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## **Washington Declaration 2016 New Hearing Technologies for Hard of Hearing People**

Hard of hearing persons from around the world support the need for technological innovation that promotes hearing accessibility.

In a motion passed at the biennial meeting of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People held in Washington, D.C. at the end of June, 2016, hard of hearing persons called for new developments to ensure for the compatibility of hearing aids with cellular phones and assistive listening devices.

“IFHOH believes, that for the foreseeable future, the proven technology of the Telecoil must be included and activated in hearing aids and cochlear implant processors. Cellular (mobile) phones and other sources of sound should be compatible with the Telecoil. New wireless technologies should work in parallel to the Telecoil,” according to the Washington Declaration 2016.

As noted in the motion, hearing aids are very important to enhance accessibility and the participation of hard of hearing persons in society. Hard of hearing persons require access to quality hearing aids, cochlear implants and new technologies that are affordable, professionally approved and compatible with the Telecoil, stated IFHOH President Dr. Ruth Warick.

**The International Federation of Hard of Hearing People** is an international, non-profit federation of hard of hearing people, and provides a platform for co-operation and information exchange among its members and interested parties. IFHOH, and the European Federation of Hard of People (EFHOH), work to promote greater understanding of hearing loss issues and to improve access for hard of hearing people. For more information and to view the motion in its entirety, go to [www.j.mp/WasDec2016](http://www.j.mp/WasDec2016).

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