



Academy President-Elect Patricia Kricos, PhD

Patricia Kricos, PhD, is a professor at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Her areas of special interest include professional issues related to audiology, as well as audiologic rehabilitation for children and adults—specifically older adults—adult hearing screening, and audiology education.

In addition to her current position at the University of Florida, Dr. Kricos' recent professional activities include serving as director of the Center for Gerontological Studies, University of Florida, 2001–2006; Executive Committee, Long Term Follow-up for Patients in the NIDCD/VA Hearing Aid Clinical Trial, June 2001–2006; Honors Committee, American Academy of Audiology, 2003–2005; Hearing Loss Association of American Academy of Hearing Loss Support Specialists Advisory Board, 2003–2006; American Academy of Audiology representative to the Audiology Summit II Planning Committee, 2005–2006; Board of Directors, Sigma Phi Omega National Gerontology Academic Honorary and Professional Society, 2005–2008; Board of Governors, American Board of Audiology, January 2004–July 2007; Board of Directors, Institute for Learning in Retirement, Oak Hammock at the University of Florida, 2003–2006; Chair, Learning Modules Subcommittee, 2007 AudiologyNOW! Planning Committee, 2006–2007; Co-Chair, Adult Hearing Screening Guidelines Committee, 2006–present; Board of Directors, American Academy of Audiology, July 2007–Present; President, Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology, 2008–2009; Advisory Council, Better Hearing Institute, 2006–Present; Professional Adviser, Florida Hearing Loss Association of America, June 2008–Present.

Having been in the field of audiology for the past three decades, Kricos believes one of the challenges facing audiologists today is obtaining direct access for patients seeking assistance with hearing/balance problems. In addition, she views recognition by consumers and policy makers of the difference between audiologists and other hearing health-care non-professionals as another priority for the Academy. Finally, Kricos believes the highest priority is the nurturing of the future generations of audiologists, as they are the ones who ensure the legacy of the Academy, as well as take it and the profession to greater heights.