, <i>The Swedish Association of Hard of Hearing People, Sweden</i></p>
13.25 - 13.45	<p>Combining the telecoil with advanced wireless technologies Ben Heldner, <i>Phonak Communications AG, Switzerland</i></p>	<p>Successful communication only with emotions? How does it work for HOH people? Volker Albert, <i>Deutsche Tinnitus-Liga, Germany</i></p>
13.50 - 14.10	<p>Hearing at work – technology for barrier free listening Matthias Jöde, <i>Sonova Deutschland GmbH, Germany</i></p>	<p>Making hearing loops visible Johan Hammarström, <i>AB Transistor Sweden, Sweden</i></p>
14.10 - 14.30	<p>Latest developments in hearing aids for people with severe to profound hearing loss <i>Bernadette Fulton, Phonak Communications AG, Switzerland</i></p>	<p>T-sign re-invented: hearing environment visualized Juha Nikula, <i>Qlu Ltd., Finland</i></p>
14.30 - 15.30	Coffee break	Coffee break
15.30 - 17.30	EXPERIENCE	TECHNOLOGY
15.30 - 15.50	<p>UK development of 'Lets Loop' campaign and subsequent progression to the 'Let's Hear' initiative Andrew Thomas, <i>Contacta Systems Ltd., United Kingdom</i></p>	<p>Technical evaluation of wireless communication devices Carsten Daugaard, <i>DELTA, Denmark</i></p>
15.55 - 16.15	<p>The spread of the hearing loop in Italy. Obstacles and opportunities Liliana Cardone, <i>Associazione Ligure Ipudenti, Italy</i></p>	<p>Recent Innovations in and around Hearing Loop Technology Thomas Kaufmann, <i>OTOJOY, USA</i></p>
16.20 - 16.40	<p>Limitations to achieving hearing loss identification and access to rehabilitation through technology by women living in New Zealand. Dr. Louise Sinden-Carroll, <i>IFHOH General Secretary, New Zealand</i></p>	<p>How the digital revolution benefits Hearing Loop solutions Jonathon Hoskin, <i>Ampetronic Ltd., United Kingdom</i></p>
16.45 - 17.05	<p>The Norwegian Hearing Loop Guerilla Hildegunn Fallang, <i>The Norwegian Association of the Hard of Hearing, Norway</i></p>	<p>Telecoil (T Coil) Features and Functions for Use with Hearing Assistance Technology (HAT) Dr. Karen MacLennan, <i>Hearing Loss Association of America, USA</i></p>
17.10 - 17.30	<p>Hearing Loss Association of America and Looping in America Lise Hamlin, <i>Hearing Loss Association of America, USA</i></p>	<p>Why the New Smartphones make Interferences to Hearing Aids? Avi Blau, <i>IFHOH Vice-President, Israel</i></p>
17:30 - 18:00	Break	
18.00 - 22.00	Sight Seeing Tour and Dinner	



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09.00 - 10.30	TECHNOLOGY	
	The future of hearing loop technology for assistive listening <i>Julian Pieters, Ampetronic Ltd., United Kingdom</i> International Hearing Loop Manufacturers Association (IHLMA) - Panel Discussion	
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 - 12.30	TECHNOLOGY	SPECIAL TOPICS/ STANDARDS
11.00 - 11.20	Hearing Loops: Past, Present, and Future A historical and international perspective <i>Siegfried Karg, pro audito, Switzerland</i>	The Education of Hearing Acousticians in Germany <i>Jakob Stephan Baschab, Federal Guild of Hearing Acousticians, Germany</i>
11.25 - 11.45	Assistive Listening over WiFi - requirements, challenges and technical solutions <i>Senthil Vellaichamy, Sennheiser Streaming Technologies GmbH, Germany</i>	Importance of standards and consulting with hard of hearing people as experts by experience <i>Lidia Smolarek-Best, EFHOH Vice-President, United Kingdom</i>
11.50 - 12.10	A collective perspective regarding Hearing loss and the negative and positive implications of assistive technology <i>Gary Leverington, Action on Hearing Loss, United Kingdom</i>	Standards: What the IEC 60118-4 & 62489-1 Standards define and how they help us <i>Sam Burkinshaw, Ampetronic Ltd., United Kingdom</i>
12.10 - 12.30	To Loop or Not To Loop <i>Aida Regel Poulsen, Secretary EFHOH, Denmark</i>	How those with hearing loss improve work conditions for everyone <i>Wendelina Timmerman, Hooridee, Netherlands</i>
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch break	Lunch break
14.00 - 16.00	FINAL CEREMONY	
	Keynote Speaker: Progress Towards Looping the World! <i>Dr. Juliette Sterkens, Hearing Loss Association of America, USA</i> Roundtable Discussion Farewell <i>Dr. Ruth Warick, IFHOH President, Canada</i>	

**Come and visit our EXHIBITION at the Foyer and Room Atrium
on Friday, 6th of October 2017 from 10 am - 5:30 pm
on Saturday, 7th of October 2017 from 9 am - 4 pm**