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**Harvard Medical School Conference Center, Boston, Massachusetts
Saturday, June 20th, 2009**

Frontiers in Usher Syndrome

- 9:00-9:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30-10:15 **Usher Syndrome, Past, Present and Future**
William J. Kimberling, PhD, Professor of Ophthalmology and ENT
University of Iowa, Iowa City
- 10:15-11:00 **Molecular Genetic Strategies for the Treatment of Usher Syndrome**
Uwe Wolfrum, PhD, Professor of Zoology and Cell Biology
Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany
- 11:00-11:45 **Living with Usher Syndrome - Family Perspectives**
Gail McKinnon – Parent of a young child with Usher syndrome
Melissa (parent) and Rachel Chaikof (young adult with Usher syndrome)
Lynn Donnelly – Adult with Usher syndrome
- 11:45-12:00 Question and Answer Session with all Speakers
- 12:00-1:30 Luncheon Reception

Frontiers in Hearing Loss

- 1:00-1:30 Registration
- 1:30-2:15 **Genetic Causes of Hearing Loss**
Heidi L. Rehm, PhD, FACMG, Assistant Professor of Pathology
Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School
- 2:15-3:00 **Management of Hearing Loss**
Margaret A. Kenna, MD, MPH, Professor of Otolaryngology and Laryngology
Children's Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School
- 3:00-3:45 **Future Therapies for Hearing Loss**
Albert S. Edge, PhD, Associate Professor of Otolaryngology and Laryngology
Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Harvard Medical School
- 3:45-4:00 Question and Answer Session with all Speakers
- 4:00-5:00 Reception – Elements Café
- 5:00-6:00 **A Bright Future for Research in Hearing and Deafness**
James Battey, MD, PhD, Director of NIDCD
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, NIH

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