



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

6th French-Brazilian Symposium on Hearing and Balance: Challenges Intervening in Aging Impairments

Faculdade de Medicina - UFMG

Belo Horizonte, June 25th and 26th, 2026

Thursday, June 25th

8:00 – 9:00 am

CHECK-IN

9:00 – 9:30 am

OPENING CEREMONY

OPENING CONFERENCE

9:30 – 9:45 am

Paul Avan - Professor Emeritus at Université Clermont-Auvergne and Director of CERIAH, Center for Human Audiology, Hearing Institute, Institut Pasteur - Paris, France

Theme: Age-related damage to the auditory system, its mechanisms.

9:45 – 12:30 pm

SESSION 1: Genetics and physiology

KEYNOTE LECTURES: The affected circuits

Moderators:

- ☐ **Ludimila Labanca** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Assistant professor - UFMG, Brazil
- ☐ **Paul Avan** - Professor Emeritus at Université Clermont-Auvergne and Director of CERIAH, Center for Human Audiology, Hearing Institute, Institut Pasteur - Paris, France

9:45 – 10:15 am

Ana Belen Elgoyhen - Professor and director of the Institute of Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology (INGEBI-CONICET) - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Theme: The medial olivocochlear system and protection from noise-induced hearing loss and ageing.

10:15 – 10:45 am

Sylvette Wiener-Vacher - Coordinator of inter-university degree on audiovestibular disorders, Researcher at CERIAH, Hearing Institute, Institut Pasteur, on early age-related auditory and balance deficits - Paris, France

Theme: Relation between vestibule, hearing and age.

10:45 – 11:00 am

Common discussion: Need for refined explorations

Thematic Session: Audiovestibular exploration and broader context of ageing

3 talks , 20 minutes each, then general discussion 15 min

11:00 – 12:30 pm

- ☐ **Joel Lavinsky** - Otolaryngologist, Associate Professor - UFRGS, Brazil
- ☐ **Denise Utsch Gonçalves** - Otolaryngologist, Full Professor - UFMG, Brazil
- ☐ **Maria Aparecida Camargos Bicalho** - Geriatrician, Associate Professor - UFMG, Brazil

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12:30 – 1:30 pm	LUNCH
01:30 – 2:30 pm	PANEL ON EMERGING TOPICS
	<p>PANEL 1: Cochlear implant in adults</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>□ Ana Cristina de Oliveira Mares Guia - Speech therapist, Brazil</p> <p>01:30 – 2:30 pm Speakers:</p> <p>□ Celso Gonçalves Becker - Otorhinolaryngologist, Associate Professor - UFMG, Brazil</p> <p>□ Mariana de Castro Denaro - Otorhinolaryngologist - Hospital das Clínicas of UFMG, Brazil</p> <p>□ Marina Borges - Speech therapist and Audiologist at Hospital das Clínicas - UFMG, Brazil</p> <p>PANEL 2: International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) and aging</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>□ Amélia Augusta de Lima Friche - Speech therapist, Associate professor - UFMG, Brazil</p> <p>01:30 – 2:30 pm Speakers:</p> <p>□ Stela Maris Aguiar Lemos - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Full Professor - UFMG, Brazil</p> <p>□ Raimundo Oliveira Neto - Speech therapist and Audiologist at Municipal Secretary of Health of Belo Horizonte - Brazil</p> <p>□ Roberta Alvarenga Reis - Speech therapist , Associate Professor - UFGRS, Brazil</p>
2:30 – 3:50 pm	SESSION 2: The brain
	<p>KEYNOTE LECTURE</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>□ Thais Helena Machado - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - UFMG, Brazil</p> <p>□ Mareike Buhl - Researcher - Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Department of Medical Physics and Acoustics, Germany</p> <p>2:30 – 2:50 pm Claire Paquet - Vice-Dean of Faculty of Medicine Université Paris Cité, Head of Cognitive Neurology Center Scientific Director, IHU-reConnect GHU APHP Nord Lariboisière Fernand-Widal Université de Paris Cité - Paris, France Theme: Hearing and Cognition.</p> <p>2:50 – 3:10 pm Pedro de Lemos Menezes - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Full professor - UNCISAL, Brazil Theme: Exploration of central auditory processes.</p> <p>3:10 – 3:40 pm</p>

