

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 - 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

Moderator:

11:00 – 12:30 pm

- Thamara Suzi dos Santos** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, 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
- 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

PANEL 1: Cochlear implant in adults

- SALÃO NOBRE -

Moderator :

- Ana Cristina de Oliveira Mares Guia** -
Speech therapist, Brazil

01:30 - 2:30 pm

Speakers:

- Celso Gonçalves Becker** -
Otorhinolaryngologist, Associate
Professor - UFMG, Brazil
- Mariana de Castro Denaro** -
Otorhinolaryngologist - Hospital das
Clínicas of UFMG, Brazil
- Marina Borges** - Speech therapist and
Audiologist at Hospital das Clínicas -
UFMG, Brazil

**PANEL 2: International Classification of
Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)
and aging**

- ROOM 062 -

Moderator:

- Amélia Augusta de Lima Friche** -
Speech therapist, Associate professor -
UFMG, Brazil

Speakers:

- Stela Maris Aguiar Lemos** - Speech
therapist and Audiologist, Full
Professor - UFMG, Brazil
- Roberta Alvarenga Reis** - Speech
therapist, Associate Professor -
UFGRS, Brazil
- Beatriz Martins Aragão** - Speech
therapist, Brazil

2:30 – 3:40 pm

SESSION 2: The brain

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Moderator :

- Thais Helena Machado** - Speech therapist, Professor - UFMG, Brazil
- Marta Campi** - Researcher at University Hospital Zurich (USZ) / University of Zurich,
Deep Hearing Lab, Department of Otorhinolaryngology - Zurich, Switzerland

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 - Paris, France

Theme: Hearing and Cognition.

2:50 – 3:10 pm

Pedro de Lemos Menezes - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Full professor - UNCISAL,
Brazil

Theme: Exploration of central auditory processes.

3:10 – 3:40 pm

**Common discussion: Should we better coordinate neurological and audiological
explorations?**

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3:40 – 4:30 pm

VISIT to the STANDS / VISIT to the POSTERS

THEMATIC SESSION: When do I need cross-disciplinary expertise?

Moderators:

- **Erica de Araújo Brandão Couto** - Speech therapist, Professor - UFMG, Brazil
- **Sylvette Wiener-Vacher** - Coordinator of inter-university degree on audiovestibular disorders, Researcher at CERIAH, Hearing Institute, Institut Pasteur - Paris, France

4:30 – 5:45 pm

Speakers:

- **Eliane Schochat** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - USP, Brazil
- **Luciana Macedo de Resende** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Associate professor - UFMG, Brazil
- **Thais Helena Machado** - Speech therapist, 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

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Moderator:

- **Claire Paquet** - Vice-Dean of Faculty of Medicine Université Paris Cité, Head of Cognitive Neurology Center Scientific Director, IHU-reConnect - Paris, France
- **Ana Belen Elgoyhen** - Professor and director of the Institute of Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology (INGEBI-CONICET) - Buenos Aires, Argentina

9:00 – 9:40 am

Marta Campi - Researcher at University Hospital Zurich (USZ) / University of Zurich, Deep Hearing Lab, Department of Otorhinolaryngology - Zurich, Switzerland
Theme: Big data approaches to personalised hearing care.

9:40 – 10:00 am

Fabrice Giraudet - Researcher at University Clermont Auvergne (UCA), Audiologist - Clermont-Ferrand, France
Theme: From easy-to-fit to complex age-related hearing loss.

10:00 – 10:40 am

VISIT TO THE STANDS / VISIT TO THE POSTERS

Regional Council of Speech-Language Pathology - 6th Region (CREFONO 6)

Moderator:

- **Maria Luiza Diniz** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - UFMG, Brazil

10:40 – 11:20 am Speaker:

- **Cristiane Peçanha** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, President of the Guardianship and Heritage Commission of CREFONO 6 - Brasil
- **Lorena Gabrielle Ribeiro Bicalho de Castro** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Alternate Counselor of CREFONO 6 - Brasil

Theme: Challenges of Communication in Aging and Regulatory Frameworks in Audiology.

TRENDS AND INNOVATIONS IN AUDIOLOGY

- SALÃO NOBRE -

Moderator:

- **Ana Carolina Andrade Valadares** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - UFMG, Brazil

Speaker:

- **Renata Santos** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - MEDEL, Brazil

Speaker:

- **Renata Jacques** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - Audiviva, Brazil

Speaker:

- **Eduardo Romeiro Filho** - Full professor, School of Engineering - UFMG, Brazil

- ROOM 062 -

Moderator:

- **Ana Luiza de Freitas Resende** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - UFMG, Brazil

Speaker:

- Awaiting confirmation

Speaker:

- **Júlio Cayres** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - Audiomarca, Brazil

Speaker:

- **Fábio Heleno Lopes** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - HGC Saúde, Brazil

11:20 - 11:45 am

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12:30 – 1:30 pm

LUNCH

1:30 – 2:30 pm

PANEL ON EMERGING TOPICS

PANEL 3: The role of sign language in the aging process

- SALÃO NOBRE -

Moderator:

- **Luciana Mendonça Alves** - Speech therapist, Professor - UFMG, Brazil

Speakers:

- **Izabel Cristina Campolina Miranda** - Speech therapist, Assistant professor - UFMG, Brazil
- **Roberta Alvarenga Reis** - Speech therapist, Associate Professor - UFRGS, Brazil
- **Felipe Venâncio Barbosa** - Speech therapist, Professor at the Department of Linguistics at the Faculty of Philosophy, Letters and Human Sciences - USP, Brazil

1:30 - 1:20 pm

PANEL 4: Prevention of balance disorders in the elderly

- ROOM 062 -

Moderator :

- **Patrícia Cotta Mancini** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Associate Professor - UFMG, Brazil

Speakers:

- **Anna Paula Batista de Ávila Pires** - Otorhinolaryngologist, Professor - UFMG, Brazil
- **Ludimila Labanca** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Assistant professor - UFMG, Brazil
- **Tatiana Rocha** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - PUC-MG, Brazil

2:30 – 3:00 pm

SESSION 4 : Practical Implementation

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Moderator :

- **Fabrice Giraudet** - Researcher University Clermont Auvergne (UCA), Audiologist - Clermont-Ferrand, France

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Speaker:

- **Deborah V. Ferrari** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Associate Professor, Department of SLP-Audiology President - International Relations Committee Bauru School of Dentistry - USP, Brazil

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

- **Sirley Alves da Silva Carvalho** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Full Professor - UFMG, Brazil

Speakers:

- **Cíntia Santos** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - PUC-MG, Brazil
- **Fernanda Abalen** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - PUC-MG, Brazil

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Age-related hearing and balance issues: what intervention strategies?

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?)

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AWARD WINNING POSTERS PRESENTED AT 6th FBSH AND CEREMONY