ARO International Committee

1. **A committee mission statement:**

   The international committee’s mission is to facilitate outreach and advocate for basic, pre-clinical, and clinical researchers working with auditory and vestibular studies all around the world to promote collaboration and scientific advances under the umbrella of ARO.

2. **A committee vision statement:**

   The international committee’s vision is to increase the society’s global visibility so that experts in hearing and balance disorders on all continents associate ARO with research in their field.

3. **Tasks that the committee completes annually with dates:**

   Analysis of international scientists’ participation in the Annual MidWinter Meeting and definition of participation trends from year to year. This task should be completed within one month of conference completion. We are the committee of reference to analyze the specific issues related to international ARO members, particularly trainees and early career researchers, and to proactively promote solutions within ARO.

4. **Committee charges from the Council:**

   Develop new approaches to increase international membership, engagement, and participation in the Annual MidWinter Meeting.

5. **Which other committees are important to intersect with?**

   - Primarily the committees for External Relations to foster connections to international scientific societies;
   - Travel Awards to enable trainees to attend the MidWinter Meeting;
   - spARO

6. **In what way does your committee communicate and collaborate with spARO?**

   Two current members, Patrick Atkinson (spARO representative) and Lukas Landegger have been on the spARO steering committee for the last several years and still have strong connections with spARO leadership. A specific focus is to motivate and encourage young international researchers to attend ARO, and in so doing highlight the role of the society in providing trainee resources and professional development.
International Committee

Chair: Isabel Varela-Nieto, Ph.D

Members:
- Barbara Canlon, Ph.D: Sweden
- Yun-Hoon Choung, MD, Ph.D: Korea
- Lukas Landegger, M.D., Ph.D: Austria
- Yong Lu, Ph.D: USA
- Takayuki Nakagawa, M.D., Ph.D: Japan
- Sonya Pyott, Ph.D: Netherlands
- Saima Riazuddin, Ph.D: USA

Council Liaison: John Brigande, Ph.D

spARO Representative: Patrick Atkinson, Ph.D

Location of ARO international members (red)

Thirty-two countries on six continents and growing!