

The Hearing Foundation of Canada Announces New Board Members

Toronto, ONTARIO – The staff and current board of The Hearing Foundation of Canada (THFC) are happy to welcome two new board members, Dr. Steve Aiken and Dr. Manohar Bance. Dr. Bance is also the new Chair of the Medical Research Committee.

Dr. Steve Aiken is an Associate Professor of Audiology, Surgery, Psychology and Neuroscience at Dalhousie University. He is a Past-President of the Canadian Academy of Audiology and the chair of the Canadian Infant Hearing Task Force. Prior to joining Dalhousie, he spent time as a clinical audiologist at the Canadian Hearing Society and as an in-house audiologist and consultant in the hearing aid industry. Dr. Aiken's research is focused on assessing how speech sounds are encoded in the brain.

Dr. Manohar Bance is an Otolologist/Neurotologist and clinician-scientist at Dalhousie University. He is Professor and Head of the Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck surgery at Dalhousie University. He is also Director of the EAR and SENSE labs in the Division of Otolaryngology. Dr. Bance has research interests in middle ear reconstruction and mechanics, bone conduction hearing, Eustachian tube disorders, gene and pharmacotherapy for inner ear disorders, and vestibular disorders. He holds several research grants in these areas, and is particularly involved in medical device development and translation.

"Dr. Aiken and Dr. Bance both bring impressive skills and a wealth of knowledge that will advance THFC's mission to eliminate the devastating effects of hearing loss on Canadians by promoting prevention, early diagnosis, leading edge medical research and successful intervention," said Executive Director, Andrea Swinton. "THFC is working hard to expand its reach and engaging new members who can aid in promoting healthy hearing practices in Canada."

THFC believes the long-term impact of neglected hearing health could have a devastating effect on individuals and their families due to the physical, emotional and mental health costs that result from hearing loss and are expected to strain the health care system and communities at large. Hence, for over 30 years, with the support of our donors, THFC, has made great strides by providing much needed support for medical research in the auditory sciences, educating the Canadian public on hearing loss, providing education and prevention programs and advocating for the hearing health of Canadians.

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