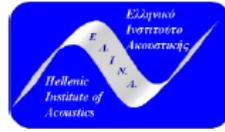


# HELLENIC INSTITUTE OF ACOUSTICS



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## **International Noise Awareness Day**

The Hellenic Institute of Acoustics (HELINA) member of the European Acoustics Association (EAA) and the International Commission for Acoustics (ICA) is one of the European Scientific Societies which are actively involved in actions related to the triggering of the awareness of the society to the problems due to the continuous exposure of the people to noise. The EAA celebrates the annual International Noise Awareness Day (INAD) by diverse events organized by the National Acoustical Societies, trying to inform the people on the harmful effects of exposure to noise conditions. More emphasis is given to younger ages, as we believe that it is during the youth of the people that messages related to the well-being and to the appropriate use of the technology should become the guiding rules for their lives. Thus, it is desirable to teach the young students using appropriate multimedia means that noise is really bad for their health in all the aspects, including mental behavior and ability of learning. In view of this, EAA and HELINA support innovative ideas on how to bring this message to the young people, who are really very good and efficient users of modern technology.

The program “NOISEAWARE” funded by the Research Committee, of the Democritus University of Thrace, is a research activity within the framework of the European awareness campaign ‘International Noise Awareness Day’ for the avoidance, prevention and limitation of the harmful effects of noise exposure in the environment, coordinated by **Assoc. Professor Nikos Barkas**, Vice President of HELINA and Professor of the Democritus University of Thrace.

On behalf of the Board of the European Acoustics Association I wish to thank Prof Barkas for his creative intervention in this important public health issue. My sincere thanks are also addressed to the Research Committee of the Democritus University of Thrace and all bodies that are organizing and supporting awareness workshops on noise and I sincerely hope the message they want to convey to the citizens to be heard and understood. **We need a better and quieter environment for our future and our children.**



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