

5th International Seminar on Paediatric Hearing
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Welcome to the 5th International Seminar on Paediatric Hearing in Nicosia, Cyprus, a dedicated meeting for advancing clinical standards and evidence-based practice. We invite you to join our international faculty for two days of intensive hands-on workshops and cutting-edge lectures designed to master skills and advance the future of paediatric hearing management.

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026: Nicosia General Hospital Workshops: Skills and competencies in Paediatric Otology – Audiology

12:00 – 13:00	Welcome - Introduction	
	DIAGNOSTIC AUDIOLOGY & VESTIBULAR ASSESSMENT	OPERATING ROOM TEAM COMPETENCIES IN OTOLOGY (for OR nurses)
13:00 – 13:45	ABR and ASSR: Practical implementation and interpretation <i>M. Walger</i>	Set-up, Instruments <i>M. Pastidou, M. Telemachou, C. Andreou</i>
13:45 – 14:30	ECochG and eABR: Practical implementation and interpretation <i>M. Walger</i>	Ventilation tubes, Prosthesis <i>M. Pastidou, M. Telemachou, C. Andreou</i>
14:30 – 15:15	Vestibular assessment of the paediatric patient: From bedside to advanced diagnostics <i>M. Kaufmann</i>	Auditory Implants <i>M. Pastidou, M. Telemachou, C. Andreou</i>
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
	OTOLOGIC SURGICAL SKILLS	
15:45 – 16:30	Microscopic ear surgery (hands-on training on OTOSURG simulator models: Myringotomy – Grommet insertion, Tympanoplasty, Ossiculoplasty - PORP/TORP prosthesis) <i>A.-O. Gostian, A. Anagiotos</i>	
16:30 – 17:15	Endoscopic ear surgery (hands-on training on OTOSURG simulator models: Myringotomy – Grommet insertion, Tympanoplasty, Ossiculoplasty - PORP/TORP prosthesis) <i>A.-O. Gostian, A. Anagiotos</i>	
17:15 – 18:00	Management of Infections in Cochlear Implant Recipients: From Prevention to Intervention <i>D. Kaplan</i>	
On-Site Industry Stations	Auditory Implants (Cochlear and bone conduction implants)	



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER: Shacolas Educational Centre for Clinical Medicine

Lectures – Panel discussions – Free papers

08:00 – 08:45	Registration
08:45 – 09:00	Welcome - Introduction
09:00 – 10:15	INVITED LECTURES: Optimizing Diagnostics in Paediatric Hearing Loss Moderators: G. Thrasyvoulou, A. Argyriou • Paediatric hearing assessment: choosing the right tests M. Walger • Aetiology workup for paediatric hearing loss: a joint approach by the paediatrician and the otolaryngologist Th. Chimona • Genetic Testing for Paediatric Hearing Loss: Indication, Selection, and Optimal Timing G. Tanteles • Can expanded targeted screening improve early identification of CMV-related hearing loss in infants? D. A. - E. Roth • Radiological assessment of paediatric hearing loss P. Demetriou
10:15 – 11:00	ROUND TABLE: Improving paediatric hearing care – What can we do earlier and better? Moderators: L. Kishon-Rabin, A. Hadjipanayis • The first few months of life: What is the deaf infant missing and is it reversible? L. Kishon-Rabi • Newborn hearing screening in 2026: successes, pitfalls, and the road to '1-2-3' C. Thodi • Defining 'Early': Audiological Challenges in CI Candidacy for Young Infants D. A. - E. Roth • Surgical considerations in early cochlear implantation: safety, risks and technical challenges in infants A. Anagiotos
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:45	INVITED LECTURES: Current challenges in Paediatric Hearing Loss Moderators: T. Nikolopoulos, A. Aristeidou • Vestibular Function and Dysfunction in Bilateral Pediatric Cochlear Implantation M. Kaufmann • Preservation of Inner Ear Functions: From Glucocorticoids to α1-Antitrypsin D. Kaplan • Malformations of the external and middle ear: surgical and audiological management V. Kaperonis • Cochlear Implantation in Inner Ear Malformations: From Surgical Challenges to Long-Term Functional Success T. Nikolopoulos
12:45 – 13:30	FREE PAPERS TBA
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:00	PATIENT'S FORUM: Talking with and listening to CI recipients Moderators: C.-S. Melissourgou, M. Callimachou
15:00 – 16:45	INVITED LECTURES: The Future of Paediatric Hearing Care Moderators: A. Anagiotos, V. Anastassiadou • Paediatric Cochlear Implants: Expanding indications and the situation in Europe E. Cristofari • The HEDGE (Hearing, Ear, Deafness, and Genetics) national registry: advancing genetic evaluation of hearing loss R. Katiri • Gene therapy for hearing loss V. Loundon • Robotic-Assisted Cochlear Implant Surgery A. Della Volpe
16:45 – 17:15	Coffee Break
17:15 – 18:30	ROUND TABLE: Complications of acute otitis media: From diagnosis to management Moderators: I. Giannopoulos, M. Anastasiades • Complications of Paediatric Acute Otitis Media: Microbiological Aspects and Therapeutic Strategies M. Koliou • Surgical treatment of acute otitis media complications in children V. Sophocleous • Otologic sequelae of meningitis and their management R. Perez • Radiological Assessment of Acute Otitis Media and Its Complications in Children L. Siakallis
18:30 – 18:45	CLOSING REMARKS





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