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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

At a glance

7:30 AM **Registration and Breakfast** (breakfast for pre-registered only)

9:00 AM **AMPHL Opening Remarks** – Corriher

9:10 AM **The Accessibility of Medical Equipment** – Schwier

9:30 AM Exhibit room opens

10:00 AM **BREAK**

10:10 AM **Creative Solutions with Hearing Assistive Technology** – Morris &
Atcherson

11:30 AM Exhibit room closed until 12:30 PM

12:00 PM **LUNCH** (lunch for pre-registered only)

2:00 PM **How to Cope with Scopes** – Morris

2:45 PM **Personal Experiences of a Deaf Irish Occupational Therapist** –
McCormack

3:30 PM **BREAK**

3:40 PM **AMPHL Panel** – Eldakar, Kolvitz, Leahy, McDevitt, Schaellibaum

5:00 PM Exhibit hall closes

7:00 PM **Evening Social** – tentative

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

EXHIBIT ROOM WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:30 AM TO 5 PM
(Exhibit room will be closed from 11:30AM to 12:30PM for lunch)

7:30 AM **Registration and Breakfast** (breakfast for pre-registered conference attendees only)

9:00 AM **AMPHL Opening Remarks** - Candice Corriher, D.V.M., AMPHL
President

9:10 AM **The Accessibility of Medical Equipment** - Erin Schwier, O.T.D.,
O.T.R./L.

The Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Accessible Medical Instrumentation (RERC-AMI) is committed to evaluating and developing methods and technologies to increase accessibility and usability of diagnostic, therapeutic, and procedural healthcare equipment and assistive technologies for people with disabilities. As part of its research program, the RERC-AMI is analyzing the medical instrumentation needs of three major constituencies: consumers with disabilities, healthcare service providers, and medical instrumentation manufacturers.

This session will include a brief presentation of some of the difficulties consumers have with medical equipment, which we identified through a national consumer survey and a series of consumer focus groups. We will also present preliminary data from a survey we are currently conducting with healthcare practitioners. We will then facilitate an interactive discussion of the experiences, both good and bad, that healthcare practitioners with hearing loss have had using medical equipment.

10:10 AM **Creative Solutions with Hearing Assistive Technology** – Rebecca Morris & Samuel Atcherson, M.Ed., C.C.C.-A.

Back by popular demand, presenters Becky and Sam will lecture on hearing assistive technology (HAT), the rationale for using them, how to use them, and what's new and available. HATs, when selected and used properly, can improve the quality of life both personally and professionally by enhancing communication.

12:00 PM **LUNCH** (lunch for pre-registered only)

2:00 PM **How to Cope with Scopes – Rebecca Morris**

Finding the most effective interface between a stethoscope and hearing aids or a cochlear implant can be challenging. This presentation will describe the challenges and present some of the most often used solutions for stethoscope use.

Participants will understand the options available from direct audio cables to the newest in FM wireless technology. Many of the issues and questions posed on the NOISE forum will be addressed and there will be time for questions throughout the presentation.

The ALD/Stethoscope display will also allow participants an opportunity to test many of the solutions described in the presentation and discuss their personal situations in more detail.

**2:45 PM Personal Experiences of a Deaf Irish Occupational Therapist –
McCormack**

As the only Deaf Occupational Therapist currently working in Ireland, and the only Deaf Professional working in the Irish Public Service Workplace who has access to the services of a Sign Language Interpreter on a regular basis, I hope to share some of my personal experiences.

My talk will include information about my work in a community setting with adults between the ages of 18 and 65 who have a physical disability, a brief overview of the history of Sign Language Interpreting in Ireland, the beginnings of Equality Legislation in Ireland, the European Influence in the developing of this new equality infrastructure, and how these Legislative Acts are helping to make the Irish Workplace more accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and people with disabilities.

3:30 PM BREAK

3:40 PM AMPHL Panel – Elizabeth Eldakar, M.S.P.A.S., Marcia Kolvitz, Neil Leahy, D.M.D., Neil McDevitt, Audrey Schaellibaum, R.N.

This panel is designed to showcase some of AMPHL's "quieter" professions, and will include a nurse, physician's assistant, firefighter, and dentist.

****Additional panelists may be added in the future****

SUNDAY SEPTMEBER 11TH

At a glance

- 7:30 AM **Registration and Breakfast** (breakfast for preregistered only)
- 9:00 AM **Hard of Hearing Audiologists: Introduction and Panel** – Goldstein, Atcherson, Sheehan, Mintz, Nathanson, and Devlin
- 9:00 AM Exhibit room opens
- 10:30 AM **BREAK**
- 10:45 PM **Surviving Medical School and Residency** – McKee and Osterling
- 12:30 PM **LUNCH** (lunch for pre-registered only)
- 1:00 PM Exhibit room closes

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EXHIBIT ROOM WILL BE OPEN FROM 9AM TO 1PM

7:30 AM **Registration and Breakfast** (breakfast for preregistered only)9:00 AM **Hard of Hearing Audiologists: Introduction and Panel** – Beverly A. Goldstein, Ph.D., Samuel R. Atcherson, M.Ed., Gloria Nathanson, Au.D. Student, Sandra Mintz, M.S., Jay Sheehan, M.H.S., Lisa Devlin, M.S.

The number of individuals with hearing loss entering audiology as a career and the number of older audiologists dealing personally with late-onset hearing loss is increasing every year. This situation creates a unique opportunity to bridge information gaps between audiologists and other non-audiology medical service providers. Audiologists with hearing loss have first-hand experience with the frustrations of living with a hearing loss and its resultant effects of creating interrupted communication. They can empathize with other medical providers who have hearing loss, but through their education and clinical training can serve as a wealth of information on communication-improvement-related issues to other professionals.

Our presentation has a two-fold objective: 1) to provide a brief introduction to the field of audiology and 2) to provide a panel of audiologists, who are hard of hearing themselves, who will each talk briefly about their own history of hearing loss and how they have been able to compensate for their impairment and handicap as healthcare professionals. Most importantly, the audiology panel desires to provide a “safe” professional environment for conference attendees to ask questions about their own audiology-related issues and receive knowledgeable/ expert information regarding available solutions to existing communication barriers.

10:30 AM **BREAK**

10:45 PM **Surviving Medical School and Residency** – Michael McKee, M.D. and Wendy Osterling, M.D.

A deaf family physician and pediatrician have collaborated their survival strategies and tips that helped them through medical school and residency. We will share our experiences, challenges, and obstacles we faced and what solutions worked for us. We will present an outline of different areas along the timeline of schooling and training that can be used as a checklist for future medical students and residents as they prepare for clinical rotations, training, and interviews. The audience will be encouraged to share their stories and experiences to make this presentation an interactive sharing of information and experiences.

12:30 PM **LUNCH** (lunch for pre-registered only)

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By Donna Maheady, Ed.D., ARNP

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PRESENTERS**Samuel Atcherson, M.Ed., C.C.C.-A**

Sam holds undergraduate and masters degrees in communication sciences/ disorders and audiology from the University of Georgia. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in audiology at the University of Memphis with his research interest in the area of auditory electrophysiology and has recently obtained his certification in audiology. Sam's career aspirations are to teach and conduct hearing-related research at the University level; however, he has interest in setting up a private practice one day. He has given eighteen plus presentations at conferences across the country involving (re)habilitation, auditory plasticity, cochlear implantation, and assistive listening devices, as well as serving on panels or roundtables for accessibility and advocacy. Sam is formerly a Director and Vice-President of the AMPHL and former JAMPHL Editor-in-Chief, and he currently serves as the AMPHL Webmaster in addition to serving on the website and conference committees.

Lisa Devlin, M.S.

