

# Media Release

Oticon Foundation in New Zealand, Tuesday 18 November 2014

## Local audiologist selected for educational trip to Denmark

Local hearing care professional, Ina Labarentos, was selected from a national pool of candidates to attend the annual Eriksholm Summer Camp, an international gathering for young audiologists in Copenhagen, Denmark. The camp is an opportunity for emerging professionals to further their professional knowledge and make contact with international peers.

Ina, who works at Sally White Audiology, Palmerston North, was sponsored by the Oticon Foundation to join 55 other young professionals, including New Zealander Hilton Bridger, where they explored future developments and trends in audiology, and techniques and tools to better counsel for clients' individual needs.

'Sessions on the personal dynamics of hearing loss, and the newest practical tools for patient-centered care gave me a clear perspective of what people are going through when they have a hearing issue, and made me better appreciate my work,' says Ina. "I feel that I am more competent in my daily practice because I better understand my clients.'

'The entire camp was a learning experience. I hope I now provide a better service with fitting devices and supporting the person. I hope people will think I can meet their individual needs so they can live their lives fully despite their hearing issues,' says Ina.



The sessions also included a visit to the Eriksholm Research Centre, and team building activities to get to know fellow attendees.

The Oticon Foundation supports the summer camp as it provides young audiologists with exposure to the international audiological community, increases their knowledge and widens their horizons.

*Ina Labarentos from Sally White Audiology at a summer camp workshop.*

### Ends

You can watch a short film about the summer camp experience here >  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho7CsflQM6Q>

For more information about the Eriksholm Research Centre visit the website >  
<http://www.eriksholm.com>

For more information contact Ina Labarentos, Sally White Audiology, email [hear@audiology.co.nz](mailto:hear@audiology.co.nz), phone 06 359 3476

For more information about the Oticon Foundation contact Karen Pullar, [kp@oticon.co.nz](mailto:kp@oticon.co.nz), phone 0800 684 266, [www.oticon.org.nz](http://www.oticon.org.nz)