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Hello INSERT_FIRST_NAME INSERT_LAST_NAME,

Happy 20th Anniversary!

To celebrate the Academy's 20th anniversary, you will receive this special e-newsletter on the 20th of each month throughout 2008. We will feature meaningful stories from members, special events, and milestones in Academy history. Let us know if you have a story to share. We want to hear from you. Contact us at publications@audiology.org.

A Moment in American Academy of Audiology History

Back in 1989, the Academy held its very first audiology convention, with 569 attendees. Today, our annual convention, AudiologyNOW!®, is the single largest meeting for audiology in the United States, boasting 7,000 attendees.

Over the coming year, the Academy will be rolling out several new initiatives designed to advance the field of audiology. On September 25-27, 2008, the Academy will host its first-ever **Future Leaders of Audiology** in Reston, VA. The conference program will nurture an appreciation for audiology's past as well as help develop the leadership skills of mid-career members interested in becoming leaders of the Academy in the future. In addition to this conference, the Academy is also taking its first steps toward developing a student organization for future audiologists.

As we look toward the future, we must consider that the current model of clinical education in audiology is based on a model first proposed more than 20 years ago. To this end, our inaugural **Gold Standards Summit 2009** focused on transforming the current model of clinical education in audiology. On January 12-14, 2009, in Orlando, FL, delegates from audiology doctoral programs, accrediting and certification bodies, educational agencies, student organizations, and other key stakeholders will gather to help shape the future

of clinical education in audiology. Registration opens September 15, 2008.

While we prepare for the future of audiology and audiologists, we cannot lose sight of the advances being made in the profession today. The Academy understands that scientific study is the foundation of audiology and that hearing science research is critical to continued advancements in patient care and treatment. In recognition of this, the Academy will offer a new annual conference, the **Academy Research Conference (ARC)**, focused solely on the most current topics in audiology research.

The inaugural ARC will take place on April 1, 2009, immediately preceding AudiologyNOW! 2009 in Dallas, TX, and will focus on otoacoustic emissions (OAEs) and their impact on today's clinical practice. This one-day conference will feature presentations from some of the foremost experts on the topic of OAEs, including David Kemp, Christopher Shera, Michael Gorga, Lynne Marshall, Jonathan Siegel, Beth Prieve, and John Guinan.

Witnessing the changes that occurred over the past 20 years, it is exciting to think about where the Academy and the profession will be in the year 2028!

Click here to learn more about these conferences and register.

Sound Effects

Be featured in the next 20th anniversary e-newsletter by sharing a memorable moment from your life in audiology. Send your submission to **Christy Hanson**.

Contest

In celebration of the advances the Academy has made in conferences over the last 20 years, can you identify the theme of AudiologyNOW! 2009 and the date that online registration opens to members? Be the first person to e-mail the correct answer to **Christy Hanson** and win a \$20 gift certificate to the Academy Store.

All entries must be received by August 3, 2008. Members who have previously won are not eligible. All winners must be current members of the American Academy of Audiology.

Congratulations



Kym Miller, a 3rd-year AuD student from the University of North Texas (UNT), won a \$20 gift certificate to the Academy Store for being the first person to e-mail the correct number of volumes of *JAAA* and *Audiology Today* that have been published over the last 20 years.



The answer: 20 volumes of *Audiology Today* and 19 volumes of *JAAA*.

During her time as a student, Kym says she has gained experience in different clinical environments and has discovered that she really enjoys the medical setting. She is in the early stages of looking for an externship and hopes to find a placement where she can be involved in vestibular and electrophysiological diagnostic testing. Kym also does work as a research assistant for an audiology professor at UNT. She has had the opportunity to be involved in several research studies, including her most recently completed study on evaluating hearing aid characteristics and cognition.

Congratulations are also in order to the following members, who have each won a \$20 gift certificate for being among the first 20 members to e-mail the correct location of the 20th anniversary logo on the cover of the July/August *Audiology Today*.

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