In 1977, Ms. Lisa Devlin received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. Ms. Devlin received her Masters degree in audiology from Gallaudet University in 1979. Her first employment opportunity was with the University Affiliated Program at Georgetown University Hospital Child Development Center. In 1983, Ms. Devlin joined the Gallaudet University staff as an audiologist located at the Northwest Campus for Preparatory students and then moved to join the staff located on the main campus in the Department of Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences. She has been providing a full range of audiologic and hearing aid dispensing services to Gallaudet students, employees, and outpatients including adults and children. Ms. Devlin has been providing direct graduate supervision in all related clinic activities and supports the departmental curriculum through clinical instruction.

Elizabeth Eldakar, P.A.

Liz earned her bachelor's degree in biology and medical technology from Clarion State University, her bachelor's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Keck School of Medicine at University of Southern California, her master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from University of Nebraska, School of Medicine and her post-graduate physician assistant certificate in forensic medicine from Arizona School of Health Sciences at A.T. Stills University.

Liz is currently a Physician Assistant and an Assistant Professor for Western University of Health Sciences and an adjunct faculty for the physician assistant program at Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California. Her clinical practice spans from geriatrics, internal medicine, urgent care and occupational medicine.

Beverly Goldstein, Ph.D.

Beverly is the Supervising Audiologist of Dr. Goldstein's Western Reserve Audiology (WRA). She holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Michigan State University, a Ph.D. in Audiology from Kent State, and has been providing services to persons with hearing loss since 1971. As an ASHA Certified Audiologist, and a Fellow of both the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Ohio Speech and Hearing Association, Dr. Goldstein has researched and published extensively in the area of hearing aids while teaching at Cleveland State University and Case Western Reserve University. Beverly is responsible for directing the policies and procedures of Dr. Goldstein's WRA patient management. After providing a hearing evaluation, she recommends hearing aid fittings only to persons with confirmed hearing-loss-related communication problems. She is responsible for Dr. Goldstein's WRA's ability to reach out into the community with free hearing screening programs and other activities.

Marcia Kolvitz

Marcia became interested in working with deaf and hard of hearing people as an undergraduate at Northern Illinois University where she majored in Communicative Disorders. She received a master's degree with an emphasis in deafness rehabilitation counseling from NIU and completed a doctorate with an emphasis in human resource development and adult education at the University of Tennessee.

Marcia is currently the Associate Director of the Postsecondary Education Consortium (PEC) at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she conducts training and develops resource materials related to access in higher education.

Neil Leahy

Neil graduated from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1993. He currently works as Managing Clinical Director of Aspen Dental Associates of New England, P.C., Inc.

Cathy McCormack

Cathy studied Occupational Therapy at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, where she graduated first in her class. She is the first Irish Deaf Occupational Therapist and the only Irish Deaf Medical Professional who has access to and funding for the services of a Sign Language Interpreter on an ongoing and regular basis. Cathy then worked as a Senior Occupational Therapist for a community service. In February, she won the Irish Fulbright Award in Deaf Studies tenable at Gallaudet University, Washington DC. She began her studies there in July of 2005.

Neil McDevitt

Neil is a volunteer firefighter with the Fire Department of Montgomery Township in Pennsylvania. He was raised in the oral tradition but learned American Sign Language at Gallaudet University. Neil completed his "basic training" in May of 2004 and has taken several specialized fire and rescue courses. Currently, Neil serves as a contact for fire/rescue professionals and looks forward to helping this unique niche of rescuers and their hearing counterparts understand each other. Neil is also the President of The McDevitt Group (<http://www.themcdevittgroup.com>), a consulting firm dedicated to improving emergency planning for people with disabilities.

Michael McKee. M.D.

Michael obtained a bachelor of arts in political science from Lynn University, and his medical degree from University of Florida College of Medicine in 2001. He completed his residency in family medicine at the University of South Carolina/ Palmetto Health Alliance in 2004. Michael currently practices at Lifetime Health Center at Folsom in Rochester, NY.

Sandra Mintz, M.S., C.C.C.-A.

