

## **Dr. Ruth Warick**



Dr. Ruth Warick is the President of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing Persons and has been active in IFHOH since 2004. She was first elected President in 2010 and was recently elected for a fourth two-year term.

In her home country of Canada, she was a founding member of its national hard of hearing association, the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, of which she is a past president of the Association.

She represents IFHOH on the International Disability Alliance and serves as IDA's Second Vice-President. IDA is a network of international disability organizations and interfaces with the United Nations in Geneva, New York and around the world.

Ruth is active in her community, serving as President of the local hard of hearing branch. Each September she is involved in organizing a walk-a-thon to raise awareness and money for the hard of hearing.

Ruth was born hard of hearing, received her first hearing aid at age 11 despite a significant hearing loss and attended integrated school settings. She is passionate about accessibility, awareness, education, and inclusion for persons with hearing loss as well as for persons with all types of disabilities.

Since 1991, Ruth has been employed at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada where she is a senior accessibility coordinator. She completed her doctoral degree at UBC in 2003; her dissertation was titled *Voices Unheard: The Academic and Social Experiences of University Students who are Hard of Hearing*.