

## 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

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?**

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:**

**11:20 - 11:45 am**

- **Renata Santos** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - MEDEL, Brazil
- Theme:** Awaiting confirmation

**11:50 - 12:10 am**

**Speaker:**

- **Renata Jacques** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - Audiviva, Brazil
- Theme:** Awaiting confirmation

**12:10 - 12:30 pm**

**Speaker:**

- **Eduardo Romeiro Filho** - Full professor, School of Engineering - UFMG, Brazil
- Theme:** Awaiting confirmation

- ROOM 062 -

**Moderator:**

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

**Speaker:**

- Awaiting confirmation
- Theme:** Awaiting confirmation

**Speaker:**

- **Júlio Cayres** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - Audiomarca, Brazil
- Theme:** Awaiting confirmation

**Speaker:**

- **Fábio Heleno Lopes** - Speech therapist and Audiologist - HGC Saúde, Brazil
- Theme:** Awaiting confirmation

**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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**5:00 pm**

**AWARD WINNING POSTERS PRESENTED AT 6th FBSH AND CEREMONY**