



**NCRAR Biennial International Conference
'Hearing Therapies for the Future'
September 27 & 28 2007, Portland Oregon**



The NCRAR is holding its 3rd Biennial conference in Portland Oregon on September 27th and 28th 2007. The title of this year's conference is 'Hearing Therapies for the Future'.

The conference will address prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) focusing upon new and emerging methods. The conference will include presentations by invited speakers who are leading researchers in the field, round table discussions among scientists, clinicians and hearing-impaired persons, and a display of posters by clinicians and researchers attending the meeting. In addition, there will be two keynote addresses. One will be from Peter Steyger Ph.D., a scientist that has a profound hearing impairment, who will provide participants with an understanding of NIHL from his unique perspective. The second will be from David Chandler Ph.D. who will discuss Polytraumatic Blast Injury in the context of clinical care and research.

The conference speakers are Robert Dobie, M.D., Tom Helfer, Ph.D., Richard Salvi, Ph.D., Jonathan Kil, M.D., Mark Stephenson, Ph.D., Douglas Cotanche, Ph.D., Andrew Groves, Ph.D., Yehoash Raphael, Ph.D., Henry Lew, M.D., Ph.D., and Michaela Cornis-Pop Ph.D.

As in past years, the NCRAR is offering scholarships to practicing audiologists to cover registration, travel and hotel. A poster session and informal dinner will take place on the evening of September 27th. ASHA and AAA CEUs will be offered to participants.

Once again, registration fees have been kept to a minimum, covering the cost of the Opening Reception on September 26, refreshments during the meetings and dinner at the Poster Session on September 27th. Online registration is available. Registration will be limited to 200 individuals in order to promote interaction and learning in a non-threatening environment.

The conference will be preceded by a one-day workshop titled "Best practices in hearing loss prevention" at which the presenters will be Theresa Schultz Ph.D., Kyle Dennis Ph.D. and David Chandler Ph.D.

For scholarship application forms, information about poster submissions, and further information about the speakers and their presentations see the NCRAR website at: www.ncrar.research.va.gov

