

Congratulations on your retirement, Alberto Behar!

Alberto Behar has been a long-time columnist with CanadianAudiologist, and the Canadian Hearing Report before that with Noisy Notes. Now that he is over 90, he has decided to slow down a bit and his last column is appearing in issue #1, Vol. 9 of CanadianAudiologist.ca. On behalf of the editorial committee we would like to thank Alberto for his work.

I first met Alberto when he was with Ontario Hydro and responsible for hearing conservation and noise control. Prior to that he worked at the Ontario Ministry of Transportation in the design of highway noise barriers. At that time we worked together, with others, on the development of noise standards for the province of Ontario. And Alberto, Meg Cheesman, and I published Noise Control: a primer (Singular Publishing Group, now Plural Publishing Group, in 2000).

Alberto is a professional engineer and Certified Industrial Hygienist and as an acoustical consultant, has been active for over 55 years in the field of hearing conservation, and noise and vibration measurement, assessment, and control. In 1966 he was the Director of the Department of Acoustics at the Instituto Nacional de Tecnologia Industrial in Argentina, and in 1977, as a result of an Argentinian coup, came to Canada.

He has contributed significantly to Canadian standards and helped in the development of national and provincial standards, and along with way has been the recipient of many awards (such as the CSA Award of Merit in 2013 and Hugh Nelson Award of OHAO in 2001, and Fulbright scholarship). And Alberto is still active as a researcher at the Ryerson University in Toronto dealing mainly with hearing conservation and associated areas.

The Canadian Academy of Audiology wishes you well on your retirement and thanks you for your contributions.

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