



**Welcome to the fourth installment of the ASHA Professional Development podcast.** We hope you enjoy this episode. Today we'll give you a preview of the 2007 Virtual Audiology Conference, *Multidisciplinary Perspectives on (Central) Auditory Processing Disorder: Evidence and Practice*.

### **What is ASHA Professional Development?**

ASHA Professional Development (APD for short) is a team of eight people at ASHA that works to offer live and self-study programs in a wide variety of formats and subject matter. Find us on the ASHA Web site at [www.asha.org/profdev](http://www.asha.org/profdev).

ASHA Professional Development is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology.

### **Convention Update**

Our last episode (the first video installment of our podcast) was a preview of this year's ASHA Convention, which takes place in Boston. Get a head start on planning your experience by viewing this brief tour of the city.

More information about the ASHA Convention and other Conferences is available at [www.asha.org/about/events/](http://www.asha.org/about/events/).

### **Audiology Conference 2007**

This episode of the ASHA Professional Development Podcast will focus on the 2007 Virtual Audiology Conference, *Multidisciplinary Perspectives on (Central) Auditory Processing Disorder: Evidence and Practice*.

This is ASHA's second virtual conference. Using our virtual conference platform and a computer with an Internet connection, you will be able to enjoy all the perks you'd expect from a live conference. The conference includes pre-recorded lectures on a variety of topics related to (C)APD, and live chat sessions with instructors that build on those lectures. You will also be able to network with other professionals around the world through chat sessions and discussion forums.

The conference dates are September 18–28. More information on this conference is available at [www.asha.org/aud2007](http://www.asha.org/aud2007).

### ***Interview with Gail Chermak, PhD, CCC-A***

Dr. Chermak agreed to sit with us and provide an overview of Audiology 2007. Dr. Chermak is presenting the Opening Plenary Session of the conference. In this interview she explains the importance of this conference to both audiologists and speech-language pathologists treating individuals with (C)APD.

## ***Interview with Pascal Kaplan, PhD***

Dr. Kaplan is a co-founder of iCohere, the company that developed the virtual conference platform used for Audiology 2007. In our interview with him, we discuss how the conference is designed, as well as best practices to get the most from the conference experience.

To get a feel for the conference platform, preview the Conference Orientation and Welcome at [www.asha.org/apd/Aud07Welcome/player.html](http://www.asha.org/apd/Aud07Welcome/player.html).

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Stay tuned for the next segment!