

Coalition of Global Hearing Health

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09-11th October, 2026

VENUE: MAIN AUDITORIUM, SRI RAMACHANDRA INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (DU), CHENNAI, INDIA

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Workshops

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2026

Registration opens 8:00 AM

WORKSHOP 1

09:00 AM
04:00 PM

Temporal bone lab

- Dr (Maj) Prasanna Kumar S, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (DU), India
- Dr Somu L, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (DU), India
- Dr Raghu Nandhan, Madras ENT Research Foundation, India

WORKSHOP 2

09:00 AM
01:00 PM

Evaluation and Management of Conductive Hearing Loss and Aural Atresia

- Dr James Saunders, University of Pennsylvania, USA
- Dr Sujana Chandrasekhar, ENT & Allergy Associates, LLP, India
- Prof. Ranjith Rajeswaran, Madras ENT Research Foundation, India

WORKSHOP 3

09:00 AM
04:00 PM

Rehabilitation models focussing on audition, communication, education, literacy & societal inclusion

- Dr Paula Pittman, Institute for Disability Research, Policy & Practice, Utah State University, USA
- Dr Selvarani Moodley, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

WORKSHOP 4

09:00 AM
01:00 PM

Family empowerment – Stigma & safety

- Dr Deepa Rao, University of Washington, USA
- Dr Kalyani Mandke, Mandke Hearing Services, India

WORKSHOP 5

09:00 AM
01:00 PM

Frequency-specific Auditory Brainstem Response

- Dr James Hall, Osborne College of Audiology, Salus University, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Hawaii, USA
- Dr Jayashree Seethapathy, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (DU), India
- Dr Sandeep Maruthy, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, India

Day 1

SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 2026

8:15 - 9:00 AM	Registration	
9:00 - 10:15 AM	Hall 1: Plenary 1: Public Sector Planning of Hearing Screening-to-Outcome Across Lifespan Speakers: Dr Pushpavathi M (India), Dr Somjin Chindavijak (Thailand) & Ms Susan Daniels (United Kingdom) Moderators: Dr Shelly Chadha & Dr Suman Kumar	
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Cultural Program	
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Inaugural Ceremony	
11:30 - 12:00 PM	Tea break/Networking	
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Hall 1 & 2: Oral Sessions Theme: Innovations and Clinical Practice	Hall 3: Poster Sessions Theme: Innovations and Clinical Practice
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Hall 1: Lunch Break & CGHH Group Meetings (HHA, FE)	Hall 2: Lunch Break
2:00 - 2:45 PM	Hall 1: Key Note 1: Dr Shelly Chadha Technical Lead, Ear and Hearing Care, World Health Organization Chair: Dr James Saunders Co-chair: Dr Pushpavathi M	
2:45 - 4:15 PM	Hall 1 & 2: Oral Sessions Session Theme: Empowering People & Communities	Hall 3: Poster Sessions Session Theme: Empowering People & Communities
4:15 - 4:45 PM	Hall 1: Invited Talk 1: Prof. Liat Kishon-Rabin Dean of Innovation in Teaching & Learning Professor, Steyer School of Health Professions, Sackler Faculty of Medicine (A Collaborative and Practical Approach to Assessing Speech-in-Noise in Children and Adults) Chair: Dr David Molter Co-chair: Dr Jayashree Seethapathy	
4:45 - 5:00 PM	Tea/ Departure for Banquet	
7:00 - 10:00 PM	Banquet Night!	

Day 2

SUNDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 2026

8:15 - 9:45 AM	Hall 1: Plenary 2: Individuals with Hearing loss - Access to Hearing Care: "The Journey (Barriers and Facilitators), Call to Action" Speakers: Deaf sign, Child of Deaf Adults, CI user, ABI users - Ms Gauravi Wamburkar, Mr Parmeet Singh, Ms Nita Gopalakrishnan & Ms Danvi S Moderators: Dr Saurabh Varshney & Ms Susan Daniels	
9:45 - 10:30 AM	Hall 1: Key Note 2: Dr Deepa Rao Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Global Health, University of Washington (Hearing Loss and Stigma) Chair: Prof. Astrid van Wieringen Co-chair: Dr Kalyani Mandke	
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Group Photo + Tea Break/Networking	
11:00 AM – 1:15 PM	Hall 1 & 2: Oral Sessions Session Theme: Epidemiology, Economics & Health Systems	Hall 3: Poster Sessions Session Theme: Epidemiology, Economics & Health Systems
1:15 - 2:15 PM	Lunch Break	
2:15 – 3:00 PM	Hall 1 & 2: Oral Sessions Session Theme: Community-based Services and Capacity Building	Hall 3: Poster Sessions Session Theme: Community-based Services and Capacity Building
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Hall 1: Invited talk 2: Prof. Astrid van Wieringen Professor, Faculty of Medicine, LBI - KU Leuven Brain Institute (Initiatives for International Society of Audiology, GEAR & LMICs) Chair: Dr Lucretia Peterson Co-chair: Dr Lahcen Aderdour	
3:30 - 4:00 PM	CGHH Report: Best Practice, Hearing Health Advocates, Community Empowerment	
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Feedback Session & Valedictory Ceremony	

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Scientific committee & Poster sessions - Hall 3 arrangements - operations

Scientific committee & Oral sessions - Hall 1, 2 arrangements - operations

Exhibitors stall arrangement and operations

Food Catering

Audio-Visual & Pre-conference workshop

Banner & Displays

Audio-Visual

Registrations, Marketing & Outreach

Accommodation & Transport logistics

Accommodation & Transport logistics

Conference kits & Mementos

Pre-conference workshop

Registration, Marketing & Outreach

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Food catering, Banner & Displays

Banquet & Cultural

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