



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 – 09:45 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

09:45 – 12:15 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

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

10:15 – 10:45 am

Balance: Sylvette Wiener-Vacher - Coordinator of inter-university degree on audiovestibular disorders, Researcher at the CERIAH, Institut Pasteur, Institut de l'Audition on early age-related auditory and balance deficits - France

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 – 12:15 pm

- ☐ **Joel Lavinsk** - 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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12:15 – 1:30 pm	VISIT TO THE POSTERS / LUNCH
01:30 – 2:30 pm	PANEL ON EMERGING TOPICS
01:30 – 2:00 pm	PANEL 1: Cochlear implant in adults Moderator : □ Ana Cristina de Oliveira Mares Guia - Speech therapist, Brazil Speakers: □ Celso Gonçalves Becker - Otorhinolaryngologist, Associate Professor - UFMG, Brazil □ Mariana de Castro Denaro - Otorhinolaryngologist at Hospital das Clínicas - UFMG, Brazil □ Marina Borges - Speech therapist and Audiologist at Hospital das Clínicas - UFMG, Brazil
02:00 – 2:30 pm	PANEL 2: International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) and aging 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 □ Raimundo Oliveira Neto - Speech therapist and Audiologist at Municipal Secretary of Health of Belo Horizonte - Brazil □ Roberta Alvarenga Reis - Speech therapist , Associate Professor - UFGRS, Brazil
02:30 – 03:50 pm	SESSION 2: The brain
2:30 - 03:00 pm 03:00 - 03:30 pm	KEYNOTE LECTURE Moderator : □ Thais Helena Machado - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - UFMG, Brazil □ Mareike Buhl - Researcher - Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Department of Medical Physics and Acoustics, Germany Claire Paquet - Professor and Head of the Cognitive Neurology Center at Lariboisière Fernand-Widal Hospital - Paris, France Theme: Dementia and deafness Pedro Lemos de Menezes - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Full professor - UNCISAL, Brazil Theme: Exploration of central auditory processes

03:30 - 03:50 pm	Common discussion: Should we better coordinate neurological and audiological explorations?
03:50 – 04:30 pm	VISIT to the STANDS / VISIT to the POSTERS
04:30 – 05:45 pm	THEMATIC SESSION: When do I need cross-disciplinary expertise? Moderators: □ 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 the CERIAH, Institut Pasteur, Institut de l'Audition on early age-related auditory and balance deficits - France Speakers: □ 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
05:45 pm	CULTURAL PRESENTATION
Friday, June 26th	
9:00 – 10:00 am	SESSION 3: Clinical Data
9:00 - 9:40 am	KEYNOTE LECTURE Moderator: □ Claire Paquet - Professor and Head of the Cognitive Neurology Center at Lariboisière Fernand-Widal Hospital - Paris, France □ Ana Belen Elgoyhen - Professor and director of the Institute of Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology (INGEBI-CONICET) - Buenos Aires, Argentina Mareike Buhl - Researcher - Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Department of Medical Physics and Acoustics, Germany Theme: Data organization, interoperability, standards, big data analysis
9:40 - 10:00 am	Fabrice Giraudet - Researcher University Clermont Auvergne (UCA), Audiologist SoluSons - France Theme:
10:00 – 10:45 pm	VISIT TO THE STANDS / VISIT TO THE POSTERS

TRENDS AND INNOVATIONS IN AUDIOLOGY	
10:45 - 12:15 pm	CREFONO 6 (To be defined)
12:30 – 01:30 pm	LUNCH
01:30 –2:30 pm	PANEL ON EMERGING TOPICS
PANEL 3: The role of sign language in the aging process Moderator: ☐ Sirley Alves da Silva Carvalho - Speech therapist, Full professor - UFMG, Brazil 01:30 - 2:00 pm 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 PANEL 4: Prevention of balance disorders in the elderly Moderator : 2:00 - 2:30 pm ☐ Patrícia Cotta Mancini - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Associate Professor - UFMG,Brazil Speakers: ☐ Tatiana Rocha - Speech therapist and Audiologist - PUC-MG, Brazil ☐ Ludimila Labanca - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Assistant professor - UFMG, Brazil	
02:30 – 3:00 pm	SESSION 4 : Practical Implementation
KEYNOTE LECTURE Moderator : 02:30 – 3:00 pm ☐ Fabrice Giraudet - Researcher University Clermont Auvergne (UCA), Audiologist SoluSons - France Speaker: ☐ Waiting for confirmation	
3:00 – 03:30 pm	VISIT to the STANDS / Final vote for posters

THEMATIC SESSION: Diagnosis and rehabilitation

Moderator :

- **Thamara Suzi dos Santos** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - UFMG, Brazil

3:30 - 4:15 pm

Speakers:

- **Silvana Frota** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - UFRJ, Brazil
- **Fernanda Abalen** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - PUC-MG, Brazil
- **Ana Cláudia Figueiredo Frizzo** - Speech therapist and Audiologist, Professor - UNESP, Brazil

CASE DISCUSSION SECTION

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?)

4:15 - 4:45 pm

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05:00 pm

AWARD WINNING POSTERS PRESENTED AT 6th FBSH AND CEREMONY

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