



Audio BM Conference-10 years since the 1st Cochlear implantation in Serbia

On 17 May, H.E. Dr. Helena Studdert, Australian Ambassador to Serbia, attended the annual Audio BM Conference at the Hotel Tulip Inn Putnik in Belgrade. This year the conference was special in that it marked the 10th year since the first Cochlear implant was carried out in Serbia. The annual conference is organised by Novi Sad based company Audio BM and serves to showcase the latest ENT (ear, nose and throat) technological developments and solutions for the Serbian health care community.

Ambassador Studdert gave a brief speech during the opening ceremony in which she congratulated Australian based company Cochlear and its distributor in Serbia, Audio BM, on the 10th anniversary of the first implantation in Serbia. “The 20 year partnership between these two companies has done much to assist hearing impaired people in Serbia to allow them back into the world of hearing”, Dr Studdert said. In collaboration with Audio BM, Cochlear has strongly supported professional development and training in this field in Serbia and is providing implantable hearing solutions to people in Serbia who are deaf or affected by deafness. Ambassador Studdert noted that the 200th Cochlear Nucleus® implant will be carried out in Serbia later this year.

During the gala dinner that followed the first day of the conference, Ambassador Studdert presented certificates to surgeons and representatives from health care institutions that have been involved in the Cochlear Implant program during the last 10 years.



H.E. Dr Helena Studdert giving opening speech



Presentation of certificates (from left to right):

Antonio Sportelli (Cochlear AG), Ambassador Studdert, Blazo Pisaric (Audio BM) & Prof Dr Dragan Dankuc (General Hospital Novi Sad)