Preface

This volume constitutes the Proceedings of the 17th International Symposium on Hearing (ISH), held from 15 to 19 June 2015 in Groningen, The Netherlands. This meeting continued a great tradition of conferences that started in 1969 and has been held every 3 years. It was the second ISH meeting that took place in Groningen.

The emphasis for the ISH series has traditionally been on bringing together researchers from basic research on physiological and perceptual processes of the auditory system, including modeling. However, this tradition has also meant usually excluding great research on other topics related to hearing sciences, such as hearing impairment, hearing devices, as well as cognitive auditory processes. During the ISH 2015, we have aimed to expand to include such relatively new research, while still continuing with the ISH tradition of basic science. As a result, we had a great program that covered many exciting, and some contemporary, topics from a wide range of disciplines related to auditory sciences.

Following the format of the previous ISH meetings, all chapters were edited by the organizing committee, and these were made available to participants prior to the meeting. The timetable allowed ample time for discussions. The chapters are organized according to broad themes, and their order reflects the order of presentations at the meeting.

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