



Hearing Conservation

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Message from the Guest Editor

Hearing conservation involves a large body of areas that people tend to overlook. Many consider conservation and protection synonyms, up to the point where even people involved in safety find providing hearing protectors an easy solution for noise problems in the workplace. However, simply handing over protectors is worthless if not preceded by noise assessment, selection of devices appropriate for the given workplace and, most importantly, a carefully crafted effort to teach why, where, when and how the protectors should be worn. Even then, there is still a need for hearing testing and analysis of the results to properly assess if protectors are really protective.

Hearing conservation is not always limited to noise. Other environmental factors can negatively affect hearing, too. Chemical agents, such as solvents, are well known to act synergistically with noise. The same applies to mechanical vibrations, whole-body as well as hands/arms ones.

This Special Issue of the journal aims to contribute to the knowledge of how to conserve it.





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