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E-NEWSLETTER OF THE OTICON FOUNDATION IN NEW ZEALAND



Welcome to the Oticon Foundation's e-newsletter. The Foundation is pleased with the quality applications received in 2015.

Canterbury University's three-year research project could lead to changes in surgical procedure, further development of intraoperative monitoring methods, impact on hearing preservation of individuals, and significantly help individuals going into hearing preservation otologic surgery.

NFD's research into the social and economic impacts of hearing impairment in New Zealand will fill gaps in knowledge about hearing loss. New Zealand currently relies on limited information from the NZ Census and extrapolated data from overseas population statistics. The detailed knowledge of hearing loss in New Zealand and in particular in our Maori, Pacific Island and prison populations will benefit the whole sector.

We look forward to receiving more applications in 2016.

Karen Pullar
Secretary to the Trustees

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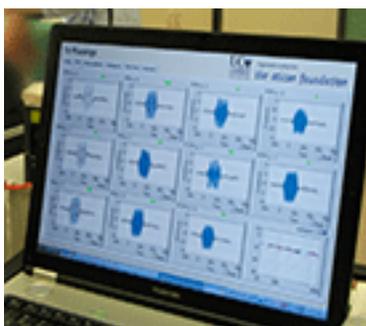
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NFD gears up for 'See Hear NZ' research and pushes human rights advocacy

'A fantastic, watershed moment' is how Louise Carroll, CEO of the National Foundation for the Deaf describes receiving a significant grant from the Oticon Foundation for a major research project, See Hear NZ. That, and a continuing human rights advocacy programme keeps NFD busy.

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Reducing hearing loss during surgery

'Patients have been very interested, and are enthusiastic to be involved in the pilot,' says Associate Professor Greg O'Beirne. 'They are keen to help in the development of improved technology that will ultimately benefit people undergoing ear surgery in New Zealand and overseas.'

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Sara Mamo's message: Hearing loss affects healthy aging



Hearing loss in older adults can have far-reaching negative implications, however, high-quality hearing healthcare can be unaffordable for many elderly people, according to a visiting American audiology researcher, Dr Sara Mamo.

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Communicating is more than just words

Children with hearing difficulties need to hear our thoughts and dreams and wishes, just as much as they need to hear instructions for the day. That was one of the messages from Mary Pat Moeller, a specialist in childhood deafness, when she spoke at the New Zealand Audiological Society Conference in July.

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Barriers fall in Healthy Hearing service delivery

Dr Jeanine Doherty, Clinical Director of Special Olympics NZ's Healthy Hearing programme, says one more barrier to providing timely hearing care to people with intellectual disabilities has fallen with thanks to a grant from the Oticon Foundation.

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Camping at Eriksholm

Young audiologists Ashleigh Donald and Ellen Ma went camping in Denmark this July. The anatomy and evolution of a hearing aid, client-centred counseling and fitting, the latest hearing technology research and development, and making new friends and contacts from throughout the world were all on their agenda.

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The Oticon Foundation of New Zealand was established in October 1976. Income generated from the Foundation's investments is distributed to groups and organisations seeking financial support for projects that benefit the hearing impaired.

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