



## **2ND WORLD CONGRESS OF SOUND HEARING 2030**

Second Sound Hearing 2030 World Congress on theme titled "Sharing & Caring for Sustainable Better Ear & Hearing Care" was a landmark event organized by Sound Hearing 2030 under aegis of Society of Sound Hearing International (SSHII), held by The Indonesian National Committee on the Prevention & Management of Deafness & Hearing Loss (Komnas PGPKT) in collaboration with The Indonesian ORL-HNS Society (Perhati-KL), ENT Department of Udayana Faculty Medicine Bali, and Indonesia Ministry of Health, that was organized at The Stones Hotel Legian, Bali, Indonesia from February 20th – 22nd, 2019.

This event had a focus on Ear and Hearing Care, and Overcome Deafness towards Sound Hearing 2030. The participants are otorhinolaryngologists, audiologists, General Practitioner, and public health experts from around the world (21 Countries). There were 491 participants that attended this congress from various countries throughout the world, 404 participants are Indonesian and 87 participants were from overseas, such as Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, Philippines, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives, Australia, New Zealand, China, South Korea, Germany, USA, United Kingdom, Spain, Russia, Panama to Kenya. From 491 participants, which 394 of them are Specialist, 72 participants are General Practitioner, 19 are Audiologists, and there are 6 people were registered as accompanying person.

The World Congress aimed at:

- Promoting sustainable community hearing care
- Facilitating early diagnosis, management and rehabilitation of hearing loss
- Providing a platform to bring together stakeholders from across the globe
- Sharing the best practices
- Facilitating incorporation of bullet actions of deliberations in policy & programs of different countries

Distinguished faculty from across the world attended the three-day program included topics that covered a spectrum of topics related to community ear and hearing care. There are 27 scientific topics/themes. All Topics of symposiums are:

- WHO: Global Action for Ear and Hearing Care (Plenary)
- Ear and Hearing Health Care at a Primary Care Level in Developing Countries (Plenary)
- Global Occupational Opportunities for Persons with Hearing Disability (Plenary)
- Auditory Rehabilitation & Care for the Hearing Impaired (Plenary)
- Trends in Hearing Loss
- Ear and Hearing Primary Care
- Congenital Rubella Syndrome (Round Table Discussion)
- Healthy Ear District (Round Table Discussion)
- World Hearing Day (Round Table Discussion)
- Age Related Hearing Loss
- Systemic Impact to Hearing
- Congenital Hearing Loss
- Challenges in Audiology
- Current Status of Ear and Hearing Care in South East Asian
- Best Practices in Community Ear and Hearing Health Care
- Chronic suppurative otitis media
- Surgical Intervention in Otology
- Cochlear Implantation in Developing Countries
- Nasal Pathology in Deafness, Hearing Impairment and Communicative Disorders
- Childhood Hearing Loss
- Prevention of Noise Hazard
- Sudden Hearing Loss
- Strengthening Ear & Hearing Care Program in Indonesia
- Neonatal Hearing Screening
- Hearing Health Care in Low Income Countries, Aim in Achievement
- Strengthening Ear & Hearing Care Program in Indonesia
- Special Lecture : Save Our Children's Hearing: Noise Induced Hearing Loss and Tinnitus Prevention (William Hal Martin, USA)



## **SYMPOSIUM ON COMMUNITY EAR CARE: MAKING AN IMPACT 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2019**

Dr. Arun Kumar Agarwal, President of Sound Hearing 2030 and Dr. Suneela Garg, Secretary General of Sound Hearing 2030 were attending the CME programme on community Ear Care held on 2nd March, 2019.

## **WORLD HEARING DAY (3rd MARCH 2019)**

On the occasion of World Hearing Day 2019, an ear awareness and screening camp was organized by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in collaboration with Department of Community Medicine and Department of ENT, Maulana Azad Medical College; Department of ENT, Lady Hardinge Medical College; Department of ENT, Safdarjung Hospital, Department of ENT- AIIMS and Society for Sound Hearing at Nirman Bhawan on **5th March, 2019**. Dr. Promila Gupta, Principal Consultant, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, facilitated the conduct of the screening programme. It was inaugurated by Dr. Venkatesh S, Director General of Health Services and Mrs. Preeti Sudan, Secretary Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

As part of the screening program, 195 beneficiaries were screened. 137 of the individuals screened were males while 58 were females. The age of the participants varied from 20 years to 65 years. The participants were first screened for any hearing problem using screening performas which included details of individual's history. This was followed by ear examination by ENT specialists and those requiring audiometric assessment, were further evaluated in a separate room by audiometrists. The audiometric services were provided by ALPS International.



## **WORLD HEARING DAY CELEBRATION IN HEALTH CENTERS ASSOCIATED WITH MAMC**

Hearing screening and awareness camps were organized on 02.03.2019 in various Health Centers like Gokalpuri, Delhi gate, BVK, Barwala in view of World Hearing Day i.e 03.03.2019 with a theme of “Check your Hearing” .

Anganwadi workers were addressed regarding the importance of hearing care and to create awareness among people for the same.

