

# Stronger Together

## Recognition of the Academy as the voice

of audiology has been growing. This exciting phenomenon was evidenced this past fiscal year (FY11 ending June 30, 2011) by the increasing number of collaborative efforts between the Academy and its A4 partners with other organizations. In many cases, the Academy and the AAA Foundation were approached for our input or representation. Here is a sampling.

### AARP

- Invited the Academy and AAA Foundation to provide representatives to serve on their Hearing Education Advisory Group.

### Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA)

- Academy leadership met with ADA leaders at their 2010 annual meeting.

### Acoustical Society of America (ASA)

- Academy's membership in ASA provides a voice on several committees: Bioacoustics, Noise, Electroacoustics, TAG-Noise, and ANSI.

### AG Bell

- Promoted Academy's resources for National Audiology Awareness Month and National Protect Your Hearing Month to their members.

### American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)

- Invited the Academy to provide a representative to serve on their Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss Guideline Working Group.



### American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

- Conducted discussions regarding several regulatory and legislative initiatives.

Consumer Groups	Government	Professional Societies	Representatives on
AARP	CDC	ADA	ASA
AG Bell	NIDCD	AAO-HNS	AAMI
HLAA	US GAO	ARO	CAOHC
Quota International		ASHA	JCIH
Sertoma		CAPCSD	NAAHP
		EAA	NOF
		HIA	
		NHCA	

### **Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI)**

- Invited the Academy to provide an independent expert for FDA assignment on cochlear implants.

### **Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO)**

- AAA Foundation provided travel awards for researchers who presented at the ARO Mid-Winter meeting.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

- Academy leadership had conversations with CDC contacts regarding joint initiative on teens and hearing loss.

### **Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC)**

- Invited the Academy to provide representatives to serve on their board of directors.

### **Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD)**

- Academy leadership met with CAPCSD's board of directors at their 2011 annual meeting.

### **Educational Audiology Association**

- Provided input on revisions to the Academy's amended Cochlear Implant Resolution.

### **Hearing Industries Association (HIA)**

- Academy leadership provided an Academy update at their 2011 annual meeting.

### **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)**

- Participated on Joint Academy-HLAA Looping Task Force and International Looping Conference; HLAA promoted Academy's resources for National Audiology Awareness Month and National Protect Your Hearing Month to their members.

### **Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH)**

- Academy provided staff support in addition to the audiologists on JCIH.

### **National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP)**

- Invited the Academy to represent audiology on their Advisory Council.

### **National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)**

- Academy leadership hosted NIDCD contacts at our Reston office; provided requested input to NIDCD's strategic plan; was awarded NIDCD three-year R13 conference grant (for ARC 11, ARC 12, and ARC 13).

### **National Quality Forum (NQF) Technical Advisors Panel**

- Invited to nominate a representative to the Child Health Quality Measures Technical Advisory Panel.

### **National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA)**

- AAA Foundation provided scholarships and travel award funding for student researchers working on noise-induced hearing loss and conservation.

### **Quota International**

- Promoted Academy's resources for National Audiology Awareness Month and National Protect Your Hearing Month to their members.

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### **U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

- Invited the Academy to provide input on educational approaches and other interventions for children with hearing loss.

For further Academy collaborations, see also President Kricos's column on the A4 (p. 8–9) and the Washington Watch on how we work with our allies in Washington, DC (p. 73–74). Through these strategic partnerships, the Academy is advancing the profession of audiology. Know that your continued membership in the Academy creates this opportunity for those who care about healthy hearing to be stronger together. 🎧



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