Sandy Mintz is an audiologist as well as a cochlear implant user. She's had a long-term progressive hearing loss most of her life. Her background in clinical audiology spans a twenty year period, with the bulk of her career at Arizona State University. There she provided clinical audiology services to patients and classroom teaching in diagnostic audiology and aural rehabilitation to undergraduate and graduate students studying Audiology and Speech/Language Pathology. Since obtaining her own cochlear implant in 2004, she joined Advanced Bionics to serve as the Consumer Services Supervisor in the Bionic Ear Association. In this role, she is able to further advocate for those with hearing loss through her development and implementation of a wide variety of educational and support programs for cochlear implant candidates and users throughout North America.

Rebecca Morris

Becky Morris is president of Beyond Hearing Aids, Inc. Becky is a frequent national and international presenter at professional conferences and recognized leader in ALDs in both hearing healthcare industry as well as the Vocational Rehabilitation arena. The company provides communication assessment services and training to professionals who work with people with hearing loss and is a vendor of assistive listening devices. She spent seven years as Co-Director for an all-volunteer TTY Relay Service before the Americans with Disabilities Act mandated them. Becky creatively uses her experiences to understand her clients' needs and then designs services that offer clear solutions. She believes that collaboration and partnership can bring exceptional results where everyone wins.

Gloria Nathanson, Au.D. Student

Gloria received her self-directed B.S. degree from University of Minnesota in Language Development with Emphasis on those with Hearing Loss. She is currently an AuD student in Audiology at Gallaudet University and plans to continue for her Ph.D. in Audiology at Gallaudet University. She participated in several research projects, separate from her own thesis and dissertation, at National Institute of Health, Graduate Studies department at Gallaudet University, and at Hearing, Speech, and Language department at Gallaudet University. She has volunteered to assist with hearing screenings at SHHH conference and has been on several panels, one of them addressing experiences with genetic counseling. Her areas of interest are in genetics, ethics, and early intervention. Her career aspirations are to teach at a university level and/or hold an administrative position in state-wide early intervention program. She is a native ASL user and is a fluent bilingual.

Wendy Osterling, M.D.

After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1995, Wendy joined the Peace Corps and spent the next two years teaching environmental education and forestry in Ecuador. Wendy then returned to Dartmouth and graduated from the Dartmouth Medical School in 2004. She is currently a resident in pediatric medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

Audrey Schaellibaum, R.N.

Audrey graduated from Gallaudet University in 1995, then worked for Kaiser Permanente for six years. She started nursing school at Northern Virginia Community College while at Kaiser. After graduating in 2001, Audrey worked in a Mother/Baby/GYN unit in Annapolis, MD for almost two years. She then moved to California, where she works in Labor and Delivery as well as Antepartum and Postpartum/Newborn. Recently Audrey took her boards to become an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC).

Erin Schwier, O.T.D., O.T.R./L.

Erin is a recent graduate of the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program at the University of Southern California where her focus was examining policy related health issues for people with disabilities. Erin also works as a clinical practitioner of occupational therapy for acute rehabilitation at Scripps Green hospital in San Diego, as well as for the Poway and Cajon Valley school districts as an occupational therapist for children receiving special education services. She is the co-author on a book entitled *Breaking Bread, Nourishing Connections; Mealtimes for people with and without disabilities*, scheduled for release by Brooks Publishing in February, 2005. Erin has also done several guest lectures for National University's Education department on the Role of Occupational Therapy in the Schools.

Erin is currently working primarily with The Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Accessible Medical Instrumentation as a research associate. Her responsibilities include: Assisting in the development of research tools, materials, reports and presentations; conducting field research; coordination of focus groups and meetings; as well as conducting background and literature searches.

