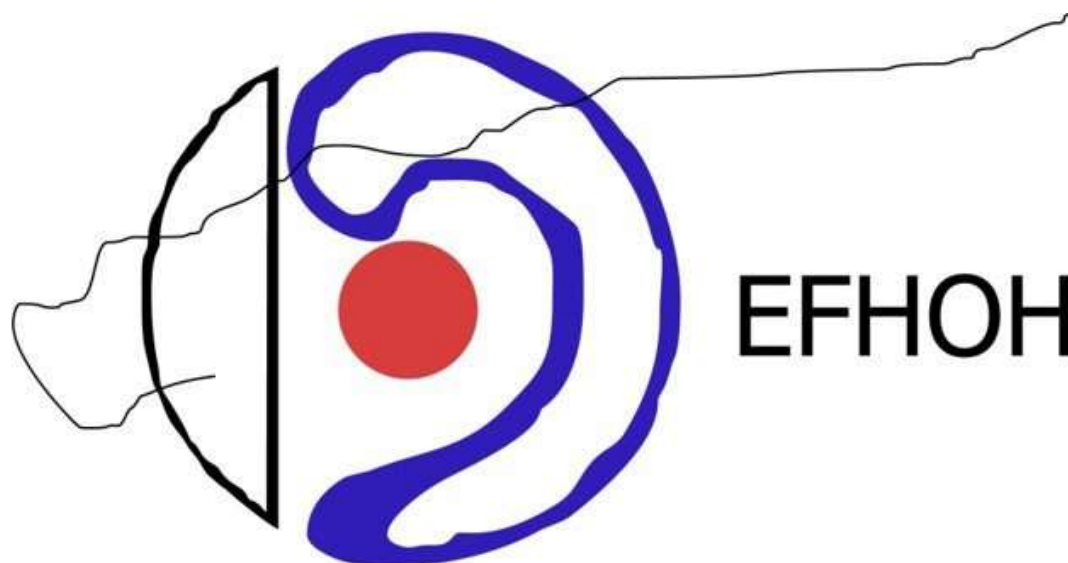


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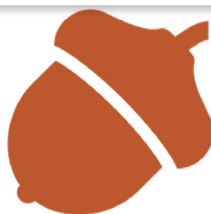
WELCOME TO THE EFHOH AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



The Summer months flew by but even while enjoying summer vacations and travel , EFHOH was active and participated in conferences online and also finally in person as well. There is a lot of news to share!

In September we attended the IFHOH Conference in Budapest and organised an EFHOH General Meeting which a number of you attended. The meeting gave a number of members a chance to introduce their organisation and talk about their difficulties and their successes. Our presenters were from different parts of Europe: Germany, Austria, Norway, Finland and the Czech Republic prepared interesting presentations.

After that France and Slovenia spoke introduced themselves as well. During the discussion we had a chance to hear about Hearing Care Service in other parts of the world, such as Nepal and Uganda.



Aside the General meeting for our members were able to listen to and learn a lot from many speakers in different fields. Generally the main theme was, as the website of the Conference clearly states: "World Without Barriers": <https://ifhoh2022budapest.com/>

The Budapest Declaration

The new Bluetooth "Auracast" (<https://www.hearingtracker.com/news/auracast-is-a-big-deal-for-hearing-aid-users?fbclid=IwAR1DGn2B3y2I99BIKs-7URQQ59YjL0Ktp2vHTCoX00HoTb2-cZ6OPjGHfzM>) was introduced at the Conference. It is an interesting development but the theme throughout the conference was even if advances are welcomed by all, the technology that is working now must stay available. The conference ended with the Budapest Declaration signed by IFHOH and Sinoz. <https://www.ifhoh.org/position-papers>

As we discussed on our members meeting, it is important for us that the statement included that telecoils should stay. And EFHOH will work together with EHIMA and AEA as well as other partners to ensure this.



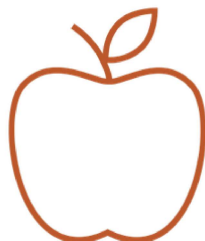
The EFHOH family is expanding!

We welcome our newest member:

FAROE ISLAND ORGANISATION: HOYR



OUR FACEBOOK PAGE is live!



EFHOH Representation to EDF



Marcel Bobeldijk

EDF Board Member



Jonathan Elebjörk
Wahlström

EDF Youth
Committee



Karina Chupina

EDF Women
Committee



We congratulate Marcel Bobeldijk for another year on the European Disability Board!

And there will be two newcomers, also nominated by EFHOH: Jonathon Elebjörk Wahlström from Sweden will join the EDF Youth Committee and Karina Chupina will join the Women Committee. Congratulations to both!

Lidia Best joined the new EDF Advisory Committee on Assistive Technologies.



Advocacy Workshop with Council of Europe and IFHOHYP

Lidia lead a seminar during the Budapest Study Session with Council of Europe and

Young hard of hearing people from all over the world, participated in the week of Study.

It was energizing and exciting that youth are willing and enthusiastic to actively participate in making Hearing Loss visible and engage in a better fighting for better conditions.



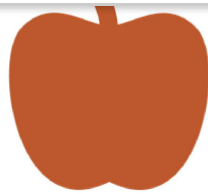


ENT and AUDIOLOGY NEWS ARTICLE

Lidia was asked to present our views about over the counter hearing aids.

It is our clear wish that hearing aids and technologies are fitted, purchased, reimbursed through social health services with the highest amount possible, and serviced at the highest quality possible.

You can read the whole article when you [click on this link](#).



IAAP Webinar on Accessible Healthcare and Telehealth Services

Lidia organised a webinar on accessible healthcare and telehealth with IAAP, Accessibility Professionals Association this summer. She participated in the webinar together with Dr. Kaloyan Kamenov from WHO. They presented on Making Healthcare services Accessible for deaf and the Hard of Hearing

It stressed the importance of effective communication.

Lidia was involved in making sure telehealth and accessible health becomes especially that: accessible especially for persons who are hard of hearing or deaf.

The pictures below are part of her presentations .

The Standard is free to download from WHO website

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240050464>

ACCESSIBLE TELEHEALTH



- Video conferencing shall provide captioning and a monitored chat box that has volume control provisions along separate windows.
- Text messaging shall be included as a service to be used when the video or audio are not working well along with the chat box.
- Remote sign language interpretation or a video remote interpretation system should be made available
- Videos on telehealth platforms should include clear subtitles (easy to read and large font size) and avoid background music
- The screen used for telehealth should be large enough for lipreading



Making Healthcare services and Telemedicine Accessible for those who are deaf or hard of hearing

Lidia Best - EFHOH
Kaloyan Kamenov - WHO



Hearing Across the Lifespan HEALS Conference

In July, Lidia Best and Daria Pajk attended the conference in beautiful Como.

Both had presentations. Darja concentrated on her personal experience while Lidia concentrated on EFHOH and members organisations being involved in policy work on hearing care, reimbursement and person centred care.



Aside from giving presentations they had to advocate for speech to text availability, which was not present during this conference. For one of the HL sessions they



Find Your Quiet Place Challenge!



We are excited to partner with SoundPrint, a hearing health app, to promote hearing health awareness. Join us this October for SoundPrint's Find Your Quiet Place Challenge!

During the month of October, 30+ prominent hearing health organizations will participate in the 2022 FYQP Challenge to collect sound level data using the SoundPrint App.

The sound measurements from the Challenge will enable SoundPrint to advocate for safe noise levels, help communities find quieter places, and protect the public's hearing health.

It's fun, easy, and prizes will be awarded! Be sure to join us!

Follow also their challenge: Download the app, go to restaurants, measure the noise level and submit it to their apps database.



What are the next steps for EFHOH and for you?

EFHOH WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 30 YEARS ANNIVERSARY IN 2023!

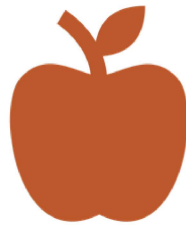
Our next AGM will be in Estonia. The Hearing Loss Estonia is also celebrating its 30. year so we decided that we can celebrate together. We will keep you updated on our plans.

Webinars are in planning and the dates will be given soon.

Live Text Access(LTA)

Hearing Reimbursement in Europe

Accessible Healthcare and Telehealth

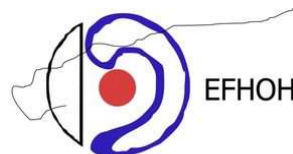


Have you got news to share?

We would love to hear from all our members! Do you have any news to share about your organization? Are there advocacy wins or topics you would like to highlight? Please send any information to secretary@efhoh.org

The more we learn from each other, the stronger the voice we have.

We look forward to hearing from you!




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