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.

Celebrate Our Founders

On January 30, 1988, 32 audiologists met in Houston, Texas, to discuss the formation of a national association of audiologists. This association would be an essential part of every audiologist's life. Together, the members would strive to advance the science and practice of audiology, and to achieve the recognition of the public as experts in hearing and balance.

The Academy's Board recently voted to declare January 30 as
Founders' Day. To commemorate this event, a flag will be flown above the U.S. Capitol on January 30, 2008. Additionally, to honor our founding father, the conference room in our Capitol Hill Office will be named the James Jerger Conference Room, made possible with a generous gift to the AAA Foundation from Plural Publishing and Dr. and Mrs. Singh. Look for photos of the plaque presentation with Dr. Jerger in the next issue of this e-newsletter.

Now, 20 years later, the Academy is more than 10,600 audiologists strong, each one contributing to the continued success of the profession. Congratulations to all of you!

Now for some fun: can you name all of the founding members in the photo above? If so, e-mail your response to publications@audiology.org. The first person to correctly name all of the founders pictured here, will win a $20 gift certificate to the Academy Store.

Sound Effects
Academy members share stories from their lives in audiology.

Mission Trip to Dominican Republic
"We could communicate in sign language, even if we didn't know Spanish." Member Jody Spalding describes her trip to the Dominican Republic with four AuD students to "share the gift of sound." Read the story.

How I Found Audiology
"Audiology, what's that?" Member Lisa M. Nelson on how she found audiology over 20 years ago, and why she still finds her career exciting and rewarding. Read the story.

20th Anniversary Events and Activities at
AudiologyNOW! 2008

Unique festivities celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Academy are planned for AudiologyNOW! 2008 in Charlotte, NC, April 2-5. If you have never attended AudiologyNOW!, this is the year to start. In addition to the once-in-a-lifetime events celebrating our 20 years as an association, you won't want to miss the excellent educational and networking opportunities that attendees have come to expect. Register today.

Saturday, March 29-Tuesday, April 1
Cycle to the Event: Tour Scenic North Carolina and Raise Funds for AAAF

Come early to AudiologyNOW! and take part in a scenic four-day bicycle adventure through North Carolina. Bike through the rural Yadkin River Valley, visit local vineyards, check out the historic Rockford general store, and take in the scenery of the carefully tended fields of tobacco, corn, and grapes. There are only a few spaces left, so contact Paul Dybala (pdybala@audiologyonline.com) for more information.

Tuesday, April 1, 8:30am (Shuttle Pick-up) 10:30am (Shotgun Start)
“HEAR TO PLAY” Golf Tournament

Swing into action…network and have fun…tee off at the Raintree Country Club and start your spring off right. Registration fees benefit the AAA Foundation.

Thursday, April 3, 10:00am-11:30am
General Assembly

Don’t miss a commemorative presentation of the Academy’s first 20 years…the people, the events and activities, and the overall passion for the profession. We will also ceremonially seal a time capsule filled with collected Academy memorabilia.

Thursday, April 3, 12:30pm-2:00pm
Founders’ Luncheon

Look back at the success of the Academy, show your
appreciation, and meet the founders who gathered back in 1988 to organize the only national organization of, by, and for the profession of audiology. Additional fee.

**Thursday, April 3, 7:00pm-10:00pm**

*Celebrate Audiology Special Event*

Enjoy refreshments and good friends, while you celebrate 20 years of Academy success. Challenge yourself with whitewater rafting, climbing, or a rope course at the world’s largest outdoor recreation center, U.S. National Whitewater Center.

**Saturday, April 5, 4:30pm-6:30pm**

*Trivia Bowl: 20th Anniversary-Style*

A battle of wits and memory…do you have what it takes. Students, researchers, and practitioners join in…gather your teams and “wow” us with your knowledge at this special anniversary event.

We are excited to celebrate our anniversary with you. For more information on the convention or these special events and activities, visit our Web site at [http://www.audiologynow.org/](http://www.audiologynow.org/).