2nd Announcement Call for Abstracts





European Federation of Audiological Societies (EFAS) www.efas2007.org



8th EFAS/10th DGA Congress

On behalf of the German Society of Audiology, which represents the audiologists of the three German-speaking countries Austria, Switzerland and Germany, it is a great pleasure to invite you to the eighth conference of the European Federation of Audiological Societies.

The meeting in June 2007 will take place in the romantic city of Heidelberg right in the center of the old town.

The special atmosphere of the narrow streets with historic buildings which can all be reached in walking distance from the congress venue (Heidelberg Convention Center "Stadthalle") will provide the specific ambience for a productive scientific and social meeting.

The topics of this conference will focus on hearing in Europe. Special topics are

- · the socioeconomic impact of hearing disorders,
- · the epidemiology,
- · etiology, diagnosis and treatment of childhood hearing loss,
- · occupational noise-induced hearing loss and
- hearing loss in the elder population.

Special interest will also be given to all kinds of hearing devices and psychoacoustics.

We try to join experts of different specialties with an international reputation who will present state-of-the-art lectures. Representatives from the European commission and competent authorities will be invited to provide a broader perspective on research and services in the field of hearing loss and related communication disorders. The conference shall help to leverage this important health care topic to an appropriate level to increase funding and awareness in politics.

We look forward to welcoming you in Heidelberg.

Thomas Lenarz MD, PhD

Conference President

Norbert Dillier, PhD

President of the DGA

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Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Deadline for abstract submission: 1 March 2007

Call for abstracts

The Scientific Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations at the 8th EFAS/10th DGA Congress. Accepted abstracts will be published in the abstract book and distributed to all delegates attending the congress upon registration in Heidelberg.

The presenting author must register for the congress and pay the registration fee when submitting the abstract. If the abstract is not accepted, the registration fee is refundable. Please note that the deadline for the early registration fee is 1 March 2007.

Submission guidelines:

- Abstracts should be submitted electronically no later than 1 March 2007 through the congress website at: www.efas2007.org
- Acknowledgement of receipt of your submission will be sent within 24 hours to the e-mail address stated under section "Contact details".
- Notification on acceptance of the abstract will be e-mailed in April 2007.
- The corresponding author will receive all correspondence concerning the abstract. The corresponding author is responsible for informing the other authors of the status of the abstract.
- · Abstracts must be written in English.
- Maximum 300 words (2,000 characters including spaces but excluding the title and the authors' names)
- Structured abstracts are mandatory. The abstracts should state clearly the Background/ aims, Methods, Results and Conclusions of the study.

- It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific facts will be reproduced as typed by the author.
- One of the following topics that best describes the abstracts should be indicated upon submission:
 - > Age related hearing loss
 - > Audiological rehabilitation
 - > Auditory processing
 - > Bone conduction hearing aids
 - > Central auditory disorders in adults
 - > Central auditory disorders in children
 - > Cochlear implants
 - > Conventional hearing aids
 - > Genetics in audiology
 - > Hearing intervention programmes
 - > Implantable hearing aids
 - > Ménière's disease.
 - > Noise and health effects
 - Pediatric audiology

Vestibular disorders in childhood Hearing disorders in childhood Early hearing intervention programms Speech and language development

- > Protection and preservation
- > Psychoacoustics
- > Regeneration
- > Speech recognition
- > Speech audiometry

For submission support please contact: info@dga-ev.com

General Informations

Venue

Heidelberg Convention Center ("Stadthalle") Neckarstaden 24 D-69117 Heidelberg Germany

Date

Wednesday June 6th to Saturday June 9th 2007

Language

The official language of the congress is English. No translation facilities will be provided. The sessions on Wednesday, June 6th 2007 will be held in German (10th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Audiology. Tutorials A and C will be held in German, Tutorials B and D in English.

