



International Debate “Fitting for Performance”

October 22 and 23, 2012
Antwerp, Belgium

1st Announcement



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An international debate will be organized with no more than **100 participants** to discuss the art of CI-fitting.

The **current state of the art** will be critically reviewed with a focus on improving measurable performance. Experts from the four CI-companies will revisit the functions between the electrical events and the MAP-parameters that can be adjusted by the programmer. Clinical experts will give an inventory of which MAP-parameters they use to modify, which outcome they use to measure, which procedures they typically follow.

All participants will be asked to go through some of their own cases and data in anticipation of the debate and to actively participate to the debate.

The **final aim** will be to make a first step towards some consensus on Good Clinical Practice and to set out goals for further research and investigation.

The **debate** will address the following questions and more:

- how to switch-on the device
- which outcome to take into consideration, how to measure, how to deal with language-dependency and how to set targets
- when and how to optimize measured performance
- how to deal with adverse or non-auditory effects
- are different MAPs required for different listening situations or for different accessories
- how to identify device failure
- when and why to inactivate electrodes
- what to do during the long-term follow-up sessions
- how to deal with human and technical resources

Issues like automated or self testing and fitting, device-specific features will also be addressed.

The debate also aims at determining controversies and uncertainties related to both technical and clinical elements.



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Preliminary Program

Monday, October 22, 2012	
08h45	Welcome
09h00	MAP-function in CIs by Cochlear, Advanced Bionics, MedEl and Neurelec
10h30	Coffee break
11h00	MAP parameters in the hands of clinicians
12h30	Lunch
13h30	Outcome in daily practice
15h00	Coffee break
15h30	Procedures & follow-up
17h00	Adjourn
Tuesday, October 23, 2012	
09h00	Problem solving
10h30	Coffee break
11h00	Future perspectives
12h30	Lunch
14h00	Adjourn

Audience

This debate aims at international professionals who are involved in the testing and the fitting of cochlear implant-users: audiologists, engineers, MD's, etc. Participants should have a good technological and clinical understanding of CI-fitting. They should be willing to actively prepare the debate, contribute some of their own data and participate in the discussions.

Venue

The debate will be held in Antwerp, Belgium, in the Provincial Council Room, which has all facilities for a good debate, with individual microphones, voting system, projection, etc.



Address
Provinciehuis
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Hotel

The Ramada Plaza Antwerp offers rooms at a discounted price of € 109,- per night. Participants are kindly requested to make their own booking. Please use the code “COCHLEAR IMPLANT” to claim the discount.



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Registration

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