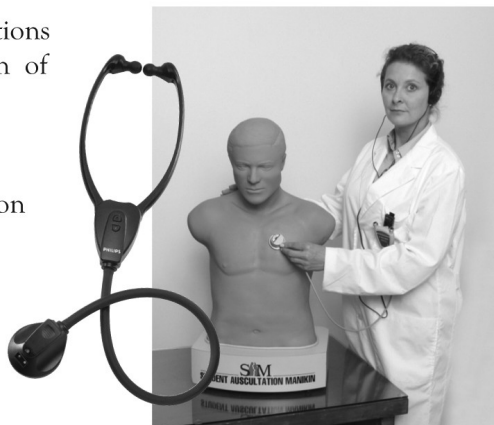
Jay Sheehan

Jay Sheehan received his B.S. in Psychology and Certificate in Deaf Studies at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He worked for a brief time with the March of Dimes in Cleveland, Ohio. During that time, in addition to fundraising efforts, he organized a legislative breakfast to educate the state legislature on the need for a birth defects surveillance system. He earned a Master of Health Science degree in Public Health from John Hopkins University with an emphasis on policy for children with special health care needs. His area of specific area of interest included the expansion of newborn hearing screening programs. He testified before the Maryland General Assembly for a bill that provided a health insurance benefit for hearing aids and related services. He worked as a public health analyst at the Health Resources and Services Administration before deciding to pursue a doctorate in communication sciences and disorders and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida. His current interests include audiologic rehabilitation, amplification and accessibility of assistive technology. His dissertation involves investigation of large area FM systems in places of worship.

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AMPHL encourages you to talk with exhibitors and try different technology present. Keep in mind that the equipment displayed is valuable. Thus, please stay at the exhibit table on which you found the equipment with which you are examining. Only remove equipment from the table with the exhibitor's expressed permission and returned the equipment in a mutually agreeable timely manner.

AMPHL requests that noise level be kept to a minimum to allow testing of stethoscopes and assistive listening devices.

Food and drink are not allowed in the exhibit room at any time.

LUNCH

Please allow the exhibitors to partake of lunch prior so that they may resume their exhibit stations as soon as possible for your convenience. Only conference attendees who pre-registered may partake of breakfast and lunch.

CHILDREN

Due to noise concerns in the presentation room and exhibit room and the valuable equipment in the exhibit room, children under thirteen are not allowed into either the presentation room or the exhibit room.

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Please consider contributing to AMPHL through financial support and/or direct hands-on involvement as an officer, director, committee chair or committee member.

AMPHL's success depends on you!

Election Call

The Association of Medical Professionals with Hearing Losses (AMPHL) would like to announce that its annual elections will be held in September 2005. We are currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

One (1) board position for a physician or currently enrolled medical student with a hearing loss. The board position's term will end in 2008.

Three (3) board positions for veterinarians or currently enrolled veterinary students with a hearing loss. One board position's term will end in 2006. The other's term will end in 2007. The longest position will be until 2008.

Three (3) board positions for a medical professional with hearing loss other than a physician or veterinarian (i.e.: dentist, nurse, veterinary technician) or students with hearing loss currently enrolled in such a program. The first board position will end in 2006. One board position's term will end in 2007. The other board position's term will end in 2008.

Two (2) board positions for individuals who do not fit the above three director categories who are interested in contributing to AMPHL's goals (e.g.: audiologists, disability specialists, etc.). One board position's term will end in 2006. The remaining board position's term will end in 2008.

OFFICERS:

All officer positions are elected every two years on the odd numbered year. Thus, the AMPHL current Executive Committee will vote on the following officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

It is expected that all board members be involved with at least one committee or project related to AMPHL's goals. All board members and officers are expected to give email report on their activities to the Executive Committee at least once a month. AMPHL requires more time commitment at certain times of the year such as during the busy months before a conference. AMPHL also requires keeping in touch with other AMPHL officers via email in a timely manner. You should expect a minimum of two hours a week to be devoted to AMPHL.

For more information regarding the qualifications for and duties of the AMPHL Board of Directors and Officers, please refer to <http://www.amphl.org/bylaws.html>.

For more general information about AMPHL and its purpose, please go to <http://www.amphl.org>

If you are interested submitting your name for consideration for any Board of Director and/or Officer positions or if you have any questions, please contact AMPHL at Secretary@amphl.org. You will then receive a questionnaire to complete. This questionnaire must be completed by September 25th, 2005. Election results will be posted within two months of the application deadline.