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Registration Guidelines

Participants are encouraged to register on the Internet. To register, please use the website: www.efas2007.org. Confirmation will be sent upon receipt of payment. Registration for events that are included in the registration fee must also be marked on the form in order to obtain a ticket. Please note that registration for the various events will be on a "first-come first-served" basis and that the number of participants may be limited.

The registration fee for participants includes: all congress material, abstract book, daily tea/coffee, lunches, welcome reception, congress banquet, admission to all congress sessions, entrance to the exhibition.

On site registration in Heidelberg

On site registration will start on Wednesday, 6 June, 8.00 am.

Certificate of attendance

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance at the registration desk after the congress. If you have to leave earlier, please inform the congress office in advance.

Badges

Each participant will receive a name badge upon registration. For security reasons all participants are requested to wear their badge during all the congress activities and social events. The cost for replacing a lost badge is EUR 100.

Meals

Coffee and lunches are included in the registration fee and will be served daily during the congress.

Proceedings

Short papers of all oral and poster presentations will be published on a registered CD-ROM. The size of these short papers is limited to 4 full pages for free paper and poster submissions (including figures and references) and maximally 8 pages for keynote lectures and contributions to structured sessions.

Travel Connections

Travel Connections to Heidelberg

Heidelberg is located in central Germany and is easily accessible by rail, car or by aeroplane.

By Plane

Being only an hour's drive away (80 km), Frankfurt Rhein-Main Airport (Flughafen) is within easy reach of Heidelberg. Airport Transfer is available: By means of the Airport Shuttle Service TLS, the Lufthansa Airport Bus Service or by train (Deutsche Bahn).

By Car

Drive along the Autobahn A5/A656 (Darmstadt-Karlsruhe/Basel) and take the exit "Autobahn-kreuz Heidelberg" or Heidelberg-Schwetzingen". Follow the signs to Heidelberg. As you approach the town, you will find signposts clearly directing the way to the "Kongresshaus Stadthalle" (Heidelberg Convention Centre). Once you have reached the "Kongresshaus Stadthalle", there is ample underground car parking space for both exhibitors and visitors, located right next to the Convention Centre. Simply follow the signs marked P8/P6 which will guide you to the appropriate car parking areas.

By Train

Comfortable, fast, safe and environmentally friendly, Heidelberg is linked with high speed inter-city trains, which bring you right into the city centre. Bus or Taxi connections ensure that you will reach the Convention Center (Kongresshaus Stadthalle) within 20 minutes of your arrival at Heidelberg's main railway station, the "Hauptbahnhof".

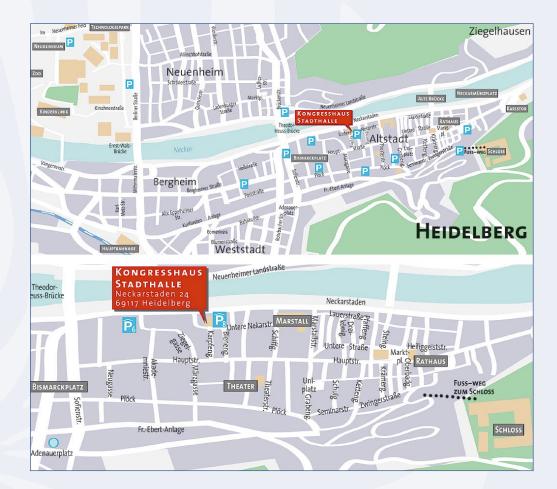




Local Bus Service

From Heidelberg's main railway station, the "Hauptbahnhof", Bus number 41, brings you directly to the Convention Center (Kongresshaus Stadthalle). Buses run from 05.30 a.m. to 24.00 hrs. at regular 10 minute intervals, with a journey time of approximately 20 minutes.

