

LISTEN UP!

IHS Annual Convention Heads Back to Abe Lincoln's Hometown

The 2011 Illinois Hearing Society's Annual Convention will once again make its "home" in our State's capitol city of Springfield. April 29-30, 2011 are the dates for this year's event, which will be featured at the President Abraham Lincoln (PAL) Hotel. This hotel has undergone a \$15 million dollar renovation and is a great destination for our convention. You can call the hotel now for your room reservation at 217-544-8800. Our convention rate is \$88.00 plus tax. Parking is \$7/day.



The programming is almost complete for this year's convention. The following is a tentative schedule (schedule may change).

Friday, April 29, 2011

- **"Infection Control" 2 ceu - Bob Kemp, OakTree Products**
- **"Topic TBA" 2 ceu**
- **"Exhibitor Party with return of our Walk-About" 1 ceu**

Saturday, April 30, 2011

- **"Trainee License & Reciprocity" 1 ceu - Gail Tanner, AuD**
- **"What to Look For & How to Refer Patients for Cochlear Implants" 2 ceu - Dr. Jacques Herzog, MD & Kathy Rehwinkel, MS, CCC-SPL/A**
- **"Successful Long Term Patients: Reading, Triggering and Acting on the Behavioral "Go" Signals" 3 ceu - Ken LaFerle, Beltone**

New Legislature



The Illinois 97th General Assembly begins in earnest February 1st. IHS lobbyist Cook-Witter, Inc will be on hand representing the interests of our members and **protecting** your standing as a **"healthcare professional."** Watch for legislative alerts as we are certain with an anticipated 3,000 to 5,000 new bills being introduced, there will be legislation aimed at restricting practice.

2011 IHS Dues



The IHS 2011 dues statements have been sent to members. Renewals are coming in strong but don't take IHS's service to the profession for granted. We need the support of all licensed hearing instrument dispensers. If you have not sent in your dues, please do so soon!

If you know of fellow professionals who are not members of IHS, encourage them to become a member. IHS is your **"insurance policy"** for keeping your ability to practice.

Becoming a Dispenser



A week does not go by without someone calling the IHS office to learn how to become a licensed hearing instrument dispenser. **Requirements include:** Associate Degree Completion of 12 semester hours in specific undergraduate courses (IHS 30 course home study satisfies) and pass state license exams For complete information log onto our website www.illinoishearingociety.org

Or if you have someone interested have them call the IHS office at 217-528-5230

Membership Survey

The Illinois Hearing Society to better meet the needs of the industry, please complete the attached survey. The results will help the IHS Board of Directors in positioning the Society as recognized "go-to" organization for hearing instrument dispensers throughout Illinois. Thank you for participating in this short survey. [CLICK HERE](#) for the survey.

Need Hours Now?

Are you in need of hours immediately to renew your State license? Then [CLICK HERE](#) for the online training available at the International Hearing Society.

IHS Office Closed

The IHS office will be closed from January 28, 2011 thru February 6th. The office will reopen normal hours on February 7th. There will not be any phone service and limited access to email. Please call back.



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