

## Information

The IFHOH Journal includes information about the activities of IFHOH, news related to hearing loss, articles from IFHOH members and much more. It's issued twice a year and posted on the website [www.ifhoh.org](http://www.ifhoh.org)

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## What is IFHOH?

IFHOH was founded in 1977 as an international, voluntary, non-governmental, non-political and non-sectarian organization. It represents the interests of hard of hearing people in the world and its purpose is to promote greater understanding of hearing loss issues and to improve access for hard of hearing people worldwide. It provides a platform for co-operation and information exchange among its members and interested parties.

IFHOH has over 45 member and affiliate organizations in 30 countries. It has one regional organization comprising the European members, the European Federation of Hard of Hearing People, EFHOH. For more information about EFHOH please visit [www.efhoh.org](http://www.efhoh.org). IFHOH also works closely with the International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People, IFHOHYP, [www.ifhohyp.org](http://www.ifhohyp.org).

## Target groups

IFHOH works for all hard of hearing people and their families. The definition of hard of hearing people, whose usual means of communication is by speech and appropriate technology, includes:

- people with a hearing loss
- late deafened adults
- people who experience tinnitus or Menière's disease
- people who have a cochlear implant
- people who have hyperacusis

According to 2005 estimates by the World Health Organization (WHO) 278 million people world wide have moderate to profound hearing loss in both ears and the number of people worldwide with all levels of hearing loss is rising. 80% live in low- and middle income countries. Adding to these numbers, statistics from Western countries show that, including the subgroups above, more than 10% of the population is hard of hearing.

## Objectives

- To be the voice of hard of hearing people on the world scene
- To promote the interests of hard of hearing people
- To promote greater understanding among all hard of hearing people of the world



- To support and participate in the investigation and research into hearing problems
- To foster the finding of solutions to the communication, education, employment and other special problems facing hard of hearing people in everyday life;
- To promote hearing accessibility for hard of hearing people
- To promote a positive attitude between hard of hearing people and society

## Activities

IFHOH advocates for hearing matters including accessibility, education and cochlear implant technology and develops resource materials and policy statements on these matters.

As a member of the International Disability Alliance and the IDA CRPD Forum IFHOH is actively involved with the implementation of the United Nations International Convention to Promote and Protect the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

The Biennial General Meeting (BGM) is the highest decision making body of the organization. Traditionally every second BGM is held in conjunction with a world congress, hosted by one of its member organizations.

## Membership

General members are national organizations of and for hard of hearing people who share the values of IFHOH. IFHOH also offers associate and sponsor membership. To read more about IFHOH membership, please visit [www.ifhoh.org](http://www.ifhoh.org) or write to [info@ifhoh.org](mailto:info@ifhoh.org).

## Liaisons

IFHOH has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the International Labour Organization. It also cooperates with the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. IFHOH is a member of the International Disability Alliance and the IDA CRPD Forum, Hearing International, Hear It and WWHearing. IFHOH is also part of the Panel of Experts on the UN Standard Rules for the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities.