



## **National Hearing Conservation Association**

### **NATIONAL HEARING CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PRESENTS 2005 OUTSTANDING HEARING CONSERVATIONIST AWARD**

The National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA) is pleased to announce that it has presented Dr. Robert Dobie with its 2005 Outstanding Hearing Conservationist Award. Dr. Dobie received the award for his contributions to hearing loss prevention and the evaluation of the effects of noise on hearing. The award was presented on February 26, 2005 during the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual NHCA Conference in Tucson, AZ.

Dr. Dobie is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the University of California Davis, Medical Center (Davis, CA). He has also held leadership positions at the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center (San Antonio, TX); the Division of Extramural Research at the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (Bethesda, MD); and the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center at the University of Washington School of Medicine (Seattle, WA).

Dr. Dobie's exemplary work and insights have had tremendous influence on a variety of critical and controversial hearing conservation-related topics. Dr. Dobie has authored or co-authored numerous publications, including eight books, 29 book chapters, and at least 20 papers that are pertinent to hearing conservation and hearing loss prevention.

Dr. Dobie has, at various times, served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC), as President of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO), as an Executive Committee and working group member of the Committee on Hearing, Bioacoustics, and Biomechanics (CHABA), and as a member of two American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Committees. He has also held membership in the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (AAOHNS), the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), and NHCA.

The NHCA Outstanding Hearing Conservationist Award was established in 1990 to recognize outstanding contributions to, or achievement within, the field of hearing conservation. The National Hearing Conservation Association, established in 1976, is the only the only national organization dedicated to prevent hearing loss due to noise and other environmental factors in all sectors of society. For more information about NHCA, visit [www.hearingconservation.org](http://www.hearingconservation.org).

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