



"HEARING FOR ALL"

A WORLDWIDE ACTION

Hearing is essential for human life in developing as well as developed countries
in the 21st Century Information Society

THE ISSUE

Hearing loss is the most occurring handicap in the world. 10% of the World population has problems with hearing leading to unemployment, poverty and exclusion from society. If no action is taken, more than 700 million people will suffer from hearing loss in 2015.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

- Awareness fro prevention of hearing loss
- Children prevention and care programs
- Vaccination programs
- Screening programs
- Noise protection programs
- Rehabilitation programs (affordable hearing aid)

MISSION STATEMENT

The opportunities and imperatives associated with the needs of those suffering hearing loss, the opportunities posed by remediation and prevention, and the needs of the economy all combine to create a forceful motivation to take concerted action now to address the problems of hearing loss in every aspect of society. Investments in prevention, remediation, and research can all have significant, profound, and long-term pay-offs for individuals, for communities and for economies. These are just a few of the reasons why IFOS has created "Hearing for All".

"Hearing for All" a worldwide action is an initiative from the International Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies (NGO within the WHO). In 1995, on the request of IFOS, WHO approved Resolution 48.9 for the prevention of Hearing Loss. In this declaration the main lines are established. "Concerned at the growing problem largely preventable hearing impairment in the World, WHO urges member states to prepare national plans for the prevention and control of major causes of avoidable hearing loss within the framework of Primary Health Care and to develop further collaboration with non governmental (NGO's). Many organizations are trying to work for people with hearing loss. However a world wide action is necessary to stimulate awareness and to stop this growing problem.

In order to eliminate preventable hearing loss, "Hearing for All" is calling for support from governments, health care workers, business corporation and the public. We hope you join us in our campaign against hearing loss by signing this important support form.

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Name:

Position: