

7th Extraordinary
International Symposium
on Recent Advances in
Otitis Media

Stockholm, Sweden 12 - 16 June, 2013 Dear Collegues and Friends,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 7th Extraordinary International Symposium on Recent Advances in Otitis Media in Stockholm, Sweden on June 12-16, 2013.

It is our sincere hope that basic and clinicial scientists in the field of otitis media research will join. In line with former symposia subjects addressed in the field of otitis media will be: epidemiology, diagnosis, screening, physiology, pathogenesis, microbiology, immunology, biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology, treatment, vaccines for prevention, complications and sequelae, and animal models.

The symposium is held at Clarion Hotel Sign which is located in the heart of Stockholm city, close to all city attractions.

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We welcome you to Stockholm!

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Wednesday, June 12

15.00-19.00	Registration, Clarion Hotel Sign			
19.00-21.00	Welcome reception, Clarion Hotel Sign			

Thursday, June 13

Thursday, June 15			
07.30	Registration, Clarion Hotel Sign		
08.30-09.00 B1 & B2	Welcome Sten Hellström, Sweden Malou Hultcrantz, Sweden		
09.00-09.45 B1 & B2	Guest of Honour Jacob Sadé		
09.45-10-15 B1 & B2	Historical Vignette of International Symposiums in Otitis Media - 1975-2013 David Lim, United States		
10.15-11.00	Coffee / Poster group I / Exhibition		
11.00-11.30 B1 & B2	WHO representative Shelley Chuddle		
11.30-12.45 B1 & B2	S1 Round Table - Global Differences in Otitis Media Chair: Preben Homøe Co-chair: Tania Seth		
11.30-11.35	Global differences in otitis media: Why is this interesting? Preben Homøe, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark		
11.35-11.55	Epidemiology and treatment of otitis media in Indian children Rupa Vedantam, Christian Medical Col- lege, Vellore, India		
11.55-12.10	Epidemiology of otitis media associated hearing loss – the Greenlandic experience Ramon G. Jensen, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark		
12.10-12.25	Understanding otitis media- can we learn anything new from Australian Aboriginal children? Peter Morris, Menzies School of Medicine, Darwin, Australia		
12.25-12.40	Challenging OM diagnosis and its consequences in developing countries: emphasis on Latin America Tania Sih, University of Sao Paulo, Brasil		
12.40-12.45	Discussion		
12.45-14.00	Lunch		

13.00-14.00 B1 & B2	GSK Symposium Otitis Media in the Era of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines: New Data, Evolving Perspectives? Chair: Sven-Arne Silfverdal	
13.05-13.20	The burden of otitis media Colin Barber	
13.20-13.35	Real life impact of pneumococcal vac- cines after a decade: lessons learned Anne Vergison	
13.35-13.50	The role of PHiD-CV in prevention of otitis media: evidence from double-blind randomised clinical trials Xavier Sáez-Llorens	
13.50-14.00	Q&A	
14.00-14.25 B1 & B2	Keynote Molecular Biological Studies of Otitis Media: Immune Defense, Pathogenesis and Therapy Allen F Ryan, La Jolla, United States	
14.25-15.30 B1 & B2	S2 - Molecular Medicine and Genetics in Otitis Media Chair: Allen Ryan Co-chair: Qing Yin Zheng	
14.25-14.37	Mutation in the Phex gene predisposes BALB/c-Phex(Hyp-Duk)/Y mice to otitis media. Fengchan Han, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, United States	
14.37-14.49	Mining the Down Syndrome mouse library identifies critical regions responsible for chronic otitis media Mahmood Bhutta, University of Oxford and MRC Harwell, United Kingdom	
14.49-15.01	Fine mapping risk variants of chronic otitis media: Targeted resequencing approach with follow up genotyping. E. Kaitlynn Allen, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, United States	
15.01-15.13	Genetic susceptibility to chronic otitis media with effusion (COME): candidate gene SNPs. Carol MacArthur, OHSU, Portland, United States	
15.13-15.25	Candidate tumor suppressor Ecrg4 attenuates the inflammatory of mucosal epithelial cells to infection. Arwa Kurabi, University of California, San Diego, United States	
15.30-16.00	Coffee / Poster group I */ Exhibition	
16.00-16.30 B1	Keynote Long-term Effect Consequences of Otitis Media on Language Acquisition Ellen Gerrit, Maastricht and Utrecht, The Netherlands	

16.30-17.00 B1	Keynote Long-term Effects of Otitis Media on Speech Perception and Language in School Aged Children Anne Zumach, Maastricht and Heerlen, The Netherlands		
17.00-18.00 B1	S3 - Speech and Language Chair: Anette Lohmander Co-chair: Traci Flynn		
17.00-17.05	Update of the Impact of OME on speech, language and communication in typical and adverse conditions Anette Lohmander, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden		
17.05-17.20	Hearing and otitis media with effusion related to cleft palate Traci Flynn, Gothenburg/Stockholm, Sweden		
17.20-17.28	ABR thresholds in children born with CLP and OME and children with OME Helena Sundman, Stockholm, Sweden		
17.28-17.40	Speech-Language development in cleft palate and possible impact of OME Anette Lohmander, Stockholm, Sweden		
17.40-18.00	Discussion		
16.00-18.30 B2	S4 Round Table - Emergin Pathogens Chair: Åsa Melhus Co-chair: Harvey Coates		
16.00-16.30	Emerging pathogens; Resistance in Bacteria Åsa Melhus, University Hospital of Upp- sala, Uppsala, Sweden		
16.30-17.00	Fusobacterium necrophorum - a viru- lent anaerobe in the respiratory tract Elisabet Holst, Lund, Sweden		
17.00-17.30	Multiresistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa - challenges and possibilities Christian Giske, Stockholm, Sweden		
17.30-18.00	Staphylococci on the move Åsa Melhus, Uppsala, Sweden		
18.00-18.30	Are the group A streptococci re- emerging? Åsa Melhus, Uppsala, Ann Hermansson, Lund, Sweden		
	Discussion		
19.00	Reception at The City Hall of Stockholm		

Friday, June 14

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08.15-09.30 B1 & B2	S5 - Innate Immune Mechanisms Chair: Anna Granath Co-chair: Sung Moon		
08.15-08.20		Introduction Anna Granath, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden	
08.20-08.35		Upper respiratory tract virus-mediated dysregulation of innate immunity contributes to the pathogenesis of otitis media Lauren Bakaletz, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, United States	
08.35-08.50		Regulation of inflammation and novel anti-inflammatory strategies Jian-Dong Li, Georgia State University, Atlanta, United States	
08.50-09.05		Immune mechanisms in the middle ear Allan Cripps, Griffith University, Australia	
09.05-09.20		Hypoxia signaling in the pathogenesis and therapy of chronic OM (15 min) Mahmood F Bhutta, University of Oxford and MRC Harwell, United Kingdom	
09.30-10.00 B1 & B2	Reger Herm	Keynote Regenerative Medicine in ME Perception Herman Kingma, Maastricht University, the Netherlands	
10.00-10.45	Coffe	e / Poster group II / Exhibition	
10.45-12.15 B1	Globa Mode	Free Papers 1A & 1B Global Aspects, Epidemiology Family Medicine Moderators: Stephen Pelton and Roderick Venekamp	
10.45-10.57	FP1	Analysis of publications concerning otitis media 1975 - 2012 Robert Ruben, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, United States	
10.57-11.09	FP2	Trends in otitis media-related health care utilization in the United States, 2001-2011 Tal Marom, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, United States	
11.09-11.21	FP3	Which aspects of behaviour are influenced by OME, and how much? Mark Haggard, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom	
11.21-11.33	FP4	How physical and developmental impacts of OME influence parent quality of life Snezana Andric Filipovic, Clinical Centre of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia	
11.33-11.45	FP5	Improving diagnosis of otitis media in the Australian primary health care setting - acceptability and impact of tympanometry and pneumatic otoscopy Jennifer Reath, University of Western Sydney, Sydney, Australia	

11.45-11.57	FP6	National Institute for Clinical Excellence guidelines on the surgical management of Otitis Media with Effusion: are we telling parents what the options are? Laura Harrison, Nottingham University Hospitals, Nottingham, United Kingdom
11.57-12.09	FP7	Parent-reported symptoms predict acute otitis media (AOM) in infants with upper respiratory tract infection (URI) David McCormick, UTMB, Galveston, United States
12.09-12.21	FP8	Otitis media with effusion: How good is our history-taking documentation? Aman Khanna, Nottingham University Hospitals, Nottingham, United Kingdom
10.45-12.15 B2	Micro	Papers 2A & 2B obiology/Pathology erators: Allan Cripps and Krister Tano
10.45-10.57	FP9	Gene copy number (GCN) variation in the beta-defensin gene cluster is as- sociated with nasopharyngeal coloniza- tion patterns among otitis media prone children Eric A. Jones, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University College of Medi- cine, Columbus, Ohio, United States
10.57-11.09	FP10	Antibodies against bacterial DNA binding protein (Integration Host Factor) enhance clearance of biofilms from Gelfoam® Kathleyn Brandstetter, Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, United States
11.09-11.21	FP11	Mechanisms to resist antimicrobial peptides and nutritional immunity enhance persistence of nontypeable Haemophilus influenzae (NTHI) Kevin Mason, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's and The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States
11.21-11.33	FP12	Role of nasopharyngeal bacteria and respiratory viruses in acute symptoms of young children with and without acute otitis media Johanna Uitti, Turku University Hospital, Turku, Finland
11.33-11.45	FP13	The middle ear immune system change with age Michelle Nielsen, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen/Gentofte, Denmark
11.45-11.57	FP14	Otitis media due to non-tuberculosis Mycobacteria's Lars Lundman, General Hospital in Karl- stad, Karlstad, Sweden

11.57-12.09	FP15	Phase variation of the modA2 gene plays a role in the virulence of nonty-peable Haemophilus influenzae (NTHI) in otitis media Joseph Jurcisek, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, United States Biodegradable sustained-release antibiotic pellets: is drug release affected by mode of sterilisation and by storage? Ali Qureishi, NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Passage National Passage Park
		dical Research Unit in Hearing, Dery, United Kingdom
12.15-13.30	Lunch	1
13.30-15.00	S6 - N	liddle Ear Pressure Regulation
B1	Chair:	Magnus von Unge air: Michael Gaihede
13.30-13.35	CO CI	Introduction
		Magnus von Unge, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway
13.35-13.45		Tympanic membrane displacement as a
		source of pressure buffering Joris Dirckx, Antwerp, Belgium
13.45-14.00		Anatomy and gas diffusion Bernard Ars, Brussels, Belgium
14.00-14.15		Human middle ear pressures, normal
		and in pathology Marianne Brattmo, Lund, Sweden
14.15-14.30		Regulation of middle ear pressure Cuneyt Alper, Pittsburg, United States
14.30-14.45		Regulation of middle ear pressure: role of neural feedback control and the mastoid
		Michael Gaihede. Aalborg, Denmark
14.45-15.00		Eustachian tube balloon dilatation Juha Silvola Oslo, Norway
13.30-15.00 B2	Chair:	amily Medicine and Otitis Media Herbert Sandström air: David McCormick
13.30-13.40		Introduction Herbert Sandström, Umeå, Sweden
13.40-14.00		Use of tymoanometry in general prac-
		tice in Denmark Jørgen Lous, University of Southern Denmark, Odense C, Denmark
14.00-14.20		Development and validation of a new grading scale for otitis media Thorbjörn Lundberg, Umeå, Sweden
14.20-14.40		Treatment of AOM in general practice in Sweden Sigvard Mölstad, Lund/Malmö, Sweden
14.40-15.00		Spontaneusly draining acute otitis media in children: An observational study of clinical findings, microbiology and clinical course Thomas Neumark, Kalmar, Sweden

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15.00-15.30	Coffee / Poster group II * / Exhibition		
15.30-17.00 B1	Free Papers 3A & 3B Complications and Sequaele / Diagnosis and Screening Moderators: Alec Blayney and Weijia Kong		
15.30-15.42	FP17	Retraction as chronicity marker for developmental impact in OM(E) – no ears good, two ears bad Mark Haggard, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom	
15.42-15.54	FP18	Assessment and management of patients with Eustachian tube dysfunction in a specialty clinic setting Cuneyt M Alper, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Pittsburgh, United States	
15.54-16.06	FP19	Audiologic and otologic implications of middle ear disease in children with a history of cleft palate Phoebe Roche, Children's University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland	
16.06-16.18	FP20	Early placement of ventilation tubes in cleft lip and palate patients Tuomas Klockars, Helsinki University Central Hospital and University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland	
16.18-16.30	FP21	Can nurses exclude acute otitis media in young symptomatic outpatients with tympanometry or acoustic reflectometry? Miia K. Laine, Turku University Hospital, Turku, Finland	
16.30-16.42	FP22	Pressure chamber Eustachian tube function testing of children 3 to 7 years old with and without a history of OM Margaretha Casselbrant, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Pittsburgh, United States	
16.42-16.54	FP23	Otitis media control in children with cochlear implants – Long term prospective study Michal Luntz, Bnai Zion MC, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel	
16.54-17.06	FP24	Chronic mastoiditis in children in Sweden 1993-2007 Anita Groth, Strama, Lund, Sweden	
15.30-17.00 B2	Free Papers 4A & 4B Regenerative medicine/Cell biology Moderators: Keehyun Park and Petri Olivius		

^{*} Author present by poster

15.30-15.42	FP25	Latent progenitors or stem cells as regulators for tympanic membrane regeneration Yun-Hoon Choung, Ajou University School of Medicine, Suwon, Republic of Korea
15.42-15.54	FP26	Proteomics of cultivated human tympa- nic membrane keratinocytes Peder Aabel, University of Oslo, Lorenskog, Norway
15.54-16.06	FP27	Induced intracellular apoptosis in chro- nic Otitis media Anke Leichtle, University of Luebeck, Luebeck, Germany
16.06-16.18	FP28	Kanemaru tissue engineered myring- oplasty experience in 44 patients Harvey Coates, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia
16.18-16.30	FP29	Beyound probiotics? Krister Tano, Umeå University, Luleå, Sweden
16.30-16.42	FP30	Dissolving the glue in glue ear: Assessment of the use of Dornase alfa as an adjunct therapy to ventilation tube insertion – Preliminary safety data Ruth Thornton, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia
16.42-16.54	FP31	Effect of Acrolein, an air pollutant in tobacco smoke, on human middle ear epithelial cells Moo Kyun Park, Soonchunhyang uni- versity College of Medicine, Bucheon, Republic of Korea
16.54-17.06	FP32	Micro-channels of the mastoid. Indications of a high mucosal vascularization by micro CT-scanning Michael Gaihede, Aalborg University Hospital, Aalborg, Denmark
17.00-18.00 B1	International Society for Otitis Media	
19.30	.30 Symposium Dinner at Wasa Museum	

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08.15-08.45 B1 & B2	Keynote Quality of Life in Otitis Media: Practical Approaches to its Central Conceptual Importance Mark Haggard, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom Chair: Richard Rosenfelt			
08.45-09.45 B1 & B2	S8 Round Table - Need for Large Scaled Databasis and Multi- center Collaboration Chair: Mark Haggard Co-chair: Richard Rosenfelt			
08.45-08.53	Introduction – a biomedical scientist's view of the scale of clinical and biological studies in ENT Joe Kerschner, Wiscosin, United States			
08.53-09.05	Genetic predispositions in OM: large co- horts are needed to discover suscepti- bility loci Mahmood Bhutta, Oxford, United Kingdom			
09.05-09.17	Fostering international collaborations in patient outcomes research for OME Laura Cassidy, Wisconsin, United States			
09.17-09.29	Eurotitis-2: a 12-language standardisation databases of OM severity and profile in Europe Mark Haggard, Cambridge, United Kingdom			
09.30-09.45	Discussion			
09.45-10.30	Coffee / Poster group III / Exhibition			
10.30-12.00 B1	S9 Round Table - Controversies in Mastoiditis Chair: Anne Hermansson Co-chair: Kari Kværner			
10.30-10.35	Introduction and presentation			
10.35-10.50	Operation or not? Why and when? Per Cayé-Thomasen, Rigshospitalet, Köpenhamn, Denmark			
10.50-11.05	Increasing incidence of Mastoiditis after the introduction of watchful waiting? Marie Gisselsson- Solén, Dept of ENT, University Hospital, Lund, Sweden			
11.05-11.20	Are the numbers and severity of complications to mastoiditis increasing? Marie Bunne, Rikshospitalet Oslo, Norway			
11.20-11.35	Discussion			
11.35-11.50	The same questions answered by oto- surgeons from the Nordic countries			
11.50-12.00	Conclusion			

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13.00-14.30 B2	S12 Round Table - Interaction Between the Middle and Inner Ear Chair: Sten Hellström Co-chair: Jorges Spratley		
13.00-13.10	Introduction Steven Juhn, Minneapolis, United States		
13.10-13.30	The round window membrane and entrance to the inner ear Marcos Goycoolea, Santiago, Chile		
13.30-13.50	Interaction and hearing James Hall III, Univ of Florida, United States		
13.50-14.10	Interaction and balance Margaretha Casselbrant, Pittsburgh, United States		
14.10-14.30	Discussion		
14.30-15.00	Coffee / Poster group III * / Exhibition		
15,00-17.00 B1	Free Papers 5A & 5B Immunology and Vaccines Moderator: Terho Heikkinen		
15.00-15.12	FP33 Identification of immunoprotective do- mains within the bacterial DNA-binding protein, Integration Host Factor Sankalp Malhotra, The Ohio State Uni- versity College of Medicine, Columbus, United States		
15.12-15.24	FP34 Inhibition of Toll-like receptor signaling as a treatment for middle ear fluid and hearing impairment in Otitis media with effusion Steven Hefeneider, 13therapeutics, Inc, Portland, United States		
15.24-15.36	FP35 Transcutaneous immunization with a patch resolves active experimental otitis media Kathleen Stuller, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, United States		
15.36-15.48	FP36 Nontypeable Haemophilus influenzae and Streptococcus pneumoniae protein specific antibody responses are different between Indigenous Australian children with otitis media, Caucasian children with otitis media and healthy non-Indigenous controls Ruth Thornton, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia		
15.48-16.00	FP37 Sublingual delivery of NTHI adhesin-targeted vaccine candidate as a non-invasive platform for immunization against experimental otitis media Lucia Rosas, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, United States		

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16.00-16.12	FP38	Variation of Pneumococcal Pilus-1 expression results in vaccine failure during Experimental Otitis Media [EOM] Marisol Figueira, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, United States
16.12-16.24	FP39	Analysis of dynamics of IL-17 in chronic middle ear inflammation induced by nontypeable Haemophilus influenzae in mice model Takashi Hirano, Oita University, Faculty of Medicine, Yufu, Japan
16.24-16.36	FP40	Impact of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine on otitis media in young children in the United States Tal Marom, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas, United States
16.36-16.48	FP41	Effectiveness of the 10-valent pneumo- coccal conjugate vaccine against tympa- nostomy tube placements in a cluster- randomized trial Arto Palmu, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Tampere, Finland
16.48-17.00	FP42	Mucociliary abnormalities lead to altered expression of BPIF/PLUNC proteins in murine models of otitis media Apoorva Mulay, University of Sheffield, Sheffield and Medical Research Council, Didcot, United Kingdom
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15.00-15.12	FP43	Should persistent middle-ear effusion be required before recommending tym- panostomy tubes for recurrent acute otitis media? Richard Rosenfeld, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, United States
15.12-15.24	FP44	Long term follow up of otitis media with effusion in children: Comparisons between VT group and non-VT group Hye Ran Hong, Asan Medical Center, University of Ulsan College of Medicine, Seoul, Republic of Korea
15.24-15.36	FP45	Protocol for a randomised controlled trial of watchful waiting versus antimicrobial treatment for acute otitis media without perforation in low risk Aboriginal children Hasantha Gunasekera, The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
		Are children with OME being managed

15.48-16.00	FP47	The benefit of antibiotics for acute otitis media in children - Influence of inclusion and outcome criteria in clinical trials Marie Gisselsson Solen, University of London, London, United Kingdom
16.00-16.12	FP48	Mineralocorticoids clear middle ear inflammation Dennis Trune, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, United States
16.12-16.24	FP49	Vitamin D supplementation reduces the risk of new episodes of acute otitis media in otitis-prone children Paola Marchisio, University of Milan, Milan, Italy
16.24-16.36	FP50	Does the chance acquisition of virulence traits by nasopharyngeal commensal bacteria result in the evolution of increasingly pathogenic strains? Garth Ehrlich, Center for Genomic Sciences, Allegheny Singer Research Institute, Pittsburgh, United States
16.36-16.48	FP51	Guinea pig model to establish the safety of middle ear pellets Emma Hoskison, Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit, Nottingham, United Kingdom
16.48-17.00	FP52	A novel surgical technique for tubal dysfunction with a tube insertion into the eustachian tube combined with a tympanostomy tube Masahiro Morita, Kyorin University School of Medicine, Mitaka City, Tokyo, Japan
18.00	Boat	trip

Sunday, June 16

08.30-09.00 B1 & B2	Keynote Probiotics and Otitis Media Anne Pitkäranta, University of Helsinki, Finland		
09.00-10.15 B1 & B2	S13 - Biofilms and Nanotechnology Chair: Åsa Melhus Co-chair: Wenzhou Hong		
09.00-09.20	Otitis media pathogens induce gel forming mucin transcript in human middle ear epithelial cultures Jospeh E. Kerschner, University of Wisconsin, United States		
09.20-09.40	Targeting integration host factor with antibody induces rapid collapse of nontypeable Haemophilus influenzae biofilms in vitro M. Elisabeth Brockson, Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus, Ohio, United States		
09.40-10.00	Haemophilus responses to nutritional immunity: effects on biofilm architecture, persistance and disease severity Kevin Mason, Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus, Ohio, United States		
10.00-10.15	Finishing remarks Åsa Melhus, Uppsala University, Sweden		
10.15-11.45 B1 & B2	S14 - Middle Ear Implants, CI and BAHA, and Otitis Media Chair: Marie Bunne Co-chair: Michal Luntz		
10.15-10.20	Introduction Marie Bunne, Oslo, Norway		
10.20-10.35	Otitis media, biofilms and foreign bodies – what happens?		
10.35-10.50	Otitis media and cochlear implants E. Karltorp, Stockholm, Sweden		
10.50-11.05	Otitis media and middle ear implants/ BAHA W D Baumgartner, Vienna and Stockholm, Austria-Sweden		
11.05-11.20	How to avoid complications? M Luntz, Haifa, Israel		
11.20-11.40	Panel: prepared questions including questions from the audience		
12.00 B1 & B2	Closing remarks and adjournment.		

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Poster Group I, Thursday, June 13

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P1-2	Capsule and surface protein diversity amongst pediatric ear isolates following use of conjugate vaccine David Briles, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, United States		
P1-3	Normalized immunoglobulin patterns in adults with recurrent acute otitis media and low IgG2 levels during early childhood Mattias Krakau, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden		
P1-4	Antenatal risk factors for chronic otitis media with effusion Rebecca Walker, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand		

Genetics

P1-5	Mining the Down Syndrome mouse library identifies critical regions responsible for chronic otitis media Mahmood Bhutta, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom
P1-6	A novel mouse model of otitis media – edison Michael Crompton, Medical Research Council, Oxford, United Kingdom
P1-7	Clinical and genetic peculiarities of the non-syndromal sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL) in the children of tender age Elena Merkulova, Belarusian Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education, Minsk, Belarus
P1-8	Gene polymorphisms and susceptibility to upper respiratory tract infection and acute otitis media JohannaNokso-Koivisto,UniversityofTexasMedical Branch, Galveston, Texas, United States
P1-9	Phenotype modulation in the Junbo model of Otitis Media by anti-TNF-α antibody therapy and genetic background Hayley E. Tyrer, Medical Research Council, Oxford, United Kingdom

Immunology and Vaccines

P1-10	A new model for NTHi middle ear infection in
	the Junbo mouse mutant
	Michael Cheeseman, Medical Research Council,
	Harwell, United Kingdom
P1-11	Analysis of the mucosal immune system of middle ear and nose in SOCS1 knock out mouse model with allergic rhinitis Toshiaki Kawano, Oita University Faculty of Medicine, Oita-city, Japan

P1-12	Nasopharyngeal carriage in children up to 5 years of age and influence on otitis media in pneumococcal vaccine era Matus Macaj, Children University Hospital of Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
P1-13	A comparison of the virulence of streptococcus pneumoniae protein mutants in the Chinchilla Patricia Schachern, University of Minnesota, Min- neapolis, United States
P1-14	High-throughput screening of kinases regulating mucosal growth in bacterial otitis media Julia Tomlin, University of California, San Diego, United States
P1-15	Dysregulated complement activation contributes to the pathogenesis of acute otitis media in mice co-infected with influenza A virus and S. pneumoniae Hua Hua Tong, The Ohio State University, Columbus, United States
P1-16	Complement activation in pediatric patients with recurrent acute otitis media Hua Hua Tong, The Ohio State University, Columbus, United States
P1-17	Comparison of tlr2, 4 and nuclear factor kappa b expression between mucosal lesions of chronic otitis in children Snezana Jesic, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
P1-18	Ginsenoside Rg1, a glucocorticoid receptor agonist, has anti-inflammatory effects in murine otitis media Carol MacArthur, OHSU, Portland, United States

Microbiology

P1-19	Relationship between nasopharyngeal colonization of bacterial otopathogens and Staphylococcus aureus in the first six months of life Pedro E. Alvarez Fernandez, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, United States
P1-20	Otitis media with effusion and biofilms: Does co-treatment with antibiotics and mucolytics improve anti-biofilm efficacy? Katie Belfield, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom
P1-21	Targeting integration host factor with antibody induces rapid collapse of nontypeable Haemophilus influenzae biofilms in vitro M. Elizabeth Brockson, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, United States

P1-22	RNA-binding protein Hfq regulates biofilm formation and pathogenicity of nontypeable Haemophilus influenzae Wenzhou Hong, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, United States
P1-23	Otitis media pathogens induce gel forming mucin transcript in human middle ear epithelial cultures Joseph E Kerschner, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, United States
P1-24	Haemophilus responses to nutritional immunity: effects on biofilm architecture, persistence and disease severity Kevin Mason, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's and The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States
P1-25	Nonencapsulated Streptococcus pneumoniae can persistently colonize the nasopharynx and may contribute to pneumococcal infection Larry S. McDaniel, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, United States
P1-26	Distribution of rhinovirus genotypes in nasopharynx among children with acute otitis media or uncomplicated respiratory tract infection Aino Ruohola, Turku University Hospital, Turku, Finland
P1-27	Usefulness of clinical efficacy rate 50% on decision making of antimicrobial selection for pediatric acute otitis media Yuasa Jun, Wakayama Medical University, Wakayama-shi, Japan
P1-28	Non-typeable Hemophilus influenza (NTHi) bacteria induce Muc5b mucin and Cxcl2 pro-inflammatory cytokine expression in mouse middle ear epithelial cells StéphanieVal, Children's National Medical Center, Center for Genetic Medicine Research, Washington, United States

Poster Group II, Friday, June 14

P2-1	Three-dimensional reconstruction of the facial nerve from histologic human temporal bone sections Melissa Vianna, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, United States
P2-2	Acute mastoiditis in children. A 10-year retrospective and validated multicenter study Kristian Anthonsen, Copenhagen University Hospital Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark
P2-3	Acute mastoiditis: The role of imaging for identifying intracranial complications Michal Luntz, Bnai Zion MC, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel
P2-4	Acute mastoiditis in the adult patient Karin Stenfeldt, Skåne University Hospital, Lund Sweden
P2-5	Cholesteatoma in children: morphological, molecular biological and surgical aspects Snezana Jesic, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
P2-6	Electron microscopy changes of the chorda tympani nerve in inflammatory middle ear disease Katarina Berling, Uppsala University, Västerås, Sweden
P2-7	Canal wall down mastoidectomy with tympano- plasty and reconstruction of the external ear canal - a prospective study Michal Luntz, Bnai Zion MC, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel
P2-8	Clinical analysis of traumatic tympanic membrane perforation June Choi, Korea University Medical Center, Ansan City, Republic of Korea
P2-9	Myringoplasty is a succesful and safe treatment of tympanic membrane perforations in children younger than 14 years. Data from the Swedish Quality Register of Otorhinolaryngology Per Olof Eriksson, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden
P2-10	Success-rate after fat graft myringoplasty in children and young adults. Data from the Swe- dish Quality Register of Otorhinolaryngology Eva Westman, Umeå University, Sundsvall, Sweden
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Screening of otitis media in children with recurrent and chronic somatic pathology Svetlana Diacova, State Medical and Pharmaceutical University "Nicolae Testemitanu", Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
The relevance of intradermal skin testing in the diagnosis of OME David Hurst, Tufts University, Boston, Ma, United States
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P3-3	Videoendoscopy for assessing Eustachian tube luminal opening Cuneyt M Alper, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Pittsburgh, United States
P3-4	The change in the Eustachian tube function in children with repaired cleft palate Cuneyt M. Alper, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Pittsburgh, United States
P3-5	Surface area and volume of the human mastoid based on micro-CT-scanning. Parameters dependence on image resolutions. OlivierCros, Aalborg University Hospital, Aalborg, Denmark
P3-6	Dental arch, palatal vault and tooth morphometry in children at 6 years of age with and without a history of OM J. Douglas Swarts, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Pittsburgh, United States
P3-7	Eustachian tube dilatory efficiency as a predictor of future otitis course Ellen Mandel, University of Pittsburgh, PA, United States
P3-8	Triggering receptor expressed on myeloid cells (TREM)-1 expression on polymorphonuclear neutrophils enhanced the bacterial clearance from the nose in synergy with TLR4 Munehito Moriyama, Oita University, Faculty of Medicine, UFU, Japan

Otitis Media in Family Medicine

P3-9	Parental role in diagnosis of otitis media in young children: Can layman parents be taught to use tympanometry reliably Nora Erkkola-Anttinen, City of Turku Wellfare Division, Turku, Finland
P3-10	Questions on hearing are clinically useful in OME – but how few are sufficient? Mark Haggard, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom
P3-11	Factors associated with antibiotic prescribing in children with acute otitis media Jørgen Lous, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

P3-12	Use of antibiotics during pregnancy increases the risk of acute otitis media in early childhood Tine Marie Pedersen, Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark
P3-13	Awareness of otitis media with effusion amongst consumers at retail outlets for children's goods Mamun Rashid, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, United Kingdom
P3-14	Complications in children caused by pneumococcal acute otitis media Lucia Satkova, Medical Faculty of Comenius University and Children's University Hospital, Bratislava, Slovakia
P3-15	Special morphological abnormalities of complicated otitis media Luidmila Semak, "Minsk City Hospital N 9", Minsk, Belarus