Health talk regarding creating awareness about the rising menace of hearing problems as well as the symptomatology and prevention of hearing problems was deliberated to the Mothers and Anganwadi workers by Interns, Postgraduate students and Senior Residents.

Screening of children was done using Questionnaire based assessment (respondents were mothers) as well as assessment using “HEARWHO” App. Those who were screened positive for hearing problems were referred to nearby higher center for further diagnosis and management.

25 children were screened using questionnaire based assessment and 5 were screened by HEARWHO app. Out of all those screened, 2 were screened positive and were referred to higher center for further management.

Refreshments were given to all who participated as well as to all the children in the Anganwadicenter.

IEC material highlighting the need for EAR Care was displayed at all centers as well as in all the associated Anganwadicenters.

Poster Competition was arranged with the above theme wherein all the interns and staff (Lady Health Visitor, Public Health Nurse) participated and prepared charts.



## WHO meeting for “Consultation on World Report on Hearing”, 25-26 April, 2019

The third consultation for the development of the World Report on Hearing was held on the 25-26 April 2019 at WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland which was attended by Dr. Suneela Garg.

The overall purpose of WHO to prepare a World Report on hearing is to promote global action in the field of hearing and provide guidance to Member States on the next steps to make ear and hearing care services more accessible in their countries, while also highlighting the best practices for ear and hearing care.



## **Consultation for development of the World Report on Hearing 6-7 August 2019**

Hearing plays a critical role in health and in achieving a high quality of life. It has an influence on the way a person integrates in and relates to society, and has an impact on education and employment opportunities. In consideration of this, the WHA resolution (WHA70.13) calls upon WHO to prepare a World Report on Hearing, based on best available scientific evidence. Such a report must outline the shift in the global epidemiological distribution of hearing loss, and highlight best practices and priorities for ear and hearing care. The development of this report was initiated in 2018, with consultations held at the WHO headquarters in April and July 2018. The consultations brought together a number of stakeholders in the field of ear and hearing care. With their support WHO has defined the structure and outline of the report. Background papers have been received and reviewed. The draft report has been prepared based on these papers. The report is expected to be finalized in 2019 and launched on 3 March 2020. It is anticipated that the report will catalyse global collaboration and provide guidance to Member States on next steps for making ear and hearing care accessible in their countries. It is proposed to hold the next consultation with the objectives to:

- Review and discuss the draft sections of the World Report on Hearing;
- Discuss the package of priority interventions;
- Plan the next steps for sharing of the draft report;
- Review and finalize the communication strategy for launch and dissemination of the report



WHO meeting of **World Hearing Forum** on 6-7 July, 2019 was attending by Dr.Arun Kumar Agarwal as President of Sound Hearing2030.

Sound Hearing 2030 was created a whats app group of Ear and Hearing Care with Ear Care Professionals group from South East Asia Region and all over the globe. It is very pro- active group with current activities and sharing many important news, outcomes and barriers in field of Ear and Hearing Care.

Sound Hearing 2030 is involved in developing policy document on Noise Induced Hearing Loss with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

**CME PROGRAMME ON “HEARING LOSS: EPIDEMIOLOGY, DETECTION & PREVENTION: A MULTISECTORAL PERSPECTIVE, 21<sup>ST</sup> -22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2019, MAMC, NEW DELHI**

The WHO workshop was hosted at Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, India by Sound Hearing 2030 in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Gol. Dr. Nidhi Bhatnagar, Asst. Prof and facilitator welcomed all the dignitaries; Dr Sanjay Tyagi DGHS, Gol, Dr Thakasphon Thamarangsi, Director NDEH, WHO RO SEAR, Dr Sushil Kumar, Dean MAMC, Dr Arun Aggarwal, President SSH 2030 and Dr Shelly Chaddha, Technical officer, WHO and Dr Patanjali Nayar, Consultant WHO, participants across South East Asia (Indonesia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, India), Indian experts, nodal officers and representatives from Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, India. All the chief guests were welcomed with bouquets followed by lamp lightening. Welcome remarks were given by Dr. Suneela Garg, Hon Sec Gen SH2030 and Director Prof. Community Medicine.

The objectives as mentioned were:

1. To assess the status of health promotion in school children regarding hearing care in SEAR countries.
2. To identify gaps in implementing health promotion in school children regarding hearing care in SEAR countries.
3. To sensitize the participants regarding WHO teachers' basic manual for hearing care
4. To develop guidelines for health promotion of Hearing care in schools

Dr. Suneela Garg started the session with encouraging words towards all the delegates regarding promotion of EHC in schools. She enlisted the following steps to be taken in future for promotion of EHC in schools :

1. Situational analysis of ear and hearing care is the need of time. A dialogue between education Department and Health Department is necessary to incorporate ear health in school health program.
2. Strategies should be planned for training of teachers for promotion of ear health. Action plan should be made and accordingly it should be decided who should be trained to meet the demand generation.
3. It should be clear what tests for hearing problems should be performed by whom and correct diagnosis, referral and management of the student should be done accordingly.
4. It should be looked upon the various ways in which government and private sector would be working together for promotion of EHC. Also sustainable options should be looked for the same.

