

## Hearing Loops International Conference 2009, ZHAW Winterthur / Switzerland

**Program** (changes still possible):

### Friday, September 25, 2009:

**18:00 - 19:00** (6 p.m. - 7 p.m.): Foyer (lower level): Registration, handing out of conference badges (required for admission to venue) Exhibit (product presentations)

**19:00 - 20:00** (7 p.m. - 8 p.m.): Foyer: Reception with sandwiches and beverages (the wine is courtesy of the city of Winterthur)

**20:00 - 21.30** (8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.): Opening ceremony:

- Words of Welcome by Stadtrat (member of city council) Walter Bossert (CH), Building Department of Winterthur

- Words of Welcome by conference organizers:

- Marcel Bobeldijk (NL), President European Federation of Hard of Hearing People EFHOH;

- Barbara Wenk (CH), President pro audito schweiz,

- Siegfried Karg (CH), President Pro Audito Winterthur and chair of organizing committee

- Greetings by Julian Pieters, CEO of Ampetronic Ltd., United Kingdom (our main sponsor)

Between the greetings Swiss folklore (yodelers and alphorn duo).

### Saturday, September 26, 2009:

**09.00 - 09.40** (9 a.m - 9:40 a.m.): Dr. Volker Kühnel (CH), Phonak AG, Why assistive listening systems are necessary. Speech intelligibility as a basis for understanding

**09.40 - 10.20** (9:40 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.): Heinz Nafzger, Ing. HTL (CH), What are audio frequency induction loops systems? What are their benefits and their limitations?

**10:20 - 10:50** (10:20 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.): Refreshment break in the foyer, Exhibit (product presentations)

**10:50 - 11:30** (10.50 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.): David Norman, B.Sc. (CH), The international standard IEC 60118-4:2006: requirements and testing

**11:30 - 12:10** (11:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.) Richard Brooks (UK) Ampetronic Ltd., Planning audio frequency induction loop systems

**12:10 - 13:45** (12:10 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.) Buffet Lunch in the Foyer, Exhibit (product presentations)

**13:45 - 14:45** (1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.) Accessible buildings for people with hearing loss. Situation reports from various countries

- Around the world: Janice L. Schacter (USA)
- Netherlands: Bert de Jong, NVVS (NL)
- United Kingdom: Emma Harrison, RNID (UK)

- Sweden: Jan Lamby, HRF und EFHOH general secretary (SE)
- Switzerland: Siegfried Karg, Pro Audito Winterthur and EFHOH vice president

**14:45 - 15:00** (2:45 p.m. - 3 p.m.): Refreshment break in the foyer, Exhibit (product presentations)

**15:00 - 16:15** (3 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.): Panel discussion with the speakers, Moderation: Janice L. Schacter (USA)

**16:15** (4:15 p.m.): Transfer to Winterthur railway station

**16:50** (4:50 p.m.) (*exact time!*): Train ride with S12 to **Zürich-Stadelhofen**, Short walk along the lake to Bürkliplatz

**17:30** (5:30 p.m.) (*exact time!*): Boat trip from Bürkliplatz on Lake Zurich to Rapperswil und back (21:55; 9.55 p.m.), dinner on the boat (sponsored by **Ampetronic Ltd.**, United Kingdom)

## **Sunday, September 27, 2009:**

**09:00 - 10:20** (9 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.) Part I::

- Workshop 1 (in English): Basic planning and testing of induction loop systems (Richard Brooks)
- Workshop 2 (in German): Basic planning and testing of induction loop systems (David Norman)
- Workshop 3 (in English or German, sentence by sentence translation): Strategies of hard of hearing / CI organizations in the social and political arenas, with suggestions for practical implementation

Short talks by:

- Dr. Hannes Seidler, German Hard of Hearing Organization DSB, Questionnaire concerning accessibility for hard of hearing people in churches, cinemas, lecture halls
  - Brenda Battat, Executive director (Hearing Loss Association of America, Hearing aid compatible mobile phones (FCC regulation) and their relevance for AFILS;
  - Erwin Gruber / Hans Willi, pro audito Switzerland: Training people for AFILS quality control;
  - Daniel Ziegler, IGGH Switzerland: Mapping AFILS via „Google Earth“
- Drafting of a resolution

**10:20 - 10:50** (10:20 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.) Refreshment break in the foyer, Exhibit (product presentations)

**10:50 - 12:00** (10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) Part II: Workshops; continuation

**12:00 - 13:30** (12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.): Buffet Lunch in the Foyer, Exhibit (product presentations)

**13:30 - 14:00** (1:30 p.m. - 2 pm.): Dr.sc.tech. Michael Büchler, CI-Clinic University Hospital Zürich: Looking to the future: which transmission technology could be used by anyone with hearing loss?

**14:00 - 15:00** (2 p.m. - 3 p.m.) Panel discussion with Conny Andersson (SE), Marcel Bobeldijk (NL), Brenda Battat (USA), Herbert Jakits (CH), Dr. Volker Kühnel (CH), Dr. Thomas Spillmann (CH), Dr. Juliette Sterkens (USA): Looking into the future, Adopting the resolution, Moderation Dr. sc.tech. Michael Büchler

**15:00 - 15:30** (3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.): End of conference, Refreshment break in the foyer, Exhibit (product presentations until 16:00, 4 p.m.)

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