Common discussion: Should we better coordinate neurological and audiological explorations?	
3:40 – 4:30 pm	VISIT to the STANDS / VISIT to the POSTERS
4:30 – 5:45 pm	<p>THEMATIC SESSION: When do I need cross-disciplinary expertise?</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Erica de Araújo Brandão Couto - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - UFMG, Brazil □ Sylvette Wiener-Vacher - Coordinator of inter-university degree on audiovestibular disorders, Researcher at CERIAH, Hearing Institute, Institut Pasteur, on early age-related auditory and balance deficits - Paris, France <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Eliane Schochat - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - USP, Brazil □ Luciana Macedo de Resende - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Associate professor - UFMG, Brazil □ Paulo Caramelli - Neurologist, Full professor - UFMG, Brazil
5:45 pm	CULTURAL PRESENTATION
Friday, June 26th	
9:00 – 10:00 am	SESSION 3: Clinical Data
9:00 – 9:40 am	<p>KEYNOTE LECTURE</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Claire Paquet - Vice-Dean of Faculty of Medicine Université Paris Cité, Head of Cognitive Neurology Center Scientific Director, IHU-reConnect GHU APHP Nord Lariboisière Fernand-Widal Université de Paris Cité - Paris, France □ Ana Belen Elgoyhen - Professor and director of the Institute of Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology (INGEBI-CONICET) - Buenos Aires, Argentina <p>Mareike Buhl - Researcher at Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Department of Medical Physics and Acoustics - Oldenburg, Germany Theme: Bridging Audiology and Data Science: Toward Standardized and Scalable Hearing Profiles.</p>
9:40 – 10:00 am	<p>Fabrice Giraudet - Researcher at University Clermont Auvergne (UCA), Audiologist at SoluSons - Clermont-Ferrand, France Theme: From easy-to-fit to complex age-related hearing loss.</p>
10:00 – 10:45 am	VISIT TO THE STANDS / VISIT TO THE POSTERS

TRENDS AND INNOVATIONS IN AUDIOLOGY		
	ROOM A	ROOM B
10:45 – 11:50 am	To be defined.	To be defined.
11:50 – 12:30 am	Conselho Federal de Fonoaudiologia - 6º região (CREFONO 6) Theme: To be defined.	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	LUNCH	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	PANEL ON EMERGING TOPICS	
	<p>PANEL 3: The role of sign language in the aging process</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sirley Alves da Silva Carvalho - Speech therapist, Full professor - UFMG, Brazil</p> <p>1:30 – 2:30 pm Speakers:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Izabel Cristina Campolina Miranda - Speech therapist, Assistant professor - UFMG, Brazil</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Roberta Alvarenga Reis - Speech therapist , Associate Professor - UFRGS, Brazil</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Felipe Venâncio Barbosa - Speech therapist, Professor at the Department of Linguistics at the Faculty of Philosophy, Letters and Human Sciences - USP, Brazil</p> <p>PANEL 4: Prevention of balance disorders in the elderly</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>1:30 – 2:30 pm <input type="checkbox"/> Patrícia Cotta Mancini - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Associate Professor - UFMG,Brazil</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tatiana Rocha - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - PUC-MG, Brazil</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ludimila Labanca - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Assistant professor - UFMG, Brazil</p>	
2:30 – 3:00 pm	SESSION 4 : Practical Implementation	

KEYNOTE LECTURE	
Moderator :	
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Fabrice Giraudet - Researcher University Clermont Auvergne (UCA), Audiologist SoluSons - Clermont-Ferrand, France Speaker: <input type="checkbox"/> Deborah V. Ferrari - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Associate Professor - USP, Brasil Theme: HearWHO as a hearing screening strategy.
3:00 – 3:30 pm	VISIT to the STANDS / Final vote for posters
THEMATIC SESSION: Diagnosis and rehabilitation	
Moderator :	
3:30 – 4:15 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Thamara Suzi dos Santos - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - UFMG, Brazil Speakers: <input type="checkbox"/> Silvana Frota - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - UFRJ, Brazil <input type="checkbox"/> Fernanda Abalen - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - PUC-MG, Brazil <input type="checkbox"/> Ana Cláudia Figueiredo Frizzo - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - UNESP, Brazil
CASE DISCUSSION SECTION: Age related and balance issues: what intervention strategy?	
4:15 – 5:00 pm	<p>General issues and take-home messages: Should intervention occur earlier? Is it beneficial? Using what means (simple enough to be generalized at low cost, for hearing, balance, cognitive health, risk factors) (given that the dominant risk factor for auditory aging is intense sound, how to start prevention at school?)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Avan - Professor Emeritus at Université Clermont-Auvergne and Director of CERIAH, Center for Human Audiology, Hearing Institute, Institut Pasteur - Paris, France <input type="checkbox"/> Maria Aparecida Camargos Bicalho - Geriatrician, Associate Professor - UFMG, Brazil <input type="checkbox"/> Deborah V. Ferrari - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Associate Professor - USP, Brasil
5:00 pm	AWARD WINNING POSTERS PRESENTED AT 6th FBSH AND CEREMONY