Further information regarding fares and timetables of local Heidelberg transport services, are available from the Ticket/Information Office (HSB), situated on Bismarckplatz , from the bus drivers themselves, or via Transport Enquiries Tel: (0)6221/5 13 20 00, or www.hvv-heidelberg.de



Hotels and Social programme

Preferential prices for congress participants have been agreed with the following hotels:

Name	Distance to	Cat.	SR	DR	To be
	Congress Hall		per night/	per night/	called
			EUR	EUR	upon by
Acor	10-15 min. on foot	***	90,00	110,00	5/5/07
Am Rathaus	10-15 min. on foot	***	100,00	130,00	4/24/07
Am Schloss	10-15 min. on foot	***	100,00	130,00	4/24/07
Ambiente	Approx. 20 min. by bus	***	70,00	90,00	4/9/07
Anlage	10-15 min. on foot	***	76,00	101,00	5/5/07
Best Western Rega	15-20 min. on foot	****	125,00	155,00	5/8/07
Classic Inn	Approx. 10 min. by bus	***	80,00	102,00	5/8/07
Crowne Plaza	10-15 min. on foot	****	151,00	162,00	4/5/07
Denner	Approx. 7 min. on foot	***	86,00	103,00	5/5/07
Der Europäische Hof	7 min. on foot	****	189,00	248,00	4/15/07
Heidelberg Marriott	Approx. 10 min. by bus	****	150,00	167,00	4/5/07
Holländer Hof	Approx. 7 min. on foot	***	93,00	119,00	5/6/07
				excl. Breakfast	
Ibis	Approx. 10 min. by bus	**	77,00	101,00	4/24/07
Neckar Hotel	Approx. 7 min. on foot	***	99,00	120,00	4/15/07
Perkeo	2 min. on foot	***	100,00	130,00	4/24/07
Schönberger Hof	2 min. on foot	***	100,00	130,00	4/24/07
SRH Seminarhotel	Approx. 15 min by bus	***	72,50	not possible	2/28/07
Tannhäuser	Approx. 7 min. on foot	**	79,00	100,00	6/4/07
Vier Jahreszeiten	Approx. 7 min. on foot	***	85,00	115,00	3/31/07
Zum Pfalzgrafen	10-15 min. on foot	***	77,00	103,00	5/5/07

www.germany.nethotels.com/info/heidelberg/efas/

Social programme

In order to make your stay in Heidelberg most enjoyable and memorable we have planned the following events:

Wednesday, 6 June 2007

18.30-22.00

Opening ceremony with the Lord Mayor of Heidelberg and Welcome Reception (Stadthalle, Großer Saal)

Thursday, 7 June 2007

18.00-23.00

Boat trip on the river Neckar to Dilberg Castle (fee: 60 EUR per person)

Friday, 8 June 2007

20.00-24.00

Congress banquet at Heidelberg Castle, reception at Castle Altar

Congress Fees and Industrial Fair

	Advance Rate (until March 1, 2007)	Late Registration from March 2, 2007	
Non-member	330 EUR	370 EUR	
Member of EFAS societies	270 EUR	300 EUR	
Members reduced (students, less than half- time employees, pensionists, invited speaker [member of EFAS societies])	135 EUR	150 EUR	
Day ticket (only for members of the German Society of Audiology)	100 E	UR	
Day ticket including membership in the German Society of Audiology for the year 2007	145 EUR		
Congress ticket including membership in the German Society of Audiology for the years 2007 and 2008	360 E	UR	
Invited speaker (non-member of any EFAS society), staff member			
Tutorials	20 EUR per tutorial (fee for handouts)		
Boat trip on the river Neckar to Dilberg Castle	60 E1	UR	
Additional card for Congress banquet (accompanying person)	60 E	UR	

Industry exhibition

An industry exhibition will take place in the entrance hall and in parts of the first floor of the Congress House City Hall of Heidelberg. Visitors get the possibility to exchange their experiences as well as to become acquainted to latest developments and information about audiological products and related ones by exhibits and competent explanations. Short presentations will provide an overview over the most important new products and developments during the conference in order to facilitate the contact between exhibitors and visitors. The following companies have anounced their interest in participating either as exhibitors or sponsors:

