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**Title:**

Professor and Associate Chair for Research, Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery  
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**Education:**

BSc in Biological Sciences, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina (1983)  
PhD in Neurobiology, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel (1990)  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO (1990)  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Neurobiology, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (1990-1992)  
Instructor, Department of Neurobiology, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (1992-1995)

**Previous Service to ARO:**

Secretary-Treasurer and council member, 2017-2020  
Finance Committee member, 2020-present

**Research Interests:**

Cellular and molecular mechanisms of hearing loss and balance disorders  
Cellular and molecular mechanisms of inner ear synapse formation, degeneration and repair  
Mechanisms and roles of neuron-glia interactions in the inner ear

**Outside Interests:**

Family and friends, sailing, snorkeling and scuba diving, travelling, music.

**Statement of Goals:**

It was an honor to serve recently as ARO Secretary-Treasurer, particularly at a time of transition to a new management company and during a successful renewal cycle of the NIH R13 conference grant that ensures the availability of financial support for trainees, which is especially important during these difficult times. If elected president, one of my top priorities will be to support young investigators and trainees, the future of our field and the association. I will also support the continuation of ARO as a strong and vibrant professional home to basic scientists, clinicians and industry researchers, promoting opportunities for brainstorming in an environment that celebrates and enhances diversity and inclusion.