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P3-16	Experimental study of osteogenesis by in situ bone tissue engineering technique for construction of ossicular prosthesis Xue Sheng Li, Navy General Hospital, Beijing, China
P3-17	Experimental study on rescontraction of tym- panic membrane patch by tissue engineering method Yong Tang, Navy General Hospital, Beijing, China
P3-18	Otitis media with effusion in allergic animal model: Functional and morphological study Shi-Nae Park, The Catholic University of Korea, College of Medicine, Seoul, Republic of Korea
P3-19	Middle ear tissue response to intratympanic injection of nanoparticles Erik Hägerström, University Hospital Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark
P3-20	Expression of bone modeling markers in acute otitis media Rasmus Lysholdt Salomonsen, Copenhagen University Hospital Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark
P3-21	HB-EGF stimulates hyperplasia of the middle ear mucosa in bacterial otitis media Julia Tomlin, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla CA, United States

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Wednesday 12th June, 19:00 Welcome Reception

The welcome reception is included in the registration fee and is held at Clarion Hotel Sign.

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Thursday 13th June, 19:00 Reception at The City Hall of Stockholm

The symposium reception will take place at The City Hall of Stockholm, the venue for the Nobel Prize banquet.

The event is held by courtesy of The City Hall of Stockholm and the County Council. A buffet will be served followed by a guided tour of the building. This reception is free if you have booked it when you registered for the symposium.

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Friday 14th June, 19:30 Symposium Dinner

The Symposium dinner will take place in the Wasa Museum with the sole artefact Wasa warship.

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Saturday 15th June, 18.00 Boat trip

After a short boat-trip we will arrive at Fjäderholmarna, the closest archipelago island of Stockholm. The Fjäderholmarna is a part of the "Nationalstadsparken", a unique National Park with urban elements. Here you can stroll around the little island and have a look in a couple of the artisans stores in the center of the small island. The dinner will be held at Fjäderholmarnas Magasin, only a few meters from the waterline, where a dinner with wine will be served

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Poster group I: 13 June, 07:30-10:00 Poster group II: 14 June, 08:00-10:00 Poster group III: 15 June, 08:00-09:45

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A certificate of attendance will be given to registered participants at the meeting.

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The official currency is Swedish Krona (SEK). USD 1 = SEK 6.66, EUR 1 = SEK 8.82 (May 2013)

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Electrical current in Sweden is 220 V/50 Hz. Round, European style two-pin plugs are used. Appliances designed to operate on 110/120 Volts need a voltage converter and a plug adapter.

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Language

The official language of the symposium is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

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Please note that tickets must be bought before travel. Tickets for public transport can be bought from newsagents as well as from SL (Stockholms lokaltrafik) ticket offices.

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Meals

Coffee and lunch is included in the registration fee and will be served daily.

On-site Registration in Stockholm

On-site registration will start Wednesday, 12 June at 15.00

The registration desk and symposium secretariat is located at Clarion Hotel Sign and will then be open during the symposium hours.

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Time Zone

The time zone in Stockholm is GMT + 1 hour. Daylight Saving Time is used during the summer.

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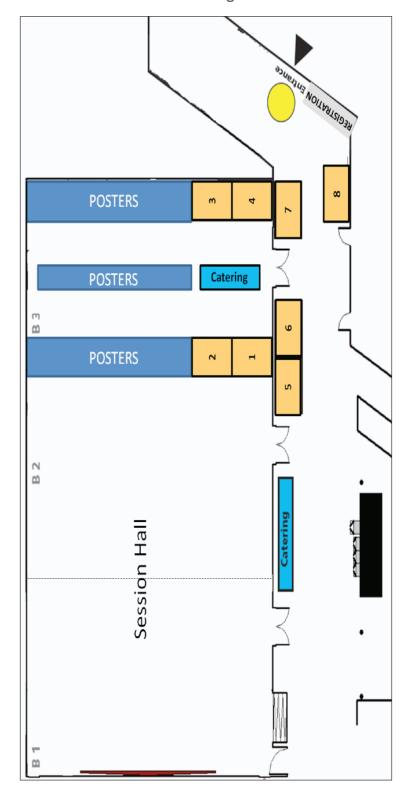
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The symposium will be held in the city of Stockholm at Clarion Hotel Sign, Östra Järnvägsgatan 35 Stockholm, 13-16 June 2013. Clarion Hotel Sign is located in the heart of Stockholm city, close to all city attractions. The hotel is situated a few minutes walk from Stockholm Central Station with underground/subway, commuter trains, buses and the Arlanda Express airport express trains.







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