As Conference Program Chairs, we are pleased to announce that the 16th International Conference on Cochlear Implants and Other Implantable Auditory Technologies will be held March 18–21, 2020 in Orlando, Florida. The conference theme is: Expanding Indications for Cochlear Implantation.

The program aims are to identify the outcomes of cochlear implant recipients who exceed current candidacy criteria for cochlear implantation, determine the patient and device variables that contribute to patient performance, and explore different practice models to continue to provide the best care as the volume of cochlear implant recipients increases.

We are thrilled to announce that the John Niparko Memorial Lecture will be given by Konstantina Stankovic, MD, PhD on degeneration and regeneration of the inner ear. Dr. Stankovic is Chief, Division of Otology and Neurotology and Director of the Molecular Neurotology and Biotechnology Lab at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard University. This special lecture at the Opening General Session on Thursday, March 19 recognizes Dr. John K. Niparko’s enduring commitment to cochlear implant research and clinical care and honors his significant contributions to the field.

In addition to the Niparko Address by Dr. Stankovic, this year’s scientific program has been organized to include six special lectures by leaders in the field on specific topic areas, allowing them to to share their work as keynote speakers.
These speakers include:

- **Oliver Adunka, PhD (USA)** on electric-acoustic stimulation in adult cochlear implant recipients
- **Matthew Carlson, MD (USA)** on early cochlear implantation in children
- **Teresa Ching, PhD (Australia)** on language development in pediatric cochlear implant recipients
- **Bruce Gantz, MD (USA)** on measures beyond those conducted in the sound booth to assess the effectiveness of cochlear implant use
- **René Gifford, PhD (USA)** on bimodal and bilateral cochlear implantation
- **Paul van de Heyning, MD, PhD (Belgium)** on cognition and cochlear implantation
The program will offer the traditional panel discussions and podium and poster presentations. In addition, a new feature will be a point/counter-point session on controversies in cochlear implantation. The scientific committee generated topics specific to expanding indications for cochlear implantation to include:

- Candidacy for Cochlear Implantation: Determining Who May Benefit
- Surgical Considerations: Treating Patients with More Hearing
- Mapping: Considerations of Patient and Device Variables
- Aural Rehabilitation: Treatment Targets for the Individual Patient
- Objective Measures: Beyond Behavioral Evaluation
- Postoperative Outcomes: Demonstrating the Benefit of Expanded Indications
- Practice Management: The Cochlear Implant Program in the Face of Expanding Indications

We are grateful to the scientific and conference committee members for their efforts to ensure that this will be a thought-provoking and informative meeting. We are looking forward to sharing our Southern hospitality in Orlando, Florida!
From Data to Delivery: Implementing Research-Based Intervention

A Special (Re)Habilitation Connect Forum to be held Friday, March 20, 2020 from 12:30-5:00 PM at CI2020 International in Orlando

Maya Angelou once said, “Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.” As the ACI Alliance has grown in number and in reach, the awareness of the need to engage and support therapy practitioners and educators in a better way also has grown. This knowledge, in addition to the overwhelming positive response regarding the (re)habilitation sessions and opportunities at CI2019 in Miami, has led to a new offering for CI2020 specifically for therapy practitioners and educators or anyone interested in therapy and education.

In addition to (re)habilitation presentations throughout the regular scientific program, the ACI Alliance is proud to announce an afternoon forum on Friday, March 20 entitled: From Data to Delivery: Implementing Research-Based Intervention. During this (re)habilitation-focused afternoon, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in sessions designed to provide clinically-applicable, research-based information on topics related to:

- Complexities of family-centered care
- Reading and cognition
- Working with older children and teens

If as a therapy practitioner or educator you have wished for more in-depth information and more immediately applicable take-aways from the presentations you have attended at ACI Alliance meetings, this forum is for you. Please join us as we all strive to make our best better.

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