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In 1947, Sir Alexander and Lady Irene Ewing, in their book *Opportunity and the Deaf Child*, described their landmark approach to auditory training and communication development in young children with hearing loss, a philosophy we now term “early intervention”. In post-war England, despite “abundant evidence of the great benefit derived from the regular use of hearing aids” (p. 91), there were practical (physical weight 1.5 pounds) and electro-acoustic limitations of personal amplification devices that limited their use in young children. These great advocates for use of residual hearing advised, “hearing aids be only used by under-fives [years] intermittently and for frequent short periods” (p. 94) and further concluded, “with three to fives, home use of an aid should only be undertaken under the closest expert supervision” (p. 93). Clearly in 1947, the term ‘early amplification’ had a different connotation than it does today.

Half a century later, these great pioneers of our field would, no doubt, be amazed by the advances in hearing instrument technology. Moreover, we can only imagine how heartened they would be by the newborn hearing screening initiatives underway worldwide, with the ultimate goal of providing early intervention to infants with congenital hearing loss within the first six months of life. Despite these advances, pediatric audiologists have come to realize rapidly that the fitting of current amplification technology to infants and young children with hearing loss remains a most challenging clinical problem.

To assist clinicians in responding to these challenges, the Second International Conference was designed to overview current research and new developments that are relevant to the provision of a sound foundation through early amplification to infants and young children with hearing loss. Almost immediately following the highly successful (first) International Conference *A Sound Foundation Through Early Amplification* in October of 1998, planning was initiated for a second meeting three years later. Many (us very much included) thought that no conference or proceedings publication could possibly surpass the quality of the first. Yet on November 8–10, 2001 in Chicago, the Second International Conference proved the doubters wrong. Twenty-three faculty and over 450 attendees, who traveled from more than 20 different nations, came together for a stimulating and enriching educational event. In our opinion, the chapters contained within this volume of the Proceedings of the Second International Conference: *A Sound Foundation Through Early Amplification 2001* reflect the high-quality, breadth, depth and the excitement of the meeting.

Numerous individuals contributed their time and talent to make the second international conference so highly successful. We thank our colleagues, John Bamford and Patricia Stelmachowicz who served as the other two members of the Conference Steering Committee. An outstanding faculty willingly shared new knowledge and insights. We are indebted to these individuals, all who gave superb presentations and subsequently conveyed that information through the excellent chapters they wrote for this volume.

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