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E-NEWSLETTER OF THE OTICON FOUNDATION IN NEW ZEALAND



Dear,

Welcome to the Oticon Foundation's e-newsletter.

The establishment of the Oticon Foundation in New Zealand was inspired by the Oticon Foundation in Denmark which was set up in 1957. The Danish Foundation's statutes mandate that income is used to support the needs of hearing-impaired individuals as well as funding organisations. It sponsors social and educational programmes, publications, conferences, cultural activities and campaigns for researchers, hearing-care professionals and the general public.

The Danish Foundation has supported many causes that have originated in New Zealand, the most recent being the human rights educational 'toolkit' developed by Louise Carroll in her role as voluntary human rights officer for the International Federation of Hard of Hearing (IFHOH).

In this issue you can read about the toolkit and IFHOH's activities, as well as other causes that the Foundation supported in 2014. I hope you enjoy our newsletter.

*Karen Pullar  
Secretary to the Trustees*

List of grants made in 2014, [read more here ...](#)

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## Human rights educational toolkit goes global

The Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD) IFHOH Toolkit is designed to empower people with hearing loss to stand up for their human rights, as set out in the United Nations CRPD. Thanks to a major grant from the Oticon Foundation in Denmark, it is about to go global.

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## Camping at Eriksholm Research Centre

Hilton Bridger and Ina Labarentos went camping last August with 55 other young audiologists from around the world; not your typical professional development experience.

[Read their story here ...](#)

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## Professor Chuck Berlin brings audiolooav

## research and jazz to Wellington



Internationally acclaimed audiologist Chuck Berlin made a flying visit downunder to speak at the July NZAS conference. Renowned for his ability to make complicated concepts accessible to parents, teachers, hearing care professionals, and academics alike, Professor Berlin is universally recognised in the audiology world as 'the teacher's teacher'.

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## Post-grad research investigates classroom support for children with APD



Children with auditory processing disorder (APD) are sure to benefit from a research project being undertaken by University of Auckland post-graduate student Karian Antoine. Karian is studying the classroom support they receive.

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## Experts collaborate in paediatric hearing care vision, and discuss lifespan care



A better future for children with hearing loss was the focus of scientists and hearing care professionals at the inaugural International Symposium on Innovative Paediatric Hearing Science held in Italy. Auckland DHB audiologist Andrea Kelly and Oticon NZ general manager Karen Pullar joined in the discussion.

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## OFHEC Auckland University

Reporting on the 2014 Oticon Foundation Hearing Education Centre seminars ...

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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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