



CIICA LIVE ADULT CI REHABILITATION, WHAT IS NEEDED?

MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2021

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WELCOME TO CIICA LIVE

Our Chair

Sue Archbold

Adult CI Rehabilitation

Harald Seidler

Lifelong care begins at the end

Robert Mandara

Just managing the technology?

Darja Pajk

User and Therapist

Sally Harvest

The needs of young adults with CI

Bowen Tang

Personalising rehabilitation for adults with cochlear implants

Helen Cullington

Summing Up

Brian Lamb

**English, French, Italian, Spanish, German and Danish captioning will be available.
We will welcome comments and questions in the chat room and will make time
for discussion.**

HARALD SEIDLER

Chief Physician of the MediClin Bosenberg Kliniken, Clinic for ENT, Tinnitus Special Clinic, Treatment Spectrum/Special Features: Treatment of Tinnitus, Hearing Impairment, Dizziness and Cochlear Implant Patients, Diseases of Otorhinolaryngology. Dr Seidler is Specialist in ENT medicine from 1987, with an additional qualification in rehabilitation and since 1999 has been a specialist examiner for ENT medicine. He has developed of a continuing education course audio therapy (DSB and contributed numerous articles in print media, contributions in radio , television.

From 1996 - 2019 he was President of the Deutsche Schwerhörigenbund e.V. (DSB), the largest self-help organization for the hard of hearing and deaf in Germany and was Joint Chair of CAPAC, which advised the development of the Adult CI Guidelines. Dr Seidler is an active member of the Steering Group of CIICA and brings his expertise as a long time supporter of self-help groups and their role in advocacy. He feels strongly that rehabilitation following cochlear implantation is essential and as an implant user himself knows its value and importance.



ROBERT MANDARA

Robert Mandara, Electronic & Electrical Engineering BEng(Hons), was born with hereditary sensorineural deafness in 1968. He wore hearing aids from 1972 and received sequential bilateral cochlear implants in 2014 and 2016. Although British, he has lived almost half of his life in Finland where he serves on the CI committee and International Working Group of Kuuloliitto, the Finnish Hard of Hearing Association. In 2019 he was elected 1st Vice-President of EURO-CIU, the European association of CI users. He has volunteered twice at European Friendship Week and is very keen to encourage young CI users into advocacy. He was involved in the development of the CIICA website and continues to be an active member of CIICA's Communication group.



HELEN CULLINGTON

I am an audiologist at the University of Southampton Auditory Implant Service in the United Kingdom; we implant adults and children of all ages. I am captivated by cochlear implants and the use of technology to improve people's lives. I have worked for 28 years in six cochlear implant centres around the world, and completed my PhD at University of California, Irvine. I am Chair of the British Cochlear Implant Group



DARJA PAJK

Darja Pajk is an occupational therapist employed in the field of social care in Slovenia. As an adult, she gradually lost her hearing completely and began to educate herself in the field of reality theory and neurolinguistic programming and coaching to make her easier to accept the situation - hearing loss. She takes an active part in raising awareness and understanding of hearing loss at national and international levels and is an active member of EFHOH, CIICA and the World Hearing Forum group Make listening safe. Her presentations always give a good insight into life with hearing loss and an understanding of gradual loss and complete deafness and the need for lifelong care for people with hearing loss. Now she uses cochlear implants on both sides.



SALLY HARVEST

Sally Harvest is a Global Adviser for CBM specialising in Ear and Hearing Care projects on a global basis working in nine different low-middle income countries. Originally from South Africa, she worked as a Primary School teacher and then worked with WHO developing resources.

Having been diagnosed with significant and progressive hearing loss in her late '20s, she wore bilateral hearing aids for before having a CI in 2009. Sally retrained as an Aural Rehabilitation Therapist, and Tinnitus Retraining Therapist and introduced and developed a national support programme for people with Cochlear Implants working in close association with the Cochlear Implant team at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin..



BOWEN TANG

Bowen is an educator with a lived experience of hearing loss, being a bimodal CI recipient, who believes in the value of connection and power of community. He strives to bring together deaf and hard of hearing people and help them acquire the skills to reach their potentials. As an international activist, he is passionate about raising awareness or accessibility and inclusion by working with local and global organizations to transform society's mindset towards people with hearing loss. Bowen is President of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People and Engagement Manager for Cochlear Canada.