Advanced Bionics GmbH, AUDIO-Medizintechnik Steinmeier GmbH, Auric Hörsysteme, AURITEC Medizindiagnostische Systeme GmbH, Cochlear GmbH, Deutscher Schwerhörigenbund e.V., Envoy Medical, EST! Medizintechnik AG, FBI Fred Berninger Importe OHG, GN Otometrics GmbH & Co. KG, GN ReSound GmbH, HörTech gGmbH, Humantechnik GmbH, Inno Force, Karger Verlag, KIND Hörgeräte, Mack Medizin Technik GmbH, MAICO Diagnostic GmbH, MED-EL Medical Electronics Elektromedizinische Geräte GmbH, MXM Medizinische Implantate GmbH, Ulrich Keller Medizin-Technik, Vereinigung der Hörgeräteindustrie

Scientific Programme

	Grosser Saal	Kammermusiksaal	Trübnersaal	Robert-Schumann Zimmer
Wednesday	DGA-Annual Meeting (in German)			Ziminci
08:00-10:00	Registration			
10:0-11:00	Welcome Keynote Lecture 1 (in German) Sprachverstehen (Speech recognition) B. Kollmeier, Oldenburg, D			
11:00 -13:00	Structured Session 1 (in German) Moderne Sprachaudiometrie: Forschung und Klinik (Current speech audiometry research and clinic) (Moderation: B. Kollmeier/P. Plinkert)	Free papers	Free papers	Posters
13:00-14:00	Lunch break, Exhibition, Posters			
14:00-15:30	Structured Session 2 (in German) Sprachentwicklung bei normalhörenden und hörgeschädigten Kindern (Speech and language development in normal hearing and hearing impaired children) (Moderation: G. Diller, B. Bertram)	Tutorial A (in German) Hörgeräte (Hearing aids) (Moderation: J. Kiessling)	Tutorial B Prediction of PTA in children using objective measures (Moderation: J. Attias)	Posters
15:30-16:00	Coffee break, Posters, Exhibition			
16:00-17:00	Free papers	Tutorial A (Cont.)	Tutorial B (Cont.)	Posters
17:00-18:00	DGA-Mitgliederversammlung (General Assembly)			
18:00-18:30	Break, Exhibition			
18:30-22:00	Opening Ceremony Welcome Reception with the Lord Mayor of Heidelberg			
Thursday	EFAS/DGA Congress			
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Scientific Programme

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Friday	EFAS/DGA Congress			
08:00-08:45	Keynote Lecture 4 Auditory Implants and Auditory Neuroscience Bob Shannon, Los Angeles, USA	Free papers	Free papers	Posters
08:45-10:15	Structured Session 6 Technical Devices I: Implantable Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants (Moderators: N. Dillier, T. Lenarz)	Free papers	Free papers	Posters
10:15-10:45	Coffee break, Posters, Exhibition			
10:45-12:30	Structured Session 7 Technical Devices II: Hearing Instruments (Moderators: W. Dreschler, J. Kiessling)	Free papers	Free papers	Posters
12:30-13:30	Lunch break, EFAS General Assembly			
13:30-14:15	Keynote Lecture 5 Rehabilitation programs in Europe - current concepts and future perspectives Sue Archbold, Nottingham, UK			
14:15–16:15	Structured Session 8 Audiological Diagnostics (Moderators: R. Probst, S. Hoth)	Free papers	Free papers	Posters
16:15-16:45	Coffee break, Posters, Exhibition			
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20:00-24:00	Congress Banquet, Heidelberg Castle			
Saturday	EFAS/DGA Congress			
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09:00-09:45	Keynote Lecture 7 Mechanisms and models of normal and impaired hearing Torsten Dau, Copenhagen, DK			
09:45-10:15	Coffee break, Posters, Exhibition			
10:15-12:45	Structured Session 9 Psychoacoustics in Audiology (Moderators: B. Kollmeier, C. Lorenzi)	Tutorial C (Cont.)	Tutorial D (Cont.)	
12:45-13:00	Closing Ceremony, Farewell and invitation to 9th EFAS